

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH (SCMH)
Behavioral Health Administration
Department of Health, State of Hawaii

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
August 10, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Beninato, Antonino; Crozier, Charleen “Naomi”; Fujii, John; Jackson, Richard “Rick”; Knightsbridge, Christopher; Koyanagi, Dina; Lau-James, Eileen; Martinez, Beatrice “Kau’i”; Merriam, Kathleen; Pascual-Kestner, Rusnell “Rus”; Renfro, Jennifer; Ries, Richard; Rivera, Renee**

Members Absent: **Aumer, Katherine; Reed, Tara**

Members Excused: **Ilyavi, Heidi**

Guests Present: **Dang, Cynthia “Cindi”; Chen Scovell, Darlyn**

DOH Staff Present: **Haitsuka, Stacy; Hiraga-Nuccio, Madeline; Nazareno, Jocelyn**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
I. Call to Order	<p>Chair R. Ries called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Members and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>The following definition of quorum was added to the agenda as of the November 10, 2020 meeting: Pursuant to Act 137-18 (SB 203), Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes: “(f) A quorum for purposes of doing business shall consist of a majority of the members serving on the council immediately before a meeting begins. (g) if a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of members present shall constitute a valid act of the council unless this chapter, part I of chapter 92, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws require a greater number of affirmative votes.</p> <p>For example, if only 16 of the entitled 21 members are appointed, at least</p>	For information only.		

	<p>9 must be present to establish a quorum. To validate a council action, of the 9 members present, an affirmative vote from at least 5 is required.”</p> <p>Quorum was established by 9:02am.</p>			
<p>II. Meeting Announcements</p>	<p>R. Ries shared the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanked Council members for their understanding over the past 16 months as the Council continues to do its part to stop the spread of COVID-19 by holding its meetings virtually. Handouts are distributed electronically a week before the meeting. • He noted Governor Ige and the County Mayors have relaxed requirements for neighbor island travel and that S. Haitsuka and J. Nazareno will keep the Council posted of any travel related changes that affect Council meetings including any changes made by the Department of Health (DOH) for their facility use guidelines regarding resuming in-person meetings in DOH facilities as well as the lifting of the Governor’s suspension for state-funded travel. <p>For at least the next two month, for September and October, Council member should plan to participate in Council meetings virtually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To use our time efficiently during today’s meeting, he asked Council members and guests to follow the following basic virtual Council meeting courtesies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please address any comments or questions to him. ○ Members and guests may raise their “hand” virtually, type into the chat box, or orally get his attention during the meeting. ○ Waiting to be acknowledged before speaking will keep the meeting organized and audio clear for note taking purposes. • In general, only Council members are allowed to speak during the meeting, unless speaking as a presenter or sharing information during the Community Input section of the agenda. He will do his best to include and acknowledge guests when appropriate. • For Council members who take a break and step away from the meeting, please notify him before leaving as the Council needs to track of when Council members leave and return to verify quorum. 	<p>For information only.</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at any time a Council member has an issue with the meeting connection, please consider closing your Internet browser and rejoining the meeting by re-clicking on the Zoom link or joining by phone as an alternate option. • If not speaking, please place yourself on mute. This will help with the feedback noise and will allow for everyone to hear speaker. <p>R. Ries shared the following Council membership updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kathleen Merriam is representing the Department of Health with a term to end in June 2024. Welcome, Kathleen! • Mr. Richard “Rick” Jackson is representing the Oahu Service Area Board with a term to end in June 2024. Welcome, Rick! • Ms. Renee Rivera is representing the Hawaii Service Area Board with a term to end in June 2022. Welcome, Renee! • Kathleen, Rick and Renee will be scheduled for a Senate Health Committee for advise and consent likely during the 2022 Legislative Session. • Applications for Chris and Tara are pending with the Governor’s office. • Heidi was unable to attend today but she did confirm as was recommended by Michelle Gleason, the SAMHSA (pronounced SAM-SAH) Project Officer her Council membership status as a parent of a child with serious emotional disturbance (SED). Heidi confirmed she is a parent of a child. • To view the current Council membership including existing members and their area(s) of representation on the Council and vacancies that Council members could help to recruit new members to join, please refer to the Attendance Log for Fiscal Year 2022 in your meeting handouts. 			
