

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

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
December 14, 2021  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Beninato, Antonino; Crozier, Charleen “Naomi”; Fujii, John; Ilyavi, Heidi; Knightsbridge, Christopher; Merriam, Kathleen; Renfro, Jennifer; Ries, Richard**

Members Absent: **Rivera, Renee**

Members Excused: **Aumer, Katherine; Jackson, Richard “Rick”; Koyanagi, Dina; Lau-James, Eileen; Martinez, Beatrice “Kau’i”; Reed, Tara;**

Guests Present: **Betlach, Jon; Dang, Cindi; Georgiev, Dean; Rice, Ray; Takemoto, Bryce; Talisayan, Bryan**

DOH Staff Present: **Ganir, Ashley; Haitsuka, Stacy; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Tsuji, Marian; Yin, Valerie**

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 9:05 a.m.</p> <p>Members and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>The following definition of quorum is printed on the agenda: Pursuant to <a href="#">Act 137-18 (SB 203)</a>, 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 15 of the entitled 21 members are appointed, at least 8 must be present to establish a quorum. To validate a council action, of the 8 members present, an affirmative vote from at least 5 is required.”</p>	For information only.		

	<p>Quorum was established by 9:10 a.m.</p> <p>In the absence of E. Lau-James (Secretary) and K. Aumer (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), R. Ries asked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair C. Knightsbridge to assist with today’s meeting to monitor quorum throughout the meeting, record Council votes, and to keep on time with agenda items.</p>			
<p>II. Meeting Announcements</p>	<p>R. Ries shared the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He thanked Council members for their understanding over the past 19 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.</li> <li>• He noted Governor Ige and the County Mayors have relaxed travel requirements to and from Hawaii. S. Haituka 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.</li> </ul> <p>For at least through February 2022, Council members should plan to participate in Council meetings virtually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To use our time efficiently during today’s meeting, R. Ries asked Council members and guests to follow the following basic virtual Council meeting courtesies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please address any comments or questions to him.</li> <li>○ Members and guests may raise their “hand” virtually, type into the chat box, or orally get his attention during the meeting.</li> <li>○ Waiting to be acknowledged before speaking will keep the meeting organized and audio clear for note taking purposes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• For Council members who take a break and step away from the</li> </ul>	<p>For information only.</p>		

	<p>meeting, please notify him before leaving as the Council needs to track of when Council members leave and return to verify quorum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If at any time a Council member has an issue with the meeting connection, please consider closing your Internet browser or Zoom app and rejoining the meeting by re-clicking the Zoom link or joining by phone as an alternate option.</li> <li>• If not speaking, please place yourself on mute. This will help with the feedback noise and will allow for everyone to hear speaker.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If at any time a Council member has an issue with the meeting connection, please consider closing your Internet browser or Zoom app and rejoining the meeting by re-clicking the Zoom link or joining by phone as an alternate option.</li> <li>• If not speaking, please place yourself on mute. This will help with the feedback noise and will allow for everyone to hear speaker.</li> </ul> <p>R. Ries shared the following Council membership updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Judiciary representative was selected; however, due to a change in staff, that person will no longer be applying. The Judiciary is in the process of selecting another staff to apply for the Council.</li> <li>• The Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Child Welfare Services (CWS) office have both indicated a representative has been identified. Those individuals were given information for submitting their application to the Governor’s office. We look forward to the Governor’s appointment and the Senate Health Committee’s confirmation for these individuals.</li> <li>• R. Jackson indicated his resignation as of December 2, 2021 from both the Council and the Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB). On behalf of the Council, R. Ries thanked R. Jackson for his volunteer service</li> </ul>			
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	<p>and consumer advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are three (3) positions that may be filled by a consumer advocate, youth/student representative, or parent/family member.</li> <li>• One (1) position may be filled by a representative for the Kauai Service Area Board (KSAB) and one (1) position for the OSAB.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>			
<p>III. Presentation/ Guest Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health (DOH), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Update</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries introduced M. Tsuji, Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Deputy Director Behavioral Health Administration (DD BHA). She was appointed to the DD BHA position by Director of Health, Libby Char, at the end of June 2021.</p> <p>Prior to joining DOH, M. Tsuji was the Oahu Branch Administrator at the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She was also the President and CEO of Lanakila Pacific for 12 years. She earned her master's degree in criminal justice and her bachelor's degrees in sociology and criminal justice.</p> <p>R. Ries noted that the Council sent M. Tsuji two letters – one welcoming her to her new DD BHA position and a second letter expressing the Council's concerns about the timelines of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) community mental health block grant (MHBG) application.</p> <p>If time permits, R. Ries asked to discuss with M. Tsuji about the SAMHSA Behavioral Health Council, the Council's research and feedback to gain an understanding about whether the DOH and other stakeholders would support Hawaii creating a state behavioral health council.</p> <p>M. Tsuji touched on the following topics in her DOH BHA update.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>		

