

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

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
April 12, 2022  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Katherine Aumer, Antonino Beninato, Christopher Knightsbridge, Eileen Lau-James, Merriam Kathleen; Jennifer Renfro, Tara Reed, and Marian Tsuji (ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Members Excused: Charlene “Naomi” Crozier, Jon Fujii, Heidi Ilyavi, Martinez, Beatrice “Kau’i” Seguancia, and Richard Ries

Guests Present: Daintry Bartoldus, Debbie Kobayakawa, Madison Coburn, Lea Dias, Cindy Dang, Jackie Jackson, Raelyn Reyno-Yeomans, Kelii Otremba, Ray Rice, and Bradley Wade


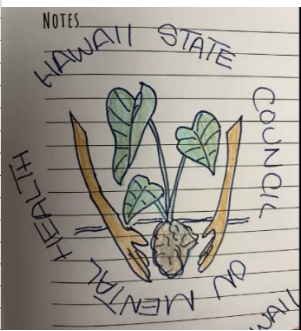
AMHD and CAMHD Staff Present: Gyan Chaudhary, Stacy Haitsuka, Jocelyn Nazareno, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, and Valerie Yin

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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I. Call to Order	Tara Reed, 1st. Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Tara Reed welcomed everyone.  Quorum was established later at 10:07 am. Katherine Aumer noted that she had a problem with the meeting links. A Zoom link provided in the public notice is different from the Zoom link in the email that accompanied the handouts.	For information only	Tara Reed, 1st Vice Chairperson	
II. Meeting Announcements	It was clarified that Lea Dias, who was in attendance cannot be counted for quorum purposes yet. Christopher Knightsbridge and Tara Reed shared their experience on next steps to member’s official oathtaking.	For information only		

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III. Consideration and Approval of Review Minutes	<p>The minutes for the March 8, 2022, draft minutes were reviewed. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand clarified that she received an email from Tara Reed before the March 8 meeting but failed to see it in a timely manner. She offered the information for the Council to consider excusing Tara Reed for the March 8, 2022 meeting. Katherine Aumer moved to approve the meeting drafts with a correction that will mark Tara Reed as “excused” instead of “absent.”</p> <p>Eileen Lau-James asked about Marian Tsuji’s position in the Council and why she is considered a non-voting member. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand mentioned that she is an ex-officio member and will explain about membership at a future meeting.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Katherine Aumer moved to approve the March 8, 2022, minutes. Christopher Knightsbridge seconded. All voted to approve, except for Tara Reed who abstained.</p>		
IV. Community Input	<p>An email to the Council was received from Ramon Melendez, a University of Hawaii Manoa graduate student who is researching behavioral health legislative bills. He requested for Council answers in. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand read the contents of the email. The questions were for the Council were: 1) What will the passing of SB 2645 do for the people of Hawaii in general?; 2) How will SB 2645 impact the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health specifically?; and 3) Does the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health have any reservations about this piece of legislation?</p> <p>Tara Reed asked how the Council wants to address the community input. Christopher Knightsbridge said that question #2 can be answered right away. SB2645 died during the session and this bill has no impact on the Council.</p> <p>There was consensus to send the inquiry to the PIG on LEG for a response. Christopher Knightsbridge suggested that when the Council gets questions like these in the future, that it is best to defer to the PIGs for answers.</p>	<p>The public input will be forwarded to the PIG LEG to be taken up at their next meeting.</p>		