<p>III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes July 13, 2021 Minutes</p>	<p>Quorum was established at 9:02 a.m.</p> <p>The draft minutes for the July 13, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed.</p> <p>The following amendments were requested:</p>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She noted more than a dozen other states do not require the same trainings that Hawaii law currently requires. <p>Council members responded to C. Dang with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Ries noted that this is definitely something the Council could look into for future discussion and learning. He feels that Hawaii graduates are very “green” when it comes to their post-graduate training and they lack experience with providing psychotherapy. New graduates cannot get credentialed by insurers without post-graduate training due to these Hawaii licensure laws. • C. Knightsbridge emphasized there is a need for as many providers as possible. This is an urgent matter. • E. Lau-James made a motion to invite a topic expert (i.e., Dr. Fullen) to a future Council meeting. C. Knightsbridge seconded the motion. <p>D. Chen Scovell shared the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is a member of the Hawaii Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Action Group (CLICK HERE for website) whose mission is to, “raise awareness through education, advocacy, and research on the impact of FASD on individuals, their families, and the communities of Hawaii.” • She is concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and isolation, as well as concern for increased FASD cases. She is the FASD legislative chairperson and has been speaking in the community to advocate and educate women about FASD. She was surprised to find out how little community awareness there is regarding FASD. • She shared about a recent Mental Health Task Force meeting that she attended where she met a woman who drank alcohol heavily during the first four months of pregnancy. <p>Even though the woman did not know she was pregnant during those months, she is hesitant to be an outspoken advocate because of the stigma associated with FASD. It is an invisible epidemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Advancing FASD Research, Services and Prevention Act of 2021 (FASD Respect Act) was introduced in the U.S. Senate and U.S. 	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>R. Ries/ S.Haitsuka</p>	<p>11/9/21</p>
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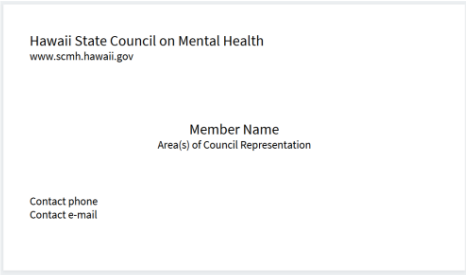
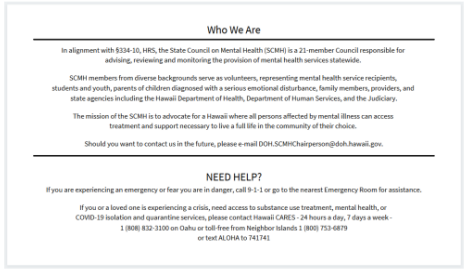
	<p>House of Representatives by Alaska Senator Lisa Murokowski and Alaska Congressman Don Young (CLICK HERE for the bill summary and CLICK HERE for the full bill).</p> <p>She has meet with Hawaii U.S. Senators Brian Schatz and Mazie Hirono regarding this bill. She noted that Hawaii State Representative John Mizuno along with other legislators are writing letter of support for this bill.</p> <p>Council members responded to D. Chen Scovell with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• R. Ries asked how can the Council partner with the Hawaii FASD Advisory Group? The Council could be on the lookout for legislative bills that relate to FASD, mental health and substance abuse. D. Chen Scovell asked for the Council’s support for the passage of S. 2238 and H.R. 4151. She explained this bipartisan legislation is a gamechanger for Hawaii families; making monies available to Hawaii to expand local FASD initiatives. <p>Additionally, this Federal Respect Act builds FASD systems of care, provides FASD informed transition services for adults, creates identification, intervention and services in the education system, develops identification, intervention and services in the judicial system, reauthorizes spending on FASD and updates the language to FASD, and starts a conversation with lawmakers about FASD.</p>			
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<p>V. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Strategic Plan, Accompanying Action Plan, and PIG Chart • Final Council Bylaw Review and Revisions • Letters Encouraging Appointment of Agency 	<p>R. Ries noted that anytime the Council has a new business agenda item that needs to be continued to the next month’s meeting, the Council will have those agenda items listed the following month as Old Business agenda items.</p> <p>As a recap, R. Ries noted a copy of the Council’s final Strategic Plan with Focus Areas as well as a copy of the Action Plan and PIG chart are included in the meeting handouts.</p> <p>He recalled that the Council agreed at its July 13, 2021 meeting that these documents are working documents that will evolve and grow as we work through each of the Focus Area objectives.</p> <p>Starting with the September meeting agenda, there will be an added standing agenda section for Strategic Plan Focus Area updates. So many times, there is a tendency to forget what has been agreed to because the Council gets busy with newer initiatives. He shared that it’s not that the Council does not want to complete its goals but rather that the Council needs a mechanism to keep its goals within line of sight.</p> <p>By keeping a priority focus on the Strategic Plan, the Council will be able to receive updates on progress and support efforts to complete objectives in a timely manner.</p> <p>He encouraged all Council members to share the Strategic Plan and to obtain community feedback.</p> <p>R. Ries noted that a copy of the final Council Bylaws are included in the meeting handouts. He commented that the Bylaws now reflect how the Council currently operates and includes updated language for quorum and PIGs.</p> <p>R. Ries noted in June 2021, the Council wrote letters to the Hawaii State Department of Human Services (DHS) MedQUEST Division and the Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS).</p>			