	<p><u>SAMHSA MHBG Application</u></p> <p>M. Tsuji apologized for the last minute chaos with the SAMHSA MHBG application. Pressing of the wrong “button” resulted in combining two application parts which were previously submitted separately. There were two options: either not apply because the application could not be disaggregated or, do the best to complete the application by the deadline.</p> <p>She acknowledged the untimeliness impacted all Council members’ lives, led to last minute responses, weekend and after hours work. She noted the lessons learned for staff and the awareness of how to navigate the federal computer system so this mistake does not occur again.</p> <p>She acknowledged that sometimes mistakes end up being bigger in magnitude than intended. People she knows in state government want to do the right thing and to use state systems efficiently.</p> <p>Council members shared the following comments regarding the SAMHSA MHBG application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• R. Ries expressed his concern about the delays noting the devastating lack of accountability to Council constituents. He also commented about trust and mistrust in government and that corruption does exist in the world, probably in Hawaii, and when the Council is presented with a blank document (e.g., MHBG application charts blank/incomplete/not filled in with data/money figures) and with a document that includes old content from the past application he had a hard time believing that this is the application the DOH wanted the Council to review and support; this led to trust issues. He seeks transparency and still doesn’t know what really happened with the snafu for the application as several sections pertained to data that was for the prior fiscal year and should have been provided at the time the draft application was presented to the Council for review and support.</li><li>• C. Knightsbridge noted that the Council is recognized by the SAMHSA Auditors as a check and balance to the Hawaii mental health system and the Council takes its role to review the application, understand mental health services, explore new</li></ul>			
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	<p>services and identify service gaps very seriously.</p> <p><u>Feedback on Council Activities</u></p> <p>M. Tsuji noted there is a need for the community to look into the state government system because, as insiders, staff do not always see disfunction or the “dirty house.” Council members see different perspectives and she is thankful for the opportunity to partner with the Council. For example, she noted that the Council’s November meeting included putting together resources in a central place. This is a critical piece that will be important for the community to have access to. Integrating a wellness diagram into the Council’s Resource Grid to prioritize wellness into buckets and do more preventive work versus crisis response is way to link mental health and prevention strategies.</p> <p>M. Tsuji shared that she sees her role as a listener; listening to what the Council sees as needs, where to utilize/maximize limited resources.</p> <p><u>Hawaii Creating a State Behavioral Health Council (BHC-HI)</u></p> <p>M. Tsuji supports efforts to gather information to determine whether Hawaii should create a Behavioral Health Council. She feels it is definitely worth exploring. For example, she is not familiar with the BHC structure. She supports the Council doing more research, inquiring with SAMHSA, inviting HACDACS Chair and SAMHSA to do a “high level” presentation about BHCs at a future Council meeting.</p> <p><u>DD BHA Areas of Interest</u></p> <p>R. Ries asked M. Tsuji to share about issues she is passionate about and what she is most excited to work on as the new DD BHA. C. Knightsbridge asked about M. Tsuji’s legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session.</p> <p>M. Tsuji shared that when she worked at Lanakila, formerly known as Lanakila Rehabilitation Center, she worked with many individual who were justice involved. She previously worked for 20 years in the criminal justice system and has prioritized mental health as an important part of rehabilitation.</p>			
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	<p>She noted that meeting people face-to-face is the best; Zoom is second best. The COVID-19 pandemic has so many variables to consider and manager including physical boundaries and distancing.</p> <p>She is passionate about prevention. Treatment is important but cannot treat our way out. We need to invest in prevention including mental health services offered to child/adolescent and young adults. Trauma-informed care is good but need to prevent trauma from occurring.</p> <p>She agreed with R. Ries that data-driven decision making is important but sometimes the focus needs to be on prevention services. She noted that sometimes it can be political.</p> <p>Regarding legislative activities, there will be a heavy focus on health but not necessarily behavioral health. She sees many key discussions around environmental health (Red Hill, clean water, water contamination) and disease outbreak (COVID-19 pandemic). In her four months as DD BHA, she feels she is not in a position to recommend restructuring other than prevention services. Therefore, she is not anticipating introduction of great big ideas. BHA has enough on its plate and is focusing on trying to get back what was lost in the previous legislative sessions due to budget cuts and service reductions.