

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

Kinau Hale Board Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
June 14, 2016  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: **Calcagno, Sheila; Crum, Louise; Daraban, Charlene; Durant, Mike; Foard, Susan; Kaneshiro, Iris; Koyanagi, M.D., Chad; Lyons, Frances; Rocchio, Christopher; Shimabukuro, Ph.D., Scott; Vorsino, Psy.D., Marie; Wilcox, APRN, Noelani.**

Members Absent:

Members Excused: **Arendorf, M.D., Al; Dang, Psy.D, Cynthia; Minami, Theresa; Simms, Sandra.**

Guests Present: **Kajimura, Trisha; Michell, Gary; Ries, Psy. D., MSEd., Richard**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Cooper, Rei; Hiraga-Nuccio, Keane, Greg; Madeleine; Michels, M.D., Stan; Nazareno, Jocelyn;**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
1. Call To Order	<p>Marie Vorsino, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. and quorum was established.</p> <p>The following Council Members, whose term ended on June 30, 2016, were acknowledged for their work and contributions to the State Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Durant</li> <li>• Susan Foard</li> <li>• Noelani Wilcox</li> </ul>		M. Vorsino, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	
2. Review of Minutes	<p>The minutes for May 10, 2016 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Ms. Foard moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Crum seconded.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> With no objections, a motion to approve the May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes carried unanimously.</p>	State Council	
3. Community Input	None			

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4. Housing Challenges on Hawaii Island	<p>Mr. Gary Michell, County Service Director of Mental Health Kokua (MHK), gave an overview of housing services that MHK provides in Hilo and Kona. He stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHK has been providing housing services in Hawaii for the past 43 years.</li> <li>• In 1991, MHK began providing housing services in Hilo and expanded services to Kona in 1998.</li> <li>• On Hawaii Island, the census shows that there is a 100% shortage of 24-hour Group Home beds.</li> <li>• The 8-16 hour Group Homes are always filled to capacity (90% to 95%).</li> <li>• The Semi Independent Group Home in Kona which recently opened filled very quickly.</li> </ul> <p>Services Provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 66 total beds on the Big Island; 34 beds in Hilo and 32 beds in Kona.</li> <li>• 16 beds are for 24 hour Group Homes.</li> <li>• 26 beds are for 8-16 hour Group Homes in Hilo.</li> <li>• 18 beds are for 8-16 hour Group Homes in Kona.</li> <li>• 8 beds are in the Semi-Independent Group Home in Kona.</li> </ul> <p>Housing Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHK follows the Landlord Tenant Code pertaining to rentals. This past year, tenants at MHK were not evicted for non-payment of rent since most tenants have Representative Payee Services, which assists them in managing their finances.</li> <li>• Tenants are generally evicted for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging in illegal activities;</li> <li>• Damaging property;</li> <li>• Assaults, sex abuse;</li> <li>• Possessions of weapons, firearms, or drugs; and</li> <li>• Other misconducts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The challenge is to transition consumers out of MHK's housing into the community because there is a shortage of Affordable Housing for the consumers.</li> </ul>	For information only.	Mr. Gary Michell	

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	<p>Length of Stay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The average length of stay in MHK group homes varies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For 24-hour Group Homes the average stay is eight to six months.</li> <li>• For 8-16 hour Group Homes, the average stay is two years.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Mr. Michell shared that HOPE Services Inc. will be utilizing Matson containers to convert them into housing units for individuals on Hawaii Island.</p>			
<p>5. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) Report</p>	<p>Dr. Stan Michels reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bill to lower the age of consent to age 14 years of age, for psychological counseling, passed this session.</li> <li>• Additional state money, for a 9 to 1 Federal match, was given to CAMHD to improve their data infrastructure. A Request for Proposal has been awarded to the winning bidder, and the project is moving forward.</li> <li>• For the next Legislative session, CAMHD has started to work on increasing the Purchase of Service (POS) providers' reimbursements. The residential programs are the highest priority on the list for reimbursements.</li> <li>• CAMHD has planned a meeting with all the POS Chief Executive Officers and the Director Health to discuss the process for POS providers' reimbursements. Input from individuals are also being sought to include in a packet to be submitted to the Legislature.</li> <li>• This summer, CAMHD has initiated a rate study with the Western States Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) to compare CAMHD's services with other Western States. CAMHD hopes to get the results by September in order to present them during the next Legislative session.</li> <li>• CAMHD has submitted a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration System of Care Grant to focus on Wellness Recovery Action Plan efforts to return youth placed on the mainland back to Hawaii communities.</li> <li>• CAMHD plans to proactively intervene in high risk cases for mainland placement.</li> <li>• The funding for Project Kealahou is in its final year. Mental Health Block Grant funds will be used to preserve the core activity of the project.</li> </ul>	<p>For information only</p>	<p>S. Michels, M.D.</p>	

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6. Discussion and Update – State Council’s Strategic Plan	<p>Dr. Vorsino provided background information on the development of the Council’s Strategic Plan. She then gave members an opportunity to add or refine information.</p> <p>Members suggested the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Council meeting, establish permitted interaction groups to work on the Council website, legislative issues, and other objectives.</li> <li>• Advocate for more money for consumer housing. Work with a senator or house of representative to develop a bill to advocate for additional housing funds for individuals living with mental health illness.</li> <li>• Encourage Council members to be more participatory at the Legislature.</li> <li>• Support various bills or legislative initiatives submitted from different State Agencies during the session.</li> <li>• Develop a centralized location to disseminate general information for the public. For example, a calendar that has information on scheduled trainings throughout the year.</li> <li>• Work with the City Council on housing initiatives for the homeless.</li> <li>• Incorporate Housing First initiatives into the Strategic Plan and review the original budget that supported these activities.</li> <li>• Advocate for more treatment and less jail time for people with dual diagnosis.</li> <li>• Recommend licensing and certification of police officers to handle crisis situations with individuals living with serious mental illness.</li> <li>• Educate legislators and the City Council on ongoing mental health issues.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Action:</u> Dr. Vorsino volunteered to update the Strategic Plan and include information about the development of the plan.</p>	M. Vorsino, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	7/12/16
7. Island Reports	<p><b><u>Hawaii Island</u></b> There was no Service Area Board (SAB) meeting, but Ms. Lyons shared the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three (3) Hawaii SAB members attended the Suicide Prevention Training.</li> <li>• There will be a Mental Health First Aid Training on the Youth component, on the June 23, 2016 in Keaau.</li> </ul>	For information only.	F. Lyons	

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7. Island Reports cont'd.	<p><b><u>Oahu</u></b> No report</p> <p><b><u>Maui</u></b> No report</p> <p><b><u>Kauai</u></b> The Kauai SAB held an informational meeting.</p>	For information only.	R. Cooper	
8. Announcements	The Annual Conference for NAMI-Hawaii will be held on June 18, 2016 at the Queen's Medical Center, Auditorium.			
9. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition of Youth from CAMHD to the Adult Mental Health Division.</li> <li>• Invite an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division representative to speak on substance abuse initiatives in the community.</li> <li>• Invite Rick Blangiardi, General Manager of Hawaii News Now and John Fink, General Manager of KFVE-TV to speak on Media Efforts to De-Stigmatize Mental Health.</li> </ul>			
10. Adjournment	With no further business for the Council to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.			
Electronic Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Council on Mental Health Agenda for June 14, 2016</li> <li>• State Council Draft Minutes, May 10, 2016</li> <li>• State Council Attendance Log'16</li> <li>• State Council Strategic Plan FY2016</li> <li>• CAMHD Report, June 7, 2016</li> </ul>			