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<p>Representatives to the State Council – DHS, HACDACS, and Judiciary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On July 29, 2021, the Council received feedback from Judy Mohr-Peterson, MedQUEST Administrator, that the MedQUEST Division reaffirms and supports J. Fujii as their representative on the Council. On August 3, 2021, the Council received feedback from Diana Felton, HACDACS Co-Chairperson, that HACDACS decided to support Mr. Fujii in his role as dual representative to HACDACS and the Council. <p>R. Ries commented that he is happy to hear the support for J. Fujii continuing and looks forward to his attendance and participation.</p> <p>R. Ries noted at the Council’s July 27, 2021 Executive Council meeting, Amy Curtis, Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Administrator confirmed she and Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Marian Tsuji planned to assist with identifying a Judiciary representation. A copy of our Judiciary recruitment letter was shared with Dr. Curtis and Ms. Tsuji. If the Council does not hear an update in a couple months, we will check back in with Dr. Curtis to find out what progress has been made.</p> <p>C. Knightsbridge added that having a representative from these state agencies is mandatory for the Council’s membership; therefore, in our letters, we should be firm about our request to fill the vacant positions.</p>			
<p>VI. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank You Letter to Former Department of Health Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), E. Mersereau 	<p>R. Ries noted at the Council’s July 13, 2021 meeting, the Council acknowledged the efforts of E. Mersereau, former Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). He is now the DOH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division Administration. This is a position he held prior to becoming the Deputy Director.</p> <p>In the meeting handouts, a draft letter was provided for review and edits. Council members were asked for their suggestions.</p> <p>C. Knightsbridge made a motion to accept the letter as drafted. R. Jackson seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>9/2/21</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Letter to New Department of Health Deputy Director, BHA, M. Tsuji • Timely Access to Behavioral Health Services Through Hospital Emergency Departments 	<p>R. Ries noted at the Council’s July 13, 2021 meeting, the Council wanted to warmly welcome Marian Tsuji as the new DOH Deputy Director BHA.</p> <p>In the meeting handouts, a draft letter was provided for review and edits. Note there are several suggested documents to share including the Council’s current membership roster and a copy of the Council’s Strategic Plan and Action Plan documents.</p> <p>The Council anticipates M. Tsuji will attend a future Council meeting to formally introduce herself.</p> <p>C. Knightsbridge made a motion to accept the letter as drafted. R. Jackson seconded the motion.</p> <p>R. Ries noted this was a topic brought to the Council’s attention at the Council’s July 13, 2021 meeting by Lauren McKinney and also shared about by T. Reed in her Maui Service Area Board report.</p> <p>Scott Shimabukuro, former Council member and Acting Administrator for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) mentioned at the Council’s July 27, 2021 meeting that it is sometimes challenging to obtain data if patients could be identified due to the low number of cases in the sample.</p> <p>R. Ries asked what types of data is the Council interested in reviewing to expand our knowledge about the issue? How will we know if this issue affects more than one service area? Council members shared the following input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Ries suggested talking with constituents and with the community to learn more about this topic through outreach. 	<p>Finalize letter and send to E. Mersereau.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Finalize letter and send to M. Tsuji.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>9/2/21</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Jackson stated he believes this issue is not only a Maui issue and other counties may also experience similar situations. He noted if someone is discharged against medical advice, is there liability? R. Ries noted that L. McKinney was an advocate. She did not work at the hospital where the individual went to get help. There was a disagreement between the inpatient and outpatient treating providers. The result of the individual being discharged in this case is that they went on to assault a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agent and now has a federal felony charge. • E. Lau-James shared that most family members experience similar situations. Her experience has been that many advocate, call 9-1-1 or have an outpatient provider to advocate on their behalf but even though her husband was violent on the street with knives, she still could not get him the immediate help he needed. She noted that the “imminent dangerous” law makes obtaining emergency hospitalization very restrictive. For example, if the incident is not reported within 24-hours, it is not considered imminent danger. There was a bill introduced about changing the verbiage. If the law remains unchanged, hospitals are bound. The law takes away freedom and forces medications. There is a need to justify and protect the patient’s rights from forced treatment like lobotomy and electroconvulsive therapy (ECT). The treatment advocacy center has been involved in discussions about what it means to be imminently dangerous. • K. Merriam has information from the involuntary commitment group that has worked with NAMI Hawaii and other stakeholders. • R. Ries noted that there needs to be a better liaison system for the Neighbor Islands. • R. Ries suggested talk therapy would be a good option. He suggested the Council consider forming a PIG to engage with hospitals about this issue. E. Lau-James made a motion to form a PIG to research how the Council can best make hospital mental health care more accessible. C. Knightsbridge seconded the motion. PIG members include: R. Rivera, E. Lau-James, N. Crozier, R. Jackson, and R. Ries. 	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Schedule Behavioral Health in Emergency Department (BHED) PIG meeting.</p>	<p>S. Haitsuka/ E. Lau-James</p>	<p>9/24/21</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Council Business Cards 	<p>R. Ries acknowledged that Council members expressed interest in requesting funds for business cards. The Council is waiting for a response from M. Gleason, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Project Officer, who said at the Council’s July 27, 2021 meeting that she would inquire with SAMHSA’s Division of Grants Management (DGM) and let the Council know if this is an eligible expense.</p> <p>S. Haitsuka will submit a funding request pending M. Gleason’s feedback.