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Workforce</u></p> <p>C. Knightsbridge asked M. Tsuji about plans to keep Hawaii’s mental health professionals working in Hawaii and living in Hawaii. His experience has been that students look out of state for internship opportunities. He would like to see Hawaii open internship positions at state facilities and allow students to apply for those positions versus seeing students go to the mainland and hoping they return after they are finished with school and become certified/licensed. He noted that his former school shut down but the graduate program in the school for psychology was regionally accredited. He asked how hard it for the state to hire psychology interns, given them supervision, confirm their degree, and allow them to earn hours which goes towards their Hawaii licensure. Is the state willing to partner with local non-profits for intern positions.</p>			
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	<p>A practicum student typically works 20 hours a week for two years. An intern usually works 40 hours a week for one year.</p> <p>R. Ries noted that the Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) has discussed the topic of staffing relative to the lack of hospital beds/crisis services.</p> <p>J. Renfro mentioned that the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) received a \$15M grant to “Grow Our Own” which will help to pay for programs for mental health counselors to earn licensing for mental health professionals working in Hawaii public schools. HIDOE has reached out to the University of Hawaii (UH) system and tried to partner with Chaminade and with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) but there are lots of national certification requirements.</p> <p>H. Ilyavi noted in her area on Hawaii Island, expediting options to hire licensed psychologists is urgent. It is exhausting as parents and parent partners to see extremely long wait lists for children/youth behavioral support. She suggested in addition to kids going to college, that it is a good idea to utilize adults on island who want to work and can get a degree/job in their home state/county. This is much more beneficial.</p> <p>M. Tsuji stated that workforce strategies are a win/win and she will look into suggestions from Council members.</p> <p><u>Closing Thoughts</u></p> <p>R. Ries expressed that he was grateful to meet M. Tsuji and to hear her updates. He noted part of the Council’s job is to identify mental health needs and potential partners/solutions. He is interested to know ways M. Tsuji sees the Council could be supportive of other community-based resources such as the new City and County of Honolulu’s Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement (CORE) Program, resiliency support services for first responders with emphasis on caring, kindness and training to decrease superfluous responses.</p> <p>K. Merriam thanked M. Tsuji for sharing her updates and feedback noting that it was refreshing to hear from her about prevention. In her 18 years, she has not heard a focus on prevention including preventing admissions</p>			
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	<p>to the Hawaii State Hospital through crisis services such as licensed crisis residential shelters (LCRS), community-based stabilization supports, and intensive case management (ICM). She supports reviewing utilization data to validate what is keeping people out of the hospital.</p> <p>J. Fujii noted that the Department of Human Services (DHS), from a Medicaid perspective (e.g., quality improvement), focused on the continuum of care not just acute level of care for the recent behavioral health service contract (July 2021). DHS continues to collaborate with AMHD, Child Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD).</p> <p>M. Tsuji noted that the Adult Mental Health Division was recently awarded a grant for first responder training.</p> <p>R. Ries thanked M. Tsuji for her time and offered that if there is a topic that she feels the Council should look into or an opportunity where the Council may be able to provide advice or input, the Council is very interested in partnering with DOH to strengthen the Council’s role as an advisory Council and as advocates for service recipients, their families, and the communities that we represent as Council members.</p>			
<p>IV. Consideration and Approval of Minutes November 9, 2021 Minutes</p>	<p>The draft minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed.</p> <p>The following amendments were requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p>N. Crozier made a motion for the meeting minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting be approved as drafted. H. Ilyavi seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>		
<p>V. Community Input</p>	<p>Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, community members will have three (3) minutes to speak during this time.</p> <p>C. Dang shared the following community input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She provided two handouts for today’s meeting. Both handouts provide information about the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Arts Challenge</li> </ul>			

