

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Administration  
 Department of Health, State of Hawaii  
 Kalihi Palama Community Mental Health Center  
 September 9, 2008  
 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Buffenstein, M.D, Alan; Cabatbat, Arthur; Cattaneo, Liesje; Gonzalez, Peter; Hack, Randolph; Hansen, Donna; Kaneaiakala, Alva; Morelli, Ph.D., Paula; Sandal, Candace; Watters, Maile; Wilcox, APRN, Noelani; Young, Carol.**

Members Absent: **Anderson, Belinda.**

Members Excused: **Durant, Mike; Kilonia, Ku’ulei; Miyoshi, Sandy; Shiraki, Ph.D., Steven; Tsark, Amy.**

Guests Present: **Burgess, Pualani; Brooks, Esq., Jennifer; Causey, Kerry; Laenui, Poka; Machado, Linda; Young, Doug.**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Crockett, Judy; Haituka, Stacy; Michels, M.D., Stanton; Pak, Sandra.**

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1. Call To Order	Ms. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. No quorum was achieved at this time.			
2. Review of Minutes	Due to lack of a quorum, the Council will review the minutes of August 12, 2008 at the next meeting.  Ms. Wilcox recommended that Council members closely review the minutes to make sure that they reflect what was stated at the meeting.			
3. Discussion and Announcements	Mr. Hack attended the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Consumer Conference and stated that it was very good. He thanked the Transformation Grant group for their work in making it successful. According to Mr. Hack, there were 74 consumers from the neighbor islands that attended the conference.  Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Conference was well orchestrated and the workshops were interesting. Ms. Michelle Hill, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, was one of the guest speakers. He also thanked the Transformation Grant group for making it possible for five consumers from Molokai to attend this year’s conference.			

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Discussion and Announcements (cont'd.)	<p>Ms. Wilcox indicated that she wants the Council to work more collaboratively with Behavioral Health Administration, while meeting the SCMHS's role and mission. She reported that she contacted Ms. Judy Stange of the National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils (NAMHPAC) who suggested the officers of SCMHS meet with Ms. Hill, to discuss how the Council could work collaboratively with the Behavioral Health Administration. As a result, Ms. Wilcox reported that she and the SCMHS officers met with Ms. Hill to discuss: (1) How both can work together; (2) Determine issues that both parties have in common and those that the Council can support; and (3) Develop projects that the Council might work on that are of mutual benefit.</p> <p>Ms. Wilcox further stated that the members need to review the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the role of Quest and have a better understanding of Quest;</li> <li>▪ review processes and avenues for receiving information in order to contribute to AMHD's decision-making;</li> <li>▪ recognize that budget decisions are made in a rapid manner, especially when the Governor requests budget cuts; and,</li> <li>▪ members need to review the Council's By-laws.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Hansen reported that she and her husband met with Governor Lingle to express her concerns about the lack of respect that the Council received from the administration; the lack of communication between the administration and the Council, and her concerns about termination of the ACT program. Ms. Hansen reported that the Governor made it clear there will be further substantive budget cuts in the State and that the neighbor islands will feel it most keenly because of the lack of services provided on the outer islands since Oahu has 75% of the population. Ms. Hansen also commented on Mr. Robert Lanser's idea of lobbying the legislature to get help for consumers, not only on Oahu, but also for those on the neighbor islands.</p> <p><b>Quorum was achieved at 9:50 a.m.</b></p> <p>Concerning the response from the AMHD to the Council on the elimination of ACT services, Ms. Wilcox asked the Council to think about how much attention the Council wants to put into this issue because the decision has been made. She asked if the Council desires to respond.</p>			

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Discussion and Announcements (cont'd.)	<p>Mr. Hack suggested that the Council perform monitoring on Community Based Case Management (CBCM) to determine if this service is providing equal or better quality in comparison to ACT, and if it has better outcomes with fewer funds.</p> <p>Dr. Morelli read her letter to the State Council in response to a telephone call she received from Ms. Hill. She stated her telephone conversation with Ms. Hill was not a pleasant one. Dr. Morelli further stated that Ms. Hill referred to a motion that Dr. Morelli made in the SCMH August 12, 2008 minutes which was upsetting to Ms. Hill.</p> <p>Members of the Council then discussed the content of the Dr. Morelli's letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Gonzalez commented that the State Council and the AMHD should put their differences aside and work together to earn each other's respect and trust.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Hack indicated that Dr. Morelli's letter referenced that the Council's duties are to plan, advocate, evaluate and monitor as stated in the laws and within the Council's By-Laws. He reminded the Council that as they move forward to remember the Council's mission which is directed to both children and youth, and adults.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Cattaneo commented that the Council is not in a position to provide oversight on every single function of the AMHD. She pointed out that (1) the Council has to define what it does in terms of a broader process; and, (2) that unprofessional behavioral on the part of any state employee, whether it is reprimanding, accusatory or disrespectful, should get conveyed to the superior of the individual involved. She also stated that the Council's oversight is to ensure that people are receiving services and the services are appropriately delivered.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Hansen remarked that Ms. Hill's behavior should go to the attention of the Governor.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Gonzalez recommended that both individuals should meet to work out the problem instead of going straight to the Governor. Ms. Wilcox commented that to prevent this from happening to other Council members and to ensure such, the Council needs to focus on page two of Dr. Morelli's letter and try to build a closer relationship with the administration.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Wilcox advised that while the Council will continue to be watchful of issues, it should not get over-involved in individual situations. She</li> </ul>			