</p> <p>In the meeting handouts, there is a sample business card for consideration. Council members shared the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider requesting use of the DOH logo, although we are NOT a State organization or employed by the State. Consider making a logo for the Council. This is a great idea! It would add value to the Council and increase our ability to promote the Council and be recognized in our communities. Use the SOH logo in gold foil for “extra” official presentation. <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>FRONT</p>  <p>BACK</p>  </div>	<p>Provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>R. Ries/ S. Haitsuka</p>	<p>9/14/21</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council Virtual Backgrounds • Template for Council Member Standing Agenda Reports 	<p>R. Ries shared that S. Haitsuka created a few virtual backgrounds that Council members could use in lieu of having physical business cards as we are continuing to meet virtually. If any Council member has creative talents and would like to create virtual backgrounds for Council members to use, please state your interest and send your file to S. Haitsuka for distribution to Council members.</p> <p>R. Ries asked Council members how they feel about using these or any virtual background identifying the Council. Council members shared the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Council member was opposed to using a virtual background with Council information displayed on it. • It is optional to use the virtual backgrounds. <p>S. Haitsuka will place the virtual backgrounds in the online Council member resource folder for all Council members to access along with new virtual backgrounds added in the future.</p> <p>R. Ries explained this was a suggestion brought up by C. Knightsbridge at the Council’s July 27, 2021 meeting. Generally during standing reports, Council reports should include how Council members have interacted with stakeholders in areas they represent. For example, the Council is interested to know what activities members have participated in that are related to mental health, behavioral health, and/or substance use including meetings related to these topics, conversations with colleagues, activities that are planned, reports/data available to share, etc. The Council also wants to know how it could help to address concerns related to mental health, behavioral health and/or substance use.</p> <p>R. Ries asked what kind of template are Council members wanting to have for standing agenda reports? What information or prompts would be helpful to provide so Council members will know what each person could be sharing when giving their report.</p> <p>Council members shared the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include acknowledgement of recent relative meetings attended by 	<p>Upload to the Council’s online member resource folder.</p> <p>Draft template content.</p>	<p>S. Haitsuka</p> <p>S. Haitsuka</p>	<p>9/2/21</p> <p>9/2/21</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCMH Member Orientation Materials for Fiscal Year 2022 	<p>date, meeting name and topics that relate to the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share about upcoming events and meetings. • Share about conversations with stakeholders and community input. • Share ways Council members have increased awareness about the Council. • E. Lau-James suggested: 1) Introduce self and who you represent; 2) Share what you have done in the past month to reach out to the community; 3) Community input and suggestions to the Council. <p>A. Beninato suggested creating a public service announcement (PSA) PIG. This PSA PIG could explore PSA development. It was noted that block grant funds cannot be used for PSAs because it is not specific to individuals with mental illness or children with severe emotional disturbance. R. Jackson made a motion to form a PSA PIG. R. Rivera seconded the motion. PSA PIG members include A. Beninato, R. Ries, R. Pascual-Kestner, R. Rivera, and C. Knightsbridge.</p> <p>R. Ries tabled discussion on this agenda item to the next meeting.</p> <p>R. Ries recalled that last year, the Council took a huge step towards reducing its carbon footprint and saving a lot of trees by transitioning to digital access of all Council related resources. The Council's actions resulted in reduced cost of postage and eliminated physical delivery time for meeting handouts because they are being e-mailed to Council members and others on the Council's e-mail distribution list. Transitioning to digital access also complimented staffing needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and limitations with physical distancing in offices.</p> <p>R. Ries acknowledged T. Reed's comment in the Council's July 27, 2021 meeting about not having a formal orientation process. E. Lau-James very nicely oriented us back to our Strategic Plan where we have a Focus Area dedicated to this concern.</p> <p>Please look forward to receiving an e-mail from S. Haitsuka with instructions for digital access.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Schedule PSA PIG meeting.</p>	<p>A. Beninato/ S. Haitsuka</p>	<p>9/2/21</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of SAMHSA’s Hawaii Mental Health Block Grant Monitoring Visit 	<p>R. Ries acknowledged that it is true that reading and browsing the folders and contents is an independent job for each Council member. The meeting handout today is a table of contents for what will be included in the online resource folder.</p> <p>For easier access, Council members may want to add a shortcut to the folder on their desktop computer or add the link to the Internet browser “favorites” or “bookmark” option.</p> <p>Council members share the following comments regarding online digital access to the Council’s resource folder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Lau-James expressed that she prefers paper copy versus digital access for some documents. She asks her secretary to print out meeting handouts and has used them during meetings. • R. Ries commented that it may take the Onboarding/Reboarding PIG some time to organize the onboarding and reboarding process but in the meantime, we do not want to delay digital access to all of the information outlined in the meeting handout. Basically, everything Council members need to conduct research, review important Council documents, archive of meeting minutes and handouts, etc. are all included in one central place and is accessible to Council members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When new documents are added, Council members will have immediate access to those documents as well. <p>R. Ries summarized the Council meeting with Hassan Sabree, SAMHSA Program Monitor and Michelle Gleason, SAMHSA Project Officer on July 27, 2021. These two individuals spent all last week with various members of the DOH Behavioral Health team to review the status of Hawaii’s SAMHSA Community Mental Health Block Grant.</p> <p>Separately, Hassan and Michelle will be issuing reports within the next several weeks. We look forward to hearing about their findings.</p> <p>Staff from the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD), Child Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD), and Deputy Director M. Tsuji meet with</p>			