	<p>sponsored by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) and the Hawaii Planning Committee in conjunction with the 19<sup>th</sup> Hawaii International Summit on Preventing, Assessing and Treating Trauma across the Lifespan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first handout shares information about the arts challenge including the four divisions and the division prizes. The second handout is the arts challenge entry form.</li> <li>• All entrants will receive an honorable mention certificate and winners will be guests of the Summit at the awards luncheon.</li> <li>• She asked Council members to distribute the handouts to their contacts. If anyone has questions, please let S. Haituka know.</li> </ul> <p>D. Georgiev shared the following community input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He works at the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). He is attending today’s meeting on behalf of his supervisor, Lea Dias, who is on vacation. L. Dias plans on applying for Council membership, replacing Rusnell Pascual-Kestner who recently resigned.</li> </ul> <p>B. Talisayan shared the following community input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He thanked the Council and encouraged Council members to keep up the great work. He acknowledged challenges with government “red tape” and the Council can contact Mental Health America Hawaii about how to partner with each other.</li> </ul> <p>R. Rice shared the following community input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He works at DHS, Child Welfare Services (CWS). He is the Assistant Program Administrator for the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch (APCWB). He will be replacing D. Koyanagi who is retiring at the end of this month. He has submitted his application and is awaiting a response from the Governor’s office.</li> </ul>			
<p>VI. Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan: Permitted</p>	<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>Interaction Group (PIG) Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIG for Public Service Announcement (PSA)</li> </ul>	<p>If PIG members would like to share a longer report, please e-mail it to S. Haitzuka no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>The PSA PIG was formed at the Council's August 10, 2021 meeting. PSA PIG members include: K. Aumer, A. Beninato, C. Knightsbridge, R. River, R. Jackson and R. Ries. A. Beninato is the PSA PIG lead.</p> <p>The PSA PIG met once and their meeting notes are provided as a handout for today's meeting. At the October 2021 meeting, Council members reviewed a draft of four PSAs. Council members were asked to share feedback and any edits. Feedback and proposed edits were received.</p> <p>A. Beninato noted that the Council's PSA recordings will be in circulation longer than he will be at the KTUH radio station. He anticipates the PSAs will run approximately two to three times each hour.</p> <p>These PSAs could bring more awareness to the Council's existence and provide an open invitation to listeners to be part of the Council.</p> <p>R. Ries asked if there were other changes or edits. None were shared.</p> <p>A. Beninato made a motion to approve the four PSAs as amended. N. Crozier seconded the motion.</p> <p>R. Ries stated the next step is for the Council to lend their voices for PSA creation. C. Knightsbridge, K. Merriam and J. Renfro volunteered to provide voice recordings for the PSAs.</p> <p>S. Haitzuka will provide a copy of the approved PSAs to A. Beninato.</p> <p>A. Beninato asked whether the PSA PIG could be dissolved at this time. R. Ries asked that this PSA PIG continue up until the recordings are done and to be sure the task is completed.</p> <p>A. Beninato will update the Council to share when the PSAs will be aired and share a copy of the recording files for the Council's online member</p>	<p>Send approved PSAs to A. Beninato.</p> <p>Share recording files.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p> <p>A. Beninato</p>	<p>12/16/21</p> <p>When available</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIG for Onboarding and Reboarding (OnRe)</li> </ul>	<p>portal archive.</p> <p>The OnRe PIG was formed at the Council’s September 14,2021 meeting. OnRe PIG members include C. Knightsbridge, R. Jackson, E. Lau-James, K. Martinez and T. Reed. C. Knightsbridge is the OnRe PIG lead.</p> <p>This PIG was formed to address objectives in our Strategic Plan Focus Area #4 which is Council focused and addresses our need to develop a standard process for welcoming to new members, providing support to existing members and recognizing members when they term out.</p> <p>This PIG met prior to our November meeting and we received a handout with a chart of items to review. The handout was provided for today’s meeting as well.</p> <p>There was a PIG meeting scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>; however, quorum was not met so no business was discussed.</p> <p>The next step is for Council members to review the chart and give input for any additional items.</p>	<p>Share input and edits.</p>	<p>Council members</p>	<p>1/4/22</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIG for Legislation (LEG)</li> </ul>	<p>The LEG PIG was formed at the Council’s September 14, 2021 meeting. LEG PIG members include K. Aumer, C. Knightsbridge, E. Lau-James, R. Pascual-Kestner, T. Reed, J. Renfro and R. Ries. C. Knightsbridge is the LEG PIG lead.</p> <p>This PIG last meet in October. Last month, the Council approved annual legislative training be self-guided using resources in our online member portal including past presentations, the Hawaii legislature website, and the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) who provides step-by-step tutorials for many legislative topics such as setting up an account on the legislature website, how to search for and track bills, how to testify on bills, and other topics.</p> <p>From the November meeting minutes, PIG members also asked Council members to suggest bill topics that the PIG members should be looking for when they are reviewing bills at the end of January/beginning of</p>	<p>Share key words.</p>	<p>Council members</p>	<p>12/31/21</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="142 365 359 467">• PIG for Hospital Mental Health Care (HMHC)</li> <li data-bbox="142 878 359 948">• Infographic PIG (InfoG PIG)</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="394 139 1297 240">February. Council members are asked to share key words they would like to add by the end of December. The LEG PIG will collate the key words and create a list to use during bill review.</p> <p data-bbox="394 289 982 318">The LEG PIG will meet soon to review next steps.