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<p>V. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program Update</li>   <li>• Wailuku Clean and Safe Program Update</li>   <li>• State Council Business Cards – Logo Designs</li> </ul>	<p>There were two things covered under this agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you letter to Major Michael Lambert from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD).</li>   <li>• Eileen Lau-James asked about the letter that was mentioned in the thank you letter, about supporting self-care for policy officer. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand reported that she is still working on the draft letter as agreed upon last meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you letter to Mr. Lawrence Kauha’aha’a who presented on the Wailuku Clean and Safe Program</p> <p>Eileen Lau-James reported that she received input from Naomi Crozier on the meaning and use of “kalo” plant. She shared her screen to show rough drafts of two designs and requested for feedback.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Christopher Knightsbridge moved to approve the thank you letter to Major Michael Lambert. Eileen Lau-James seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand will complete the first draft of the advocacy letter.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Christopher Knightsbridge moved to approve the thank you letter to Mr. Lawrence Kauha’aha’a. Eileen Lau-James seconded. The motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Eileen Lau-James will make further refinement based on the comments received.</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are State Behavioral Health Councils and</li> </ul>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Design 1 draft</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Design 2 draft</p>  </div> </div> <p>The designs show the kalo plant with hands reaching down together to pull the kalo plant root out. This is a sign of hands helping. The kalo plant roots were made to look like a brain. In the first design, there is a river flowing from the mountain to symbolize tying communities together. The text, State Council on Mental Health, surrounds each design.</p> <p>Tara Reed asked whether the Council needs to have consensus on which design to have. Eileen Lau-James said that there is not a need yet as she is just gathering feedback on both. Christopher Knightsbridge said that either one should be considered. He pointed out that the color of the skin in the design, and the need to reflect local skin color. Eileen Lau-James agreed and said that the skin color will be darker. Tara Reed said the kalo plant and brain is a good idea. Eileen Lau-James said that said brain is the original idea which will make it different from others.</p> <p>Letter to SAMSHA and Community Input: Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand reminded the Council that the SAMHSA (Kent Forde) presentation has yet to be rescheduled. As requested by the Council, there is a presentation today from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Division.</p>	<p>Staff will continue to follow up with SAMHSA/ Kent Forde.</p>		

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<p>Should Hawaii Form One?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resiliency Training for First Responders</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Focus Area #1</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Focus Area #1</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Focus Area #2</li> <li>• Strategic Planning Retreat</li> </ul>	<p>This was discussed under “thank you letter to Major Lambert. A letter advocating for self-care will be drafted by staff.</p> <p>Council Discussion: Identify existing mental health services, payors, and eligibility criteria, statewide, by county (state-funded and none-state funded)</p> <p>Council Discussion: Identify feasible ways to improve access to existing mental health services, including input from stakeholders within Council members’ area(s) of representation, Service Area Boards, and community members.</p> <p>Council Discussion: Identify ways 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>The Retreat Planning will be taken up with the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to research the structure of next Council retreat.</p>	<p>Tabled.</p> <p>Tabled.</p> <p>Tabled.</p> <p>Staff will send out a doodle poll and set up a meeting.</p>		