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	<p>H. Sabre and M. Gleason on Friday, July 30, 2021 for an exit conference and wrap up.</p> <p>Here are a few of the closing remarks shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Sabre prefers to look at the Hawaii mental health system as a whole rather than as a bifurcated system with child and adult services separated. • One area of improvement is staffing and filling of vacant state positions. • Expansion of youth services and peer supports are also areas of improvement. The CAMHD has a 4-year SAMHSA Data-to-Wisdom grant that focuses on knowledge management, staff development, trauma informed care, and more robust peer support. • The CAMHD also has a Palo Alto grant for technical assistance with informed decision making, infusing youth voice, creating a comprehensive treatment plan for CAMHD Family Guidance Centers to use, developing a principled approach to practice, and focusing on staff mental health and being responsive to staff needs. • There is a need for more trauma informed care trainers in Hawaii. HB1322 established a trauma informed care task force within the DOH to make trauma informed care recommendations for the state. • Aligning school-based behavioral health with CAMHD services and promoting a modular approach to psychotherapy relative to pre-service training are also opportunities for improvement. • The AMHD is working to build its crisis response system including issuing a request for contracting of stabilization bed units. • The AMHD is working with the Judiciary and is using the Sequential Intercept Model to identify how individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders come into contact with and move through the criminal justice system. • Hawaii's services are very centralized and DOH staff are very hands on compared to other states he has monitored. Pros of a hands on approach is close utilization monitoring and quality management. Cons including lots of work and limited staff resources. • System improvement for data utilization and addressing ease of access to care and challenges related to transitional age youth are 			
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	<p>areas to address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to care by increasing Medicaid eligibility assessors (beyond AMHD Assessors) because there could be a wait time for eligibility determination after a request is received. • Addressing supported employment opportunities was identified as an unmet need. • Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) services was also identified as an unmet need. • Expanding telehealth services and neighbor island specific services were also identified as areas of unmet need. • Hawaii State Council on Mental Health was recognized for doing a great job. Filling vacancies is a priority so we expect to see this noted in the monitoring report. <p>There are three meeting handouts that provide information about topics shared during our July 27th meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hawaii Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) handout shares about various programs for higher education and graduate program financial assistance. R. Ries thanked J. Renfro for bringing this up. • Hawaii Psychology Internship Consortium Intern Brochure provides an overview of the program and types of internships available for psychology students. This was also something C. Knightsbridge mentioned as a need. He had been vocal about this topic so this information may be very relevant to his interest. • M. Gleason mentioned the Minority Fellowship Program the handout shares brief overview about the program. <p>Overall, Hawaii is on the right track to move the system forward. Highlight Hawaii's areas where we're doing well including recognition for billing, girl services, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) services, as well as human trafficking and cultural competence.</p> <p>We will receive an update from H. Sabre and M. Gleason after their reports are completed.</p>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCMH Letter of Support for Hawaii’s SAMHSA Block Grant Application – Request for Executive Meeting 	<p>R. Ries stated in the meeting handouts, there is a written request for the Council to schedule an Executive meeting.</p> <p>The reason for the Executive meeting is because the Hawaii SAMHSA block grant application is due to SAMHSA by September 1, 2021. The timing of our monthly Council meetings does not align with the timeframe for drafting of the application. Right now, the application is being worked on by various DOH staff.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate questions from Council members about the application. • Ask and receive clarification to our questions about application content and financial figures. There will be DOH staff attending this meeting to answer our questions. • Based on their responses and the information in the application, we should be able to finalize and approve the Council’s letter of support for the mental health block grant application. <p>Council members should receive an e-mail with the draft application no later than Wednesday August 18, 2021. The Council will need quorum to vote to approve the letter.</p> <p>R. Ries asked Council members at this time, are there any concerns about scheduling an Executive meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom specifically for this purpose? Verbally, it was acknowledged that this was not an ideal time to meet for several Council members. Alternatively, E. Lau-James motioned to schedule the Council’s Executive meeting on Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. R. Jackson seconded the motion.</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of the Council’s Section of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 SAMHSA Block 	<p>R. Ries noted in the meeting handouts, there are two handouts for this agenda item.