</p> <p data-bbox="394 362 1276 462">The HMHC PIG was formed at the Council’s September 14, 2021 meeting. HMHC PIG members include: R. Ries, R. Rivera, N. Crozier, R. Jackson, C. Knightsbridge, and K. Merriam. E. Lau-James is the HMHC PIG lead.</p> <p data-bbox="394 508 1293 609">This PIG met in November and provided a copy of their meeting notes as a handout for today’s meeting. Looks like there are several follow up items that the PIG members are working on.</p> <p data-bbox="394 654 1266 716">E. Lau-James shared a previous meeting handout for today’s meeting regarding NAMI Hawaii’s Assisted Community Treatment pilot program.</p> <p data-bbox="394 764 1228 826">The next step for this HMHC PIG is to schedule a meeting to continue working on the follow up items listed in the meeting notes.</p> <p data-bbox="394 875 1245 976">The InfoG PIG was formed at the Council’s November 9, 2021 meeting. InfoG PIG members include: H. Ilyavi, C. Knightsbridge and T. Reed. T. Reed is the InfoG PIG lead.</p> <p data-bbox="394 1021 1283 1196">This PIG is tasked with taking the Council’s feedback from our Strategic Plan Focus Area #3 discussion last month regarding tools the Council is familiar with and helping to create an infographic that we can use for our internal reference as well as one we can share to educate the community about who we are and what we do as part of our branding.</p> <p data-bbox="394 1242 1283 1304">The next step is for this InfoG PIG to schedule a meeting to begin working on assigned tasks.</p>	<p data-bbox="1327 362 1507 423">Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p data-bbox="1327 508 1602 609">Share legislative bill “key words” via e-mail to S. Haitsuka.</p> <p data-bbox="1327 654 1583 716">Schedule next HMHC PIG meeting</p> <p data-bbox="1327 1242 1566 1304">Schedule first InfoG PIG meeting</p>	<p data-bbox="1682 508 1799 570">Council Members</p> <p data-bbox="1654 654 1829 716">E. Lau-James/ S. Haitsuka</p> <p data-bbox="1669 1242 1814 1304">T. Reed/ S. Haitsuka</p>	<p data-bbox="1898 508 1980 537">1/4/22</p> <p data-bbox="1898 654 1980 683">1/4/22</p> <p data-bbox="1898 1242 1980 1271">1/4/22</p>
<p data-bbox="92 1354 300 1383">VII. Old Business</p>	<p data-bbox="394 1354 1276 1451">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 under Old Business.</p>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 State Council Annual Report to the Legislature</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries noted that the draft template for the Council’s 2022 annual legislative report includes several key areas that the Council has prioritized including emphasis on the Neighbor Islands, Council membership and Council accomplishments.</p> <p>Standard sections include the Council’s involvement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and its involvement with reviewing mental health services, capacity, service gaps, and budget/funding.</p> <p>R. Ries asked Council members to look at the template and draft content, and suggest any edits. The template and draft content will be finalized and the report will be finalized for on time submission.</p> <p>C. Knightsbridge made a motion to pass the report as amended. J. Fujii seconded the motion.</p> <p>Quorum was lost at 11:13 a.m. The meeting proceeded as an informational meeting with no official action/voting taken.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are State Behavioral Health Planning Councils and Should Hawaii Form One?</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries noted the Council just heard from M. Tsuji about her feedback on this topic. In summary, the Council has some research to do and some outreach to make with other mental health agencies and stakeholders for feedback, including the County Service Area Boards.</p> <p>R. Ries asked if S. Haitsuka could help to create a public comment survey form that includes information in the handout as well as information discussed last month and earlier today. With that service link, Council members can share it with partners, our constituents and other mental health stakeholders to gather input.</p> <p>We want to ask the County Service Area Boards (SAB) to place this item on the Service Area Board agendas.</p> <p>J. Fujii shared the handout with the Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug</p>	<p>Draft a survey template for Council members to review.</p> <p>Add to SAB agendas.</p>	<p>S. Haitsuka</p> <p>T. Reed/ R. Rivera/ S. Haitsuka</p>	<p>1/7/22</p> <p>3/4/22</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Council Business Cards</li> </ul>	<p>Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). Their feedback was generally supportive and they did have some questions, similar to the Council about the structure and more details about the roles and responsibilities for behavioral health council members.</p> <p>R. Ries noted that the Council also wants to draft a letter to the SAMHSA Project Officer who helps with Hawaii’s MHBG to inquire for technical assistance on this topics.</p> <p>There are benefits to integrating mental health and substance abuse into a single Council and to be able to have the opportunity to increase our advisory capacity and our ability to gain staff support for activities year-round between and during meetings which we have noted is what the Developmental Disabilities Council has had support and funding for.</p> <p>R. Ries recalled from previous meetings that the Council’s request for business cards was approved and the request was still pending for use of the State of Hawaii seal which is traditionally gold foil embossed. Although noted at September’s Council meeting that it is unlikely we would be approved to use it as we are not a state agency or employees of the state, we will wait for a response for our request anyway and if they say no, we can make our own.</p> <p>A sample of the card was shared at September’s meeting and is available for reference in our online member portal. It will need to be slightly reformatted to fit the printing specs.</p> <p>Estimated cost for 16 Council members, double-sided cards, foil seal and 100 cards per member would be less than \$1000. Our budget is \$1000 for this request.</p> <p>There has been no forward movement but we should get an update by the next meeting. A revised sample will be shared at next month’s meeting.</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resiliency Training for</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries noted this is a topic he had requested for Council agenda discussion a few months ago. It is a topic he is deeply committed to</p>	<p>Follow up on the status of seal.</p>	<p>S. Haituka</p>	<p>1/4/22</p>