<p>VI. Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Action Plan: Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIG for Infographics</li> </ul>	<p>This PIG did not meet. No report. Tara Reed requested for help on this.</p>	<p>Staff will send out a doodle</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="155 329 394 467">• PIG for Public Service Announcement (PSA)</li>   <li data-bbox="155 623 352 797">• PIG for Onboarding and Reboarding (On-Re)</li>   <li data-bbox="155 846 338 943">• PIG for Legislation (LEG)</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="422 329 1236 574">Antonino Beninato originally planned to have a PSA audio but the format he is collecting information on can also do PSA video. PSA videos of 30 or 40 seconds is possible. He is waiting for members to schedule recording. Kathleen Merriam said that she checked the website and found it cool and sophisticated. She asked if technical assistance is possible. Antonino Beninato encouraged all members to reach out to him if needed.</p> <p data-bbox="422 623 1226 686">Christopher Knightsbridge announced that he is stepping down as lead for this PIG at the last meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="422 846 1236 1455">Eileen Lau-James summarized the PIG’s activities and results.  -Council wrote 4 testimonies  -Council submitted 13 testimonies for 5 bills, 4 testimonies with comments and 9 in support  -All testimonies were handouts at council meetings  -SB 899, the initial hearing and was approved with the amendments that the Council made.  -The current PIG for legislation will be dissolved in June but will have lessons for the next legislative session and PIG. The following were pointed out: The most relevant Council meetings for legislation will be the January and February meetings next year. There is much work that must happen in a short period of time, with bills introduced between January 5 to February 3 only. A PIG LEG should start having meetings before the legislative session. Additional Council executive meetings can be used to discuss all bills that the Council support. It was recognized that time and discussion are important, and members should be</p>	<p data-bbox="1266 220 1608 284">poll and set up a meeting to reconvene this PIG.</p> <p data-bbox="1266 329 1545 427">Kathleen Merriam and others will reach out to Antonino Beninato.</p> <p data-bbox="1266 623 1602 721">Staff will send a doodle poll and set up a meeting to restart this PIG.</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="155 659 296 721">• PIG for Retreat</li>   <li data-bbox="155 954 380 1089">• PIG for Hospital Mental Health Care (HMHC)</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="422 217 1188 282">expected to come prepared to have a position on bills and vote according.</p> <p data-bbox="422 326 1220 578">Kathleen Merriam suggested that some of this work can also be done in our strategic planning or at our retreat. Eileen Lau-James commented that Council should use the time in between the legislation session to work on focus areas. During the retreat, members can further hone on focus areas, possibly identify new focus areas based on what we learn this year and, in the future, possibly be involved in drafting own bills.</p> <p data-bbox="422 659 1230 829">Jennifer Renfro asked and said that if the retreat is just the 13 Council members, she will not need to get a big venue. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand suggested that the first meeting can be about the main goals. The goals will determine what kind and size the retreat will be. Eileen Lau-James volunteered to be on this PIG.</p> <p data-bbox="449 951 1220 1122">Eileen Lau-James shared an update of the HMHC presentation, which covers information after the PIG met with AMHD’s Dr. Curtis. Entitled, “Current Availability of Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Beds in Hawaii”, the report is a summary of the PIG’s findings to date.</p> <p data-bbox="449 1170 1230 1268">Slide 1 covered a backgrounder on the history of psychiatric bed shortages. Everyone feels that there is not enough bed. Slides 2 cover SHPDA 2020 data on approved versus license beds.</p> <p data-bbox="449 1317 1209 1455"><i>Oahu:</i> Castle Medical Center - 29 beds for adults; No beds for youths Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) – 202 beds for adults; No beds for youths. All beds must be available for forensic patients.</p>	<p data-bbox="1266 659 1598 902">Staff will help schedule the first PIG meeting for the retreat. Eileen Lau-James will send Jennifer Renfro her contact information to share materials from the previous retreat planning.</p> <p data-bbox="1266 951 1608 1268">Eileen Lau-James will make corrections to the PowerPoint slides and the corrected one will be shared as a future meeting handout. (“Current Availability of Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Beds in Hawaii”)</p>		