</p> <p>The first handout is a reference document, AMHD policy and procedure for state, county and service plans. The second handout includes an overview of the SAMHSA Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.</p>	<p>E-mail draft application.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>8/18/21</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 6 is longer than the two charts we just reviewed. This page requires the Council to write a narrative response in addition to checking yes and no for the two questions. <p>S. Haitsuka has shared what was written for the last grant; however, this year, we may want to take a different direction at answering this question as we have had many more opportunities to discuss topics and take positions as a result of achieving quorum for every meeting between May 2020 and today.</p> <p>R. Ries suggested breaking this question into smaller parts.</p> <p><u>Part 1: Describe the duties and responsibilities of the Council</u> R. Ries asked Council members what are our primary duties and responsibilities and where can we find documentation of these?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ R. Ries emphasized this section should explain that Council members represent the voice of service recipients, family members, providers, County service area boards, and state agencies. ○ R. Ries noted that Council members are advocates for the recognition of human rights for all people with disabilities and the Council advises policymakers. ○ S. Haitsuka suggested using the Council’s updated Bylaws. ○ E. Lau-James suggested using content in the Council’s orientation PowerPoint. <p><u>Part 2: List ways the Council gathers meaningful input from people in recovery, families and stakeholders</u> R. Ries asked Council members what ways does the Council gather meaningful input?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ R. Ries noted that he takes time to meet with providers to discuss topics related to the Council. ○ C. Knightsbridge attends specialty groups including recovery and support groups. He is an advocate for change and for resource awareness. ○ E. Lau-James shared that she invites community members 	Finalize the draft with feedback.	S. Haitsuka	8/18/21
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	<p>to speak and conveys Council discussions to NAMI members to get their feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o R. Ries talks with state agency officials and representatives. <p><u>Part 3: List ways the Council advocates for individuals who live with a serious mental illness (SMI) or children who live with a severe emotional disturbance (SED)</u></p> <p>R. Ries asked Council members what ways does the Council advocate for individuals living with SMI or children living with SED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o R. Ries noted the Council provides advisement to policymakers. The Council also writes letters about specific areas/topics. The Council advocates not only for presenters but also individuals/groups who share concerns. o R. Ries noted that PIGs are formed to address resources and other topics as needed. o R. Jackson noted he has written letters to the editor, published a book, and emphasizes that if there is a person in recovery in someone’s family, they are not alone. <p>R. Ries noted that S. Haitzuka will take all of the input shared and consolidate it into a narrative draft for Council members to review at the August 29, 2021 Executive meeting.</p>	Share draft at the next meeting.	R. Ries/ S. Haitzuka	8/29/21
<p>VII. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIG for Website and Social Media (WSM) 	<p>In this section of the agenda, PIG members may briefly summarize the PIG activities since the last Council meeting including meeting dates, discussions, and recommendations on topics approved at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>If PIG members would like to share a longer report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>WSM-PIG members include C. Knightsbridge, J. Fujii, H. Ilyavi and R. Pascual-Kestner. C. Knightsbridge is the WSM-PIG lead.</p> <p>R. Ries explained that today’s task is to assign short-term tasks that the WSM-PIG is response for researching and providing recommendations for</p>			

	<p>Council discussion and decision making. Suggested tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to website maintenance, the Council does have an unofficial social media account. • Increasing unofficial social media postings for local mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse topics to at least four postings per month could be a goal. These postings could include events, meetings, and re-postings as appropriate. <p>R. Ries recommended the WSM-PIG plan to meet during this next month and maybe do an assessment of the Council’s website and social media and identify at least a few ways the Council could increase its website and social media promotion of Hawaii mental health, SMI and SED topics.</p>			
<p>VIII. Island Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maui Service Area Board (MSAB) • Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB) • Hawaii Service Area Board (HSAB) 	<p>In this section of the agenda, Council members who are representing their respective Service Area Board may briefly summarize their board meetings and when applicable, share updates on requested items identified at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>If members would like to share a longer Service Area Board report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>T. Reed shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None provided. <p>R. Jackson shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSAB is interested in recruiting new members; specifically, recruiting a youth peer to be a member of the group is a priority. There are two potential candidates who may apply if OSAB meetings fit their schedules. <p>R. Rivera shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSAB created flyers to recruit board members (three different versions) and posts on other agencies’ websites to help build board. • New and existing members are connected to different organization which gives the HSAB diversity. 	<p>For information only.</p>	<p>C. Knightsbridge /S. Haitsuka</p>	<p>9/9/21</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSAB is looking to increase awareness of community providers and to highlight those that are active. • Vibrant Hawaii has been contacted. • HSAB breaks down tasks and takes smaller parts to work on; looking to develop action plans. 			