<p>First Responders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Plan Focus Area #1 Council Discussion: Identifying Existing Mental Health Services, Payors, and Eligibility Criteria, Statewide, by Council (State-Funded and Non-State-Funded)</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Focus Area #2 Council Discussion: Identify Ways</li> </ul>	<p>working on. He is a former first responder.</p> <p>R. Reis stated this topics was discussed at the November 2021 meeting with a few handouts for first responder resources. Seems to be resources available but not coordinated. Focus of R. Ries request is for first responders including police and emergency medical services (EMS).</p> <p>As part of our Strategic Plan Focus Area #1 titled improving access to services existing and new, we agreed this is one of the areas we could work on as a Council.</p> <p>Objective 1.3 states, “By September 2021, using available resources, including stakeholders, within Council members’ area(s) of representation, Service Area Boards and community members, identify existing mental health services, payors and eligibility criteria, statewide and by County including state funded and non-state funded services.”</p> <p>R. Ries noted that the Council spent time discussing this topic at the November 2021 meeting and discussion ended by pausing with a note to revisit this and possibly combine this Strategic Plan goal and Action plan step with other activities we are work on.</p> <p>For example, we may want to do more electronic surveys where we can distribute the link to our constituents and others in the mental health community and ask for them to share their feedback. Maybe we can see how the first attempt goes with S. Haitsuka creating a survey form for us to use for the behavioral health council.</p> <p>We can then follow up on this topic to see whether we want to inquire further.</p> <p>R. Ries noted this agenda item will be paused at this time to see if we can possibly combine this Strategic Plan goal and Action Plan step with other objectives we are working on.</p> <p>Next month, we can take a closer look at this and the previous two</p>			
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<p>the Council Will Advocate for the Well-Being of the Community Including Evidence-Based Practices, Peer Reviewed Publications, and other Widely Recognized Local/State/ National Resources</p>	<p>Strategic Plan discussions to see how we can merge or align our efforts to show how we are addressing these Strategic Plan goals efficiently.</p> <p>For example, we may decide to identify strategies here that we could place within the content that the InfoG PIG is going to work on .</p> <p>Or, for example, we may just be starting to do this type of advocacy through our PIGs and we may decide to have PIG processes that include researching resource information and having evidence-based practices, peer reviewed publications and other widely recognized local, state and national resources highlighted as part of the PIGs workflow.</p>			
<p>VIII. New Business</p>	<p>None.</p>			
<p>IX. Island Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maui Service Area Board (MSAB)</li> <li>• Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB)</li> <li>• Hawaii Service</li> </ul>	<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 S. Haituka 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"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>R. Jackson shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>R. Rivera shared the following updates:</p>	<p>For information only.</p>		