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	<p>Kahi Mohala – 88 beds for youths; No beds for adults Queens Medical Center – 35 beds for adults ;28 beds for youths</p> <p><i>Hawaii Island:</i> Hilo Medical Center – 20 beds for adults Kona Community Hospital – 11 beds for adults No beds for youths on the Island of Hawaii</p> <p><i>Maui</i> Maui Memorial Medical Center – 11 beds for adults No beds for youths on the Island of Maui</p> <p><i>Kauai:</i> Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital – 9 beds for adults No beds for youths on the Island of Kauai</p> <p><i>Lanai and Molokai:</i> No beds available</p> <p>Slide 3 covered data gathered by PIGs. <i>Psychiatric inpatient beds for VA:</i> Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) – 16 beds locked psychiatric unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For diversion of patients that have Tricare or qualify for VA psychiatric service. All eligible veterans can be transferred to the VA psychiatric unit at TAMC from Queens or Castle if clinically indicated and beds are available.</li> </ul> <p><i>Health Care Workers Shortages</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2019, 40% of physicians felt burnout</li> <li>• 2 in every 5 physicians in the United States (US) will be over 65 years old in the next decade and their retirement will affect work force shortages.</li> </ul>			



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are also shortages of nurses, case managers behavioral health workers and social workers.</li> </ul> <p><i>The report points the following bottleneck that needs Council attention:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out that when emergency psychiatric beds are not available, patients wait and take up bed space at the emergency room (ER). For t neighbor island patients, they are flown to Oahu for inpatient care, waiting in the ER until beds open.</li> </ul> <p><i>For strategies for reducing demand for psychiatric inpatient emergency beds the PIG found the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient AMHD Crisis Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hawaii Cares Lines</li> <li>○ Crisis Mobile Outreach</li> <li>○ Crisis Support Management</li> <li>○ Licensed Crisis Residential Services (LCRS)</li> <li>○ Short- and Long-Term Stabilization Beds</li> <li>○ 988 (National Suicide Prevention Line)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) Pilot Program</li> <li>• Discharge and Release practices -step-down facilities</li> </ul> <p>For the status of the Hawaii State Hospital, the PIG heard the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are building codes issues being addressed.</li> <li>• Have anti-ligature laws done for an older building by June 2023.</li> <li>• Funding was sought for the Guensberg Facility to be renovated into a step-down facility for civilian use. Goal is to have 144 beds for forensic and 134 beds for civilians.</li> </ul> <p>The PIG also found information about Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital on Kauai</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for long term psychiatric care facilities is underway</li> <li>• Increase capacity of long-term care</li> <li>• Create a continuum of care for behavioral health</li> <li>• Create a campus that model for multi-generational, multi-use healthcare village.</li> <li>• \$500,000 for the EIS has been approved by the Legislature for this facility.</li> </ul> <p>In conclusion, the PIG pose the following thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are we making full utilization of the number of beds currently licensed? We aren't and exploring why we aren't.</li> <li>• Inpatient hospitalization is by far the costliest portion of the behavioral health continuum of care (~\$10,000 per day). Can those funds be much more appropriately utilized in areas where they can create more impact?</li> <li>• Is there enough Crisis Intervention Care to divert cases that don't need hospitalization to stabilization beds?</li> <li>• Are there enough stabilization beds to address the need? We need to advocate for more beds.</li> <li>• Are patients being transitioned after hospitalization in a timely manner to a step-down stabilization facility if not ready to return to the community? How can we help support and advocate for programs for step-down stabilization facilities after hospitalization?</li> <li>• Are there enough long-term skilled residential nursing facilities for those that are unable to return to the community?</li> <li>• The shortage of health care workers and behavioral health care workers.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion: Tara Reed questioned the number of stabilization beds on Maui. Maui has 8 beds for LCRS, but Care Hawaii and Mental Health Kokua that have stabilization beds.</p>	<p>Eileen Lau-James will look into this. The PIG will find out the number of LCRS on</p>		

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	<p>Eileen Lau-James would like to post this information on the Council websites or Facebook page once all the information is accurate.</p> <p>Jennifer Renfro asked if this information become a resource that the Department of Education can use to support students and family and maybe reach out to the Legislators or the Health Committee.</p> <p>Tara Reed commented that on Maui more often 90% of the youth that goes to the ER are re-released into the environment that they just came.</p>	<p>the neighbor islands and who contracts these beds.</p>		
<p>VII. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May as Mental Health Awareness Month</li> <li>• State Council on Mental Health as a planning council for Mental Health Block Grant proposal due September 1, 2022. (presentation, PIG formation)</li> </ul>	<p>For next month, the Council will come up with a plan to actively participate in Mental Health Awareness. Activities. The DOH has some official activities which Council members can partake of. Stacy Haitsuka is also collecting some events from private providers. Mental Health Kokua and Care Hawaii and Mental Health America do events that the Council can join in on. Kathleen Merriam announced that they are going to be having a Mental Health Fair at the Windward Community Health Center with special guests and entertainment.</p> <p>Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand commented that the Council is designated planning council for purposes of the Mental Health Block grant. There is a September 1, 2022, due date to send the Block Grant application for the State of Hawaii. She is requesting that 30 minutes of every Council meeting from May to August be for Mental Health Block Grant planning presentation and discussion. She pointed out that a PIG has been created in the past to help with this planning mandate.</p>	<p>Add this item to Old Business on a future agenda.</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Council on Mental Health Report in Service Area Board meeting agenda.</li> </ul>	<p>Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand shared that she attended a few SAB meetings to know more about the SABs and to understand why the Council wasn't getting feedback it was needing from them. She suggested that the Council also send out a one-page SCM report to SAB meetings like it is requesting of SAB. This can help ensure that messages from the Council are transmitted uniformly across the different SABs. Tara Reed requested the one-page template to write the report to the SAB.</p>	<p>Staff will share the current template report form with Tara Reed.</p>		
<p>VIII. Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities (HSCoDD)</li> </ul>	<p>Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand introduced Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Administrator for the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She started with the Council in 2012 as the Council's Community and Legislative Liaison. She then moved into the executive position in 2017.</p> <p>Daintry Bartoldus highlighted four areas which she hoped with help the Council.</p> <p><i>Budget Report.</i> At the start of every fiscal year, there is a budget that the HSCoDD goes through. It is usually an update from the prior year. The HSCoDD receives State Funding allocated by the legislature through ACT 088. Funding is for salaries for Program Specialist positions, the donated dental services program, and operating expenses for the Council and self-advocacy network activities. It also receives federal funding. The federal funds are used for salaries for 5 full time positions on Oahu, Kauai and Hilo and fringe benefits and other current operating expenses. The operating Budget Total for Fiscal Year 2021-2022: State is \$246,563 and Federal \$514,000. It pays five percent to administrative cost because the HSCoDD is an attached agency to the Department of Health. All expenses are listed in the budget report. Every other month there is an executive meeting with their executive administrators to let people know the Council's expenditures.</p>	<p>Information only</p> <p>Daintry Bartoldus will be sharing presentation materials with the Council.</p>		

