

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Administration  
 Department of Health, State of Hawaii  
 Queen Medical Center: Conference Center  
 June 8, 2010  
 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Buffenstein, M.D., Alan; Cabatbat, Arthur; Cattaneo, Liesje; Durant, Mike; Hack, Randolph; Harris, J.T.; Kaneaiakala, Alva; Miyoshi, Sandra; Sandal, Candace; Shiraki, Ph.D., Steven; Tsark, Amy; Young, Carol.**

Members Absent: **Kilion, Ku’ulei**

Members Excused: **Shiraki, Ph.D., Steve; Watters, Maile; Wilcox, APRN, Noelani.**

Guests Present: **Daraban, Charlie; Gonzalez, Peter; Kolleen, Kevin; Robinson, Diane; Yokote, Sharon**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Haitsuka, Stacy; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Pak, Sandra; Sheehan, M.D., William P.; Sturgis, Anne; Vendetti, Ph.D., Thomas**

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1. Call To Order	Chair, Carol Young, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and quorum was established.			
2. Review of Minutes	The May 11, 2010 minutes were reviewed by the Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hansen abstained from voting on the minutes because she did not have them with her. As a result, the minutes could not be voted on based on the lack of eleven (11) votes.</li> </ul>	Minutes were deferred until next month for approval.		
3. Community Input	Peter Gonzalez reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Self-Help received a grant from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to be used to teach Native Hawaiian consumer Bridges classes.</li> <li>• He attended the Maui Service Area Board meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> as an appointed Board member.</li> <li>• Dr. Tom Vendetti presented his Administration Report to the Board that he shared with the AMHD Executive Team.</li> <li>• The Maui SAB discussed the case management position on Molokai, and a Board member indicated that one of the three positions on Molokai is supposed to be for a Peer Specialist. Whether the position is full-time or part-time was not made clear.</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Robinson from CARE Hawaii on the Big Island expressed her concerns about the Service Area Administrator positions being eliminated.</li> <li>• Ms. Robinson commented that it is of great concern for the Big Island community because Ms. Anne Sturgis who was in the position was able to represent AMHD, while being neutral in articulating the needs of consumers and providers on the Big Island to administration on Oahu.</li> <li>• Ms. Hansen suggested that Ms. Robinson write to Dr. Sheehan and to Governor Lingle to express her concerns.</li> </ul>			
Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 10:00 a.m., Ms. Kilonia left the meeting; as a result, quorum was lost.</li> <li>• Ms. Young, Chair of the SCMh, then called for a break to see if other Council members who said they would be in attendance would show up.</li> <li>• Quorum re-established at 10:10 a.m.</li> </ul>			
Community Input cont'd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharon Yokote expressed her concern that the AMHD consumer population is aging. She noted that there are not many good resources in helping this population.</li> <li>• Ms. Yokote suggested that the Council partner with the Service Director for MISA &amp; Other Special Populations to put together resources for consumers and perhaps post it on the AMHD or Network of Care websites.</li> </ul>			
4. CAMHD Report	<p>Ms. Sandra Pak reported for CAMHD. She noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Mental Health Block Grant and Data Conference will be held in June. Dr. Michels will be attending the conference.</li> <li>• CAMHD has received a 5-6 year Grant from SAMHSA which is focused on female girls with a history of trauma and which is a contributor to behavioral problems.</li> <li>• Interviews for a project manager for the Grant are being conducted and there will be specialized training and evaluation to identify and work on these youths' challenges.</li> <li>• CAMHD has closed two programs – the Big Island Latency Program and the Hale Kipa Homeless Youth Center due to under-utilization.</li> <li>• The Windward Family Guidance Center has been consolidated under the Central Oahu Family Guidance Center although they will continue to function separately.</li> </ul>	For information only.		

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5. AMHD Report	<p>Dr. William Sheehan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transition of consumers to their Quest Health Plans is continuing. Letters have not yet been sent to consumers notifying them of the transition. This is due to the contracts not yet being finalized.</li> <li>• In regards to a comment made at the SCMH last month: How will DHS monitor fidelity so that the private for-profit companies don't profit from our tax dollars? Dr. Sheehan commented that he believes a small profit margin is allowed. The Department of Human Services (DHS) has a tool to monitor all Quest Plans in all the regions of the State on a monthly and quarterly basis.</li> <li>• As far as merging DOH with DHS, Dr. Sheehan shared that he does not have any objection to this possibility; one advantage to combining the two departments would allow for access to data that AMHD doesn't have right now.</li> <li>• A provider panel from Kaiser, AlohaCare and HMSA is being developed to assist with coordinating transition efforts.</li> <li>• The Service Area Administrator positions are not being extended beyond June 30, 2010. The duties will be transferred to the Community Mental Health Centers.</li> <li>• Members expressed their dissatisfaction with this decision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sandal stated that Kauai needs someone who is independent of the clinic director to go in the community and work with providers to get things done. She expressed a lack of confidence that the center manager or the center medical director will actually get the job done to meet the needs of the community.</li> <li>• Ms. Sandal cited the lack of urgency by the center manager in getting the Network of Care system set up in the Kauai Clinic. This she noted is still inoperable after a year.</li> <li>• Ms. Hansen stated that the SAAs were the last voice the neighbor islands had to express the needs of each community. Moreover, the outer islands feel that the administration has closed its doors to them.</li> <li>• Others stated that for the medical directors to take on the SAA responsibilities would be too much for their already full plates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>When asked for the reason for eliminating the SAA positions, Dr. Sheehan responded that AMHD is trying to make do with what they have, and the</p>	For information only		