Area Board (HSAB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul>			
IV. State Agency Representative Reports  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health (DOH) Adult Mental Health Division</li> <li>• Department of Human Services (DHS) Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)</li> <li>• Department of Human Services (DHS) MedQUEST (MQD) Division Medicaid Program</li> <li>• Department of Education (DOE) Student Services Branch (SSB)</li> </ul>	<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. Merriam shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>K. Martinez shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>J. Fujii shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>J. Renfro shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE is looking into securing a platform for all schools to network with community providers.</li> <li>• DOE staff met with legislators about mental health services for students. It was acknowledged that there is a staff shortage and</li> </ul>	For information only.		

	<p>there was discussion about recruitment efforts and barriers to hiring such as the cost of living and distance from the US mainland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE needs to connect with streamlining systems to “Grow Our Own” as part of the \$15M federal grant funds that will be used to pay for programs to help DOE staff with earning their licensure.</li> <li>• ACT 270 from the 2019 legislative session related to suicide prevention initiatives. DOE has mandator staff training for statewide suicide prevention protocol. The curriculum is being reviewed by the DOE Attorneys General (AG) and parts of the curriculum can be tailored to the school and other parts are mandatory for all schools.</li> </ul>			
<p>V. Specialty Area Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS)</li> <li>• Mental Health Providers</li> <li>• Parents and Family Members of Mental Health Service</li> </ul>	<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 S. Haituka 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"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>R. Ries shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>H. Ilyavi shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She noted that it would be good to see that help is provided to people who are pursuing higher education to continue their work in the islands (e.g., parent partners).</li> <li>• Health insurers have denial processes that are time consuming.</li> </ul>	<p>For information only.</p>		