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Discussion and Announcements (cont'd.)	<p>continued that if the Council works on the process, these kinds of situations will begin to resolve themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Kaneaiakala responded that we have a mired process. She stated that in the case of ACT, the Council was uniformed about the actions that were causing the elimination of ACT. She felt that if the administration is not giving the Council information, then how will the mired process end?</li> <li>▪ Ms. Young indicated that in the meeting with Ms. Hill, Ms. Hill stated she had many issues with the Council. When asked about a process of getting information from the administration because of ACT, it raised much discussion. Ms. Young stated that what was beneficial is that Ms. Wilcox made the first step to meet with Ms. Hill to develop rapport and mutual respect.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Buffenstein suggested that the minutes should reflect that the Council made the first step to try to develop a relationship with AMHD. He further stated that the Council should support that Council person.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Morelli responded that there is a tone of intimidation with the Behavioral Health Administration. She asked how Council members can function as a Council if they are not free to discuss their opinions. Dr. Morelli commented that it seems problematic to have someone say I don't like what you said.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Hansen stated she felt members should stand up for each other, and she suggested that the Council table the motion until the Council talks to Ms. Hill.</li> </ul>			
4. Sunshine Law Training	Attorney, Jennifer Brooks, from the Office of Information Practices, provided the Council with training on the Sunshine Law.		J. Brooks	
5. Behavioral Health Administration Report	<p>1) <u>CAMHD</u></p> <p>Dr. Michels reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stated the reasons for attending the Council meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To build a bridge with the Council, and to</li> <li>▪ Learn from and receive input from the Council, to avoid possible mistakes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Decisions will be made with which the Council may not agree; there's an opportunity available to give information to the Council.</li> <li>▪ Emphasized the need to work with the Council to address issues and concerns, before going to the higher ups.</li> </ul>		Dr. Michels/ S. Pak	

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	<p>Ms. Pak reported on the RFP that will be posted on the CAMHD website on Friday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The RFP is to solicit innovative programs that promote the mental health of rural homeless children and their families.</li> <li>▪ CAMHD is hoping for something a little more cost-efficient than existing programs.</li> <li>▪ The closing date for solicitation will be October 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Pak also handed out information on the upcoming Tools for Suicide Prevention and Intervention Conference, and she announced the Children and Youth Day in October.</p> <p>Ms. Sandal requested that a representative from CAMHD attend the Kauai Service Area Board meeting. She stated the SAB needs a representative to work on children and youth issues especially the importance of transitioning youth to the adult population.</p> <p>Dr. Michels indicated that the former Kauai Branch Chief for CAMHD who was on leave is returning to her job in the near future and will be the SAB representative. If, for some reason this does not occur, Dr Michels indicated he will take it up with the administration to have a representative attend the SAB meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Wilcox asked if the budget cuts have impacted CAMHD.</p> <p>Dr. Michels stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ His priority is to try to preserve services to consumers.</li> <li>▪ A task force is being assembled, with representation from each island, to look at how CAMHD can become leaner without impacting CAMHD's priority to kids.</li> <li>▪ There is a growing need to oversee the Oahu's Leeward coast and the Big Island, so positions will be re-described to assist those areas.</li> <li>▪ More positions have been requested, but given the current budget situation there is not a lot of hope.</li> <li>▪ CAMHD is looking at becoming more efficient and redistributing resources to support family guidance centers.</li> <li>▪ If there is a need to look at programmatic reductions, CAMHD will look at programs that are under-utilized.</li> </ul>			

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	<p>Ms. Hansen asked about CAMHD’s coordination with DOE and how is it working out. She further asked if there is CAMHD/DOE collaboration to successfully work out suicide problems and other issues.</p> <p>Dr. Michels commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is important for him to work on this; however, he has not had the time to address this area.</li> <li>▪ CAMHD is developing a relationship with the Judiciary through CAMHD’s program at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) and will now hold routine meetings with the Family Court to address their specific concerns on providing evaluations in a timely manner.</li> </ul>			
6. Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCMH September Agenda, August Minutes.</li> <li>▪ Letter to Chair of Response from AMHD, Ms. Hill, on SCMH comment on the FY 2009 State Plan.</li> <li>▪ Letter to Chair of Response from AMHD, Ms. Hill, on comment on elimination of ACT services.</li> <li>▪ Hawaii SAB Agenda for 9-8-08.</li> <li>▪ Kauai SAB Agenda for 8-29-0-8 and Minutes of 7-25-08.</li> <li>▪ Maui SAB Agenda of 9-8-08.</li> <li>▪ HACDACS Agenda of 8-26-08 and Minutes of 7-2-08.</li> <li>▪ Open Line, August 2008.</li> </ul>			
7. Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Letter to Dr. Fukino from Representative Shimabukuro.</li> <li>▪ Statement to SCMH from Representative Shimabukuro. on Hale Na’au Pono.</li> <li>▪ Kaua’i, Lana’i and Moloka’i Reports.</li> <li>▪ Sunshine Law Training Booklet and handouts.</li> <li>▪ Hawaii’s 2008 Children and Youth Month.</li> <li>▪ 2008 Hawaii Conference: Tools for Suicide Prevention and Intervention.</li> </ul>			
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.			