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	<p><i>Organization of the Council.</i> Every year the HSCoDD has to present its functional statement to the Legislature and explain what the Council’s functions are. It is key and important to cite the laws and mandates that guide the organization. Staffing includes an executive secretary, secretary and office assistant, social worker, and program specialist on every island (part-time for Hilo, Kona and Maui; full-time for Maui and Oahu).</p> <p><i>Role of the Council.</i> The Council is a “systems change” advocacy organization. Membership is 61% majority membership of individuals with IDD, family members, service providers, and representatives of state agencies. The uniqueness of the Council is they have a non-interference clause. Although they are attached to the Department of Health, they do not oversee the Council. The Council act independently. The Council is authorized to engage and implement systems advocacy, capacity building and system change activities over time. The Council started going to all the neighborhood meetings to let the community know what the Council is all about and to use the Council as a resource. Daintry Bartoldus strongly advise this Council to develop PR with the communities to let the communities know about the council and what is the mission statement and visions. What we also did was recommended to the neighborhood boards that people with disability should be included in the neighborhood boards and use us has a resource to provide information.</p> <p>Daintry Bartoldus stressed the importance of having good bylaws, making sure that it is user friendly and written in plain language. One of the most important provision in the bylaws is the immunity from and indemnification for civil liability. There is much effort place on the makeup of the HSCoDD to ensure good representation throughout the entire State. There is no compensation for serving on the council but provide necessary</p>			

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	<p>expenses, including travel and transportation. Also, paying for childcare if needed. A Program Specialist has meetings every month to get the input from the neighbor islands that the council member will bring back to the council.</p> <p>Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand introduced Debbie Kobayakawa , the Chairperson of the HSCoDD since 2020. Over the years, she has been a special education teacher and advocate. She is a co-facilitator of parent support groups for families who have a child or adult with disabilities based on Windward Oahu.</p> <p>Debbie Kobayakawa shared that one of her most meaningful role as a Chairperson is being able to empower the council members, especially to self-advocate to make sure they know can share their story and know how to share it with the legislators. She said, <i>“ I also feel really honored to be part of this council because of the mission on who we serve. It is so important to me; I am very passionate about advocating for our IDD population and to ensure that all individuals have a good quality life. Being on the Council as a Chairperson, it’s been a great opportunity and I learned so much. Being on the Council gives us an opportunity to shape the policies that drive laws and the rules that our loves ones survive on basically the rules and supports and how they can get their needs met. It’s really amazing to be part of this Council, to have the opportunity to voice concerns and meet these with answers or solutions or some types of response.”</i></p> <p>Some of the comments after the presentations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The idea of getting paid staff and being attached to another agency</li> <li>• The need for the State Council on Mental Health to look into the law on how the Council came to be and what we must look at (role).</li> </ul>			

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	Tara Reed thanked both guests for the presentation.			
IX. Island Representative Reports  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maui Service Area Board (MSAB) report</li> </ul>	Tara Reed reported that the MSAB meeting was cancelled and therefore, no update.  Note: At present, the Council does not have island representatives for the other service areas. HSAB shared its minutes of meetings.			
X. State Agency Representative Report  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health (DOH)</li> </ul>	Marian Tsuji gave an update on the Hawaii State Hospital. She said that there was a hearing last week, a joint Senate and House hearing, on why the hospital was not open yet. She reported that the DOH is moving in the first patient tomorrow. The plan is to move in phases so that the DOH can work out the procedural kinks. Also, DAGS and contractors are still fixing some things within the facility. She invited the Council to tour the new hospital.  Kathleen Merriam also shared the following: From Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of One Entry, One Hawaii CARES line being the one point of entry.</li> <li>• The Peer Recovery Support Specialist Certification.</li> <li>• The primary prevention services for substance abuse.</li> </ul> From Child and Adolescent Division- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting out Request for Proposal (RFP) for Outreach Program looking at kids in need.</li> </ul>	Staff will share Kathleen Merriam's written report with the Council.		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Human Services (DHS)</li> <li>○ Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)</li> <li>○ Med-Quest Division (MQD) Medicaid Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media campaign with KHON and Kolohe Kai for Children Mental Health Acceptance Month</li> <li>• In Honolulu, CAMD is getting five (5) buildings lit up in green for May Mental Health Month.</li> <li>• Procuring case management services to provide emergency departments that have youth with mental health needs that will have some extra support.</li> </ul> <p>From the Developmental Disability Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing the implementation of the spending plan that was approved to implement provisions of the American Rescue Plan. This has to do with support worker workforce and trauma informed approaches.</li> <li>• Implementing a number of providers-focus trainings to increase outcomes for competitive integrated employment and community integration.</li> </ul> <p>Kathleen Merriam suggests having ADAD come and present to the Council because most people with mental health conditions do have a substance abuse issues</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>			