<p>Recipients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student/ Youth and Consumer Advocates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a constant need for services and the wait list for services are too long.</li> <li>• She encourages the use of telehealth services but more services are needed all around including face-to-face services, especially on Hawaii Island.</li> </ul> <p>E. Lau-James shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>K. Aumer shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>A. Beninato shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>N. Crozier shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>C. Knightsbridge shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He asked for help with a friend who attends Chaminade University and is in the process of arranging for his dissertation to earn his doctorate in psychology. He needs crisis services and possibly crisis intervention services. He is experiencing delays with signing his contract and guidance is appreciated.</li> </ul> <p>T. Reed shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>R. Rivera shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul>			
<p>VI. Closing Announcements</p>	<p>Council members shared the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Ries reminded Council members about using the Council’s approved standing agenda report template. He encouraged Council members to use the template to help organize report content.</li> <li>• R. Ries reminded Council members to access the Council’s online</li> </ul>	<p>For information only.</p>		

	<p>member portal. If Council members have any trouble with accessing the portal, please contact S. Haituka for help and any questions. The online member portal is updated with resources and reference documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Ries noted there is a draft Mahalo letter for Dr. Amy Curtis who presented an Adult Mental Health Division update at our November 2021 meeting. A copy of the letter is included as a meeting handout.</li> <li>• R. Ries noted that the Council was highlighted in the Governor’s Policy Bulletin. A copy of the bulletin was shared as a meeting handout. The SABs are also highlighted. This bulletin is distributed to all Hawaii legislators.</li> <li>• R. Ries referenced a handout from the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA) was shared. Members are mostly psychologists, some psychiatrists, therapists and others. The handout shows the survey results from member responses for the HPA’s legislative priorities. You can see how the questions are worded and how the multiple choice options were worded. As an average ,there were at least 90 votes per question with several narrative responses to open ended questions. Interesting were the results of the ranked choice voting where the top three issues of importance were identified as extending telehealth policy waivers, prescriptive authority for advanced trained psychologists, and changing the definition of imminently dangerous for consideration of hospitalization. This information may be particularly interesting to LEG PIG members.</li> <li>• R. Ries mentioned the handout describing the City and County of Honolulu’s Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement (CORE) Program. He encouraged Council members to review the handout and share it with others in the community. Of particular note, as of Monday, December 13, 2021, the CORE Program has their own non-emergency CORE phone number which is (808) 768-CORE or (808) 768-2673. There is a link to view a short video about CORE in the handout. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to view the video.</li> </ul>			
<p>VII. Meeting Evaluation / Future Agenda</p>	<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>	<p>For information only.</p>		

<p>Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Ries thanked Council members for their participation.</li> <li>• R. Ries felt that the Council meeting covered a lot of information and Council members made good use of meeting time.</li> </ul> <p>The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.</p> <p>Pending speaker availability/confirmation for a future meeting presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOH Child Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) update (January 2022).</li> <li>• Arranging for someone from Maui to speak about Wailuku, Maui’s Community Clean and Safe Program that provides opportunities for homeless individuals to become employed (January/February 2022)</li> <li>• Captain Mike Lambert from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to speak about HPD’s efforts to ramp up crisis intervention and divergence training for HPD officers and to seek Council feedback (January/February 2022).</li> <li>• Honolulu City and County CORE (January/February 2022).</li> </ul>			
<p>XIV. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.</p>	<p>For information only.</p>		
<p>Electronic Mail Outs</p>	<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 2) with handouts (total of 9 handouts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. December 2021 Meeting – Agenda</li> <li>2. November 2021 Meeting – Draft Minutes</li> <li>3. November 2021 Meeting – FY22 Attendance Log</li> <li>4. December 2021 Meeting - Standing Agenda Report Template with Fillable Forms</li> <li>5. December 2021 Meeting – Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan, SCMh PIG List</li> <li>6. December 2021 Meeting – Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan, PSA PIG Meeting Notes, 9/22/21</li> <li>7. December 2021 Meeting – Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan, OnRe PIG Essential Elements List, 11/4/21</li> </ol>	<p>For information only.</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. December 2021 Meeting – Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan, HMHC PIG Meeting Notes, 11/24/21</li> <li>9. December 2021 Meeting – Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan, HMHC B. Cole/NAMI-HI, HI ACT Pilot Program</li> </ul> <p>E-mail (2 of 2) with handouts (total of 9 handouts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. December 2021 Meeting – Old Business, 2022 SCMH Report to Governor Legislature DRAFT</li> <li>11. December 2021 Meeting – Old Business, State Behavioral Health Planning Councils Information Sheet</li> <li>12. December 2021 Meeting – Old Business, Thank you letter, A. Curtis DRAFT</li> <li>13. December 2021 Meeting – Closing Announcements, Letter of Resignation, D. Koyanagi</li> <li>14. December 2021 Meeting – Closing Announcements, Governor’s Policy Bulletin 11/12/21</li> <li>15. December 2021 Meeting – Closing Announcements, HPA 2022 Member Survey on Legislative Issues</li> <li>16. December 2021 Meeting – Closing Announcements, IVAT 2022 Flyer</li> <li>17. December 2021 Meeting – Closing Announcements, IVAT 2022 Art Challenge Registration Form</li> <li>18. December 2021 Meeting – Closing Announcements, C&amp;C Honolulu EMS CORE Program Handout</li> </ul>			
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