<p>IV. State Agency Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) • Department of Health (DOH) Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) 	<p>In this section of the agenda, Council members who are representing their respective state agency may briefly summarize agency data, agency information related to behavioral health and when applicable, share updates on requested items identified at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>If members would like to share a longer state agency report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>K. Martinez shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager and staff at different public housing sites have challenges bridging the issue of mental illness and whether they “know” if a resident has mental illness. Managers and staff need to have tools to assist these residents. They are not case managers but if knowledgeable, and they know who to reach out to for help with that resident, that’s been an objective – to link residents to their service providers. • HPHA staff provide contact information for Hawaii CARES to residents so they are aware of who to contact if they need help. • Regarding the eviction moratorium, the impact on Hawaii families is unknown but HPHA sent out letters to HPHA families with resource information and where to go/who to call to prevent eviction. • HPHA is not going to make someone homeless; rather, HPHA encourages paying rent as much as possible and offers assistance. <p>K. Merriam shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is excited to be part of this Council. • She has held several roles with AMHD over the years from being involved with Clubhouses, to working with AMHD administration, to now being part of the Windward mental health treatment team. • Most mental health service recipients who receive services through 	<p>For information only.</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Human Services (DHS) MedQUEST (MQD) Division Medicaid Program 	<p>the AMHD have court involvement. They are often mandated by the court to receive mental health treatment. Providing treatment to this population can be challenging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She recalled that the SAMHSA monitoring exit meeting was very interesting. Collaborating on some of the newest referrals coming from the youth to adult transition group, ages 18 to 24 years old, especially with runaway youth. It's important to break down the silos. A youth may touch several state agency departments. Current emphasis within DOH BHA is adjusting to the surge in COVID-19 cases and checking in with mental health service recipients; asking how they are feeling and providing them with support. <p>J. Fujii shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS MQD is in the process of arranging for mobile crisis outreach services. Starting on April 1, 2022, DHS MQD will fund this service and is working with DOH AMHD to complete the application for funding. <p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Ries suggested J. Fujii could offer in his other meetings to advocate for mental health service recipients regarding medical concerns, domestic situations, care needs for this specific population served, etc. He asked J. Fujii to nudge others in his area of work to raise the issue of mental health care, behavioral health, and substance abuse. J. Fujii emphasized DHS MQD is well aware of mental health concerns and much of the focus is on resources that are targeting and focusing on this specific population. C. Knightsbridge noted there is a direct correlation and relation between post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and Alzheimer's disease related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that one if four people with COVID-19 were diagnosed with a mental illness. R. Ries urged J. Fujii to protect this time with the Council and wants him to be present and contributing, speak up and say he has Oath of 			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare Services (CWS) • Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) • Department of Education (DOE) Student Services Branch (SSB) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Office and prioritize Council participation.</p> <p>D. Koyanagi shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWS is working with children and parents to address concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. • CWS staff are going into the field to investigate complaints and are linking youth to foster care. It is challenging to find placements. • CWS staff are working on addressing rules and guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination. <p>R. Pascual-Kestner shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last meeting, he mentioned he was asked by the DHS Administrator to look at creating a formal agreement with DOH for mutual service participants. • He looked at the DVR website and resources, current information is being updated. • DVR is part of the DOE and hosts quarterly joint meetings with school coordinators, Center for Disability Studies, DD Council, and DVR staff. <p>J. Renfro shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE is transitioning to leadership under Interim Superintendent Keith Hayashi and is concentrated its focus on school attendance, academics and social emotional learning (SEL). For example, are supports in place? Why is the student not attending? • For suicide awareness month in September, the DOE is promoting the Here to Help Movement. Through this movement, the DOE aims to raise student and family awareness of school-based supports and services for overall wellbeing and mental health. Rather than a campaign, which is the organized activities to accomplish a goal, a movement speaks to the collective group of people working together to advance a shared purpose. The DOE will present a toolkit of resources to help communicate to DOE school communities that DOE staff are committed to cultivating safe and caring environments. These environments foster equitable access to supportive learning conditions and mental health resources for all 			
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	<p>students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding compassion and resolving issues so that kids may return to in-person learning but also paying attention to COVID-19 positive case numbers is challenging. • Feel free to use me as a resource and as a DOE liaison. 			
<p>V. Specialty Area Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) • Mental Health Providers • Parents and Family Members of Mental Health Service Recipients • Student/ Youth and 	<p>In this section of the agenda, Council members who are representing their respective specialty area may briefly summarize specialty area activities related to behavioral health and when applicable, share updates on requested items identified at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>If members would like to share a longer state agency report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>J. Fujii shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last HACDACS meeting, Hawaii CARES was on the agenda. HACDACS members discussed concerns about availability and responsiveness, spoke with managed care plans for feedback and consensus, and acknowledged leadership changes. • Hawaii CARES provides one-stop-shop support for behavioral health, suicide, crisis, substance use treatment and COVID-19 isolation and quarantine requests. <p>R. Ries shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He continues to be busy with his caseload. Other providers have mentioned also being busy. There is no shortage of referrals. <p>H. Ilyavi shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None provided. <p>E. Lau-James shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She noted there is a lot of interest in being involved. • She currently participates in NAMI Hawaii’s Manoa support group. She updates NAMI Hawaii members about Council activities. <p>K. Aumer, A. Beninato, C. Knightsbridge, and T. Reed shared the following updates:</p>	For information only.		

Consumer Advocates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None provided. 			