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Education (DOE) Student Services Branch</li> </ul>	<p>Jennifer Renfro reported the completion of an art project. Students submitted artwork for a mental health awareness T-shirt. The work of a middle school student from Kapolei Intermediate School was selected. Jennifer Renfro also said that the rollout of Hazel Health is in process.</p> <p>Katherine Aumer asked about school psychologist licensure and what DOE thinks of that. Jennifer Renfro commented that all want our children to be receiving services and support by the most highly qualified/ licensed/certified professionals. The biggest issue is that there is no school psychologist license in the State of Hawaii (Via the Department of Consumer and Commerce Affairs or DCCA). The DOE has also met with the American Psychologist Association in Hawaii, and they don't see it as a fit in their organization because a school psychologist does not have clinical internship that a clinical psychologist would have, or a psychologist would have. The DOE support the intent but currently, there are only 22 current employees that would automatically qualify with the way the license is set, leaving 70 others. This is a concern and there are thoughts about growing your own kind of program. DOE is proposing and working with Chaminade University, and it received a grant for grow-your-own program. The idea is to have another type of psychologist that would end up with a mental health counselor license through DCCA.</p>	<p>Jennifer Renfro will send the link to purchase the T-shirt to Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand</p> <p>Add this as a new agenda item. Jennifer Renfro will contact a speaker from DOE. Staff to work with her on this.</p>		
<p>XII. Specialty Area Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hawaii Advisory committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled</li> </ul>	<p>Jon Fujii provided a copy of HACDACS minutes</p>	<p>For information only</p>		

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Substances (HACDACS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="107 329 327 391">• Mental Health Providers</li> <li data-bbox="107 513 390 651">• Parents and Family Members of Mental Health Services Recipients</li> <li data-bbox="107 805 285 911">• Youth and Consumer Advocates</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="422 329 491 354">None</p> <p data-bbox="422 513 1241 760">Eileen Lau-James commented that in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) meetings that she attends, the main concern is being able to get treatment for family loves ones who are in crisis and the civil commitment laws being the barrier. So not being able to get them treatment with our consent. Family members cannot help because of the law. This issue should always be on the table as a concern that needs to be addressed.</p> <p data-bbox="422 805 1182 906">Tara Reed reported that she liked hearing the Department talk about Peer Support Specialists but encouraged actually using them.</p>			
XIII. Meeting Evaluation/Future Agenda Items	This agenda item was not discussed.			
XV. Closing Announcements/ Website and social Media Updates	Tara Reed announced that Eileen Lau-James was nominated for a Mental Health of America Hawaii Chapter (MHAH) Mahalo Award 2022.	For information only		
XIV. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	For information only		

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Electronic Mail Outs	<p>The following handouts were e-mailed to SCMH members and individuals the SCMH e-mail distribution list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCMH April 12, 2022 Agenda</li> <li>• SCMH March 8, 2022 Minutes Draft</li> <li>• State Council Attendance Log March 2022</li> <li>• DOH Director Char Message March 22, 2022</li> <li>• Thank you letter for Major Mike Lambert HPD Draft</li> <li>• Thank you letter for Lawrence Kauha’aha’a Maui Clean and Safe Program Draft</li> <li>• SCMH Written Testimony SB2076_SD2</li> <li>• SCMH Written Testimony SB2076_SD2_HD1</li> <li>• SCMH Written Testimony SB 2624 SD2</li> <li>• SCMH Written Testimony SB2624_SD2_HD2</li> <li>• SCMH PIGs and Members Tracking List</li> <li>• HSAB January 1, 2022 Minutes</li> <li>• HSAB February 22, 2022 Minutes</li> <li>• HACDACS November 16, 2022 Minutes</li> </ul>	For information only		