VI. Presentation/ Guest Speaker	None scheduled.			
VII. Closing Announcements	<p>Council members shared the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Ries reminded Council members of the upcoming Council Executive Meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting is open to the public. An agenda will be shared a week prior to the meeting. The draft Hawaii SAMHSA Community Mental Health Block Grant will also be shared. R. Ries noted that Council members are encouraged to attend Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) meetings. K. Aumer and R. Jackson asked about the MHTF meeting schedule. Please note the following dates. Meeting times is 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Fridays: September 17, 2021 / October 29, 2021 / December 9, 2021 	For information only.		
VIII. Meeting Evaluation / Future Agenda Items	<p>R. Ries encouraged members to share their feedback about how today’s Council meeting went either by sharing them verbally or typing their feedback in the chat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Ries thanked Council members for their participation. A lot of information was shared today. R. Rivera emphasized, “Great meeting all!” <p>R. Ries would like to add first responder resiliency programs to a future agenda. He is referring to first responders such as police, emergency medical services, and firefighters. Police officers do not have a psychologist right now. First responders are overworked. He is interested to learn what existing programs are available to first responders and whether the Council would have an interest in evaluating the current program or if there are none, interest developing a scope for this program to offer to Deputy Director M. Tsuji and Dr. Amy Curtis from the AMHD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R. Pascual-Kestner shared about the recent Hawaii Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) summit where internal training is provided with police officers and firefighters. He will share the training information. 	<p>For information only.</p> <p>Add to future Council meeting agenda.</p> <p>Share training information.</p>	<p>R. Ries/ S. Haitzuka</p> <p>R. Pascual-Kestner</p>	<p>10/5/21</p> <p>8/31/21</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider state of Hawaii Resource for Employee Assistance and Counseling Help (REACH) Program (CLICK HERE for brochure) and the Ku Makani program (CLICK HERE for website). • R. Ries commented that existing programs are inadequate. There is a need to address support and funding is needed. Our communities are becoming less stable and there are not enough resources to support those that protect us. • A. Beninato asked to clarify physical assistance – does that mean psychological first aid? Crisis Intervention teams (CIT) is how it is utilized and being supported. • E. Lau-James noted legislative advocacy and the Council’s voice are options for getting help with addressing this topic. <p>The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.</p>			
XIV. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.	For information only.		
Electronic Mail Outs	<p>The following handouts were e-mailed to SCMH members and individuals on the SCMH e-mail distribution list:</p> <p>E-mail (1 of 3) with handouts (total of 10 handouts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August 2021 Meeting – Agenda 2. July 2021 Regular Meeting – Draft Minutes 3. July 2021 Executive Meeting – Draft Minutes 4. July 2021 Regular and Executive Meeting – FY22 Attendance Log 5. August 2021 Meeting – Old Business, Strategic Plan Focus Areas FINAL Working Document 6. August 2021 Meeting – Old Business, Strategic Plan Action Plan FINAL Working Document 7. August 2021 Meeting – Old Business, Strategic Plan Focus Areas PIG Volunteers 8. August 2021 Meeting – Old Business, Bylaws FINAL 9. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, Thank you Letter E. Mersereau 10. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, Welcome Letter M. Tsuji <p>E-mail (2 of 3) with handouts (total of 11 handouts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, Council Business Card Proof 	For information only.		

	<p>12. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, Council Virtual Background Thumbnails</p> <p>13. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, Online Membership Portal Itemized Table of Contents FY2022</p> <p>14. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, MHBG Visit Summary: HI WICHE Handout</p> <p>15. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, MHBG Visit Summary: HI Psychology Internship Consortium 2021-2022 Intern Brochure</p> <p>16. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, MHBG Visit Summary: SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program</p> <p>17. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, MHBG Request for Executive State Council Meeting August 2021</p> <p>18. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, MHBG AMHD PP60.520 State, County and Service Plans</p> <p>19. August 2021 Meeting – New Business, MHBG SAMHSA Overview and FFY 2022-2023 Application Form for SCMH Completion</p> <p>20. August 2021 Meeting – Agency Report, DHS MQD 2018 Medicaid Mental Health Parity Addition Equity Act Report</p> <p>21. August 2021 Meeting – Agency Report, DOE OSSS Student Services Branch Handout</p> <p>E-mail (3 of 3) with handouts (total of 13 handouts)</p> <p>22. August 2021 Meeting – HACDACS Minutes, 6/22/21</p> <p>23. August 2021 Meeting – HACDACS Minutes, 5/25/21</p> <p>24. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 12/16/20</p> <p>25. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 11/18/20</p> <p>26. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 10/21/20</p> <p>27. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 9/16/20</p> <p>28. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 8/19/20</p> <p>29. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 7/15/20</p> <p>30. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 6/13/20</p> <p>31. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 5/20/20</p> <p>32. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 4/15/20</p> <p>33. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 3/18/20</p> <p>34. August 2021 Meeting – OSAB Minutes, 2/19/20</p>			
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