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	<p>directive is to expand the Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs). Therefore, the CMHC medical directors who are the over-seers for the CMHCs have to do the job of the SAAs. Information about the needs of the county will go to the CMHC System Administrator and then to him.</p> <p>Dr. Sheehan expressed his appreciation for the work that the current SAAs did under difficult conditions. He acknowledged Council members’ opposition to the decision, however, going forward, he asked the Council for advice on how to shift the transition or the responsibilities from the SAA to the CMHC and the Service Area Boards.</p> <p>Dr. Buffenstein asked Dr. Sheehan to share how he plans to develop the CMHCs.</p> <p>Dr. Sheehan responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year the AMHD is projected to have a limited budget; thus, the Division has to live within its means.</li> <li>• AMHD’s focus is on consumers who are discharged, transferred or diverted from the State Hospital; consumers who are legally encumbered; and consumers at home who have no other place to get services.</li> <li>• In the future when the Quest Expanded contract is renewed, AMHD will ask to be taken out of that contract, and consumers will be transitioned to their plans. As a result, EverCare and Ohana will be in a position to provide for consumers physical as well as their mental health needs.</li> <li>• Consumers who are forensically encumbered will eventually transition from the Purchase of Service providers and move into the CMHCs.</li> <li>• Eventually, AMHD’s primary focus will be on consumers who are legally encumbered, at risk of being in the State Hospital because of the legal system, as well as consumers who don’t have any insurance.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Buffenstein noted that AMHD appears to be a lot more focused and a lot more restrictive as to the scope of work and services. He also stated that AMHD appears to be sharing the burden of providing mental health services with other organizations – some which are non-profit and some for-profit.</p> <p>Dr. Buffenstein also expressed his concern that these organizations although providing mental health services, do not report to the Council, and therefore curtails the Council from fulfilling its mandate that consumers receive</p>			

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	<p>appropriate services. He continued that these organizations should report to the Council before the Council signs off on the next State Plan.</p> <p>Council members then discussed DHS representation on the Council so that administrators can hear the concerns of the Council on behalf of consumers; receive advice from the Council and listen to community input.</p> <p>Ms. Judith Clarke explained that the Council cannot just add a position. She noted that Federal Law clearly states the six principal state agencies that are represented on the Council: mental health, education vocational rehabilitation, housing, criminal justice and social services.</p> <p>Ms. Young suggested that Council should invite these people to the table for the next meeting and start from there with discussions – Council members agreed.</p>			
6. Letter of Advocacy to DHS	<p>Mr. Durant worked on the letter with Dr. Buffenstein and Ms. Shirley Davenport from the Oahu Service Area Board and asked for the Council’s approval.</p> <p>Suggestions to the Letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the last paragraph of the letter, Council should list the options or add recommendations that the Council would like Dr. Fink to take.</li> <li>• Add, “Please discontinue the requirement to obtain authorization before somebody gets medications” or something like that.</li> <li>• “What’s the punch line for this letter?”</li> <li>• Send a copy of the letter to Dr. Custodio at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Hack called for a motion to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegate to the Chair the authority to make changes or modifications to the last paragraph.</li> <li>• Council approved the letter in principle after the Chair makes changes to the letter.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Action:</u> Motion passed as a result of a unanimous vote.</p>		

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7. Island Reports	<p><u>Hawai`i Island</u> No report</p> <p><u>Kaua`i Island</u> Ms. Sandal reported on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only four (4) consumers participated in the Consumer Survey on Kauai because consumers were not informed about it.</li> <li>• Dr. Kimo Alameda facilitated a training on “Surviving and Thriving in Difficult Times”.</li> <li>• Due to the elimination of the SAA position, the work on the Gallery has been cancelled.</li> <li>• She expressed her appreciation for the work done by the Kauai SAA and stated that the Kauai SAB has done a lot, such as the PAD (Psychiatric Advance Directive) for consumers.</li> </ul> <p><u>Lanai Island</u> Mr. Cabatbat gave the Lanai Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Balog is back to work on Maui; he is scheduled to be on Lanai on July 26<sup>th</sup>. An APRN Rx has been going to Lanai once a week.</li> <li>• The Case Manager on Lanai has not been able to attend a staff meeting on Maui for about 12 -18 months; hopefully, this will be resolved once the web cam system is operational.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maui Island</u> Ms. Hansen reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Maui SAB held its meeting this month.</li> <li>• Housing is still a challenge for Maui County. The most difficult thing is to try to expedite the forms needed to get 24-hour care.</li> <li>• Still not clear if consumers need the three pieces of IDs to get an assessment.</li> <li>• Dr. Vendetti went over the SAA report he provided to the AMHD Executive Team. (Ms. Hansen noted that Dr. Vendetti made a DVD about the mental health situation on Maui, but it received negative responses from the Executive Team).</li> <li>• She will make a copy of the DVD for the Council to view.</li> </ul>	<p>For information only.</p> <p>For information only.</p> <p>For information only.</p>		

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	<p>In response to Ms. Hansen’s report, Dr. Sheehan shared that he notified the CMHC managers and medical directors that it is not the protocol for consumers to need three pieces of ID to get an assessment. “We actually have a form that is just an application for the consumer to fill out verifying that the consumer lives in Hawaii, they are a citizen and don’t have other means to pay for services.”</p> <p><u>Oahu Island</u> Mr. Durant reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Eva Kishimoto, Service Director for MISA &amp; Other Special Populations presented on Trauma Informed Care.</li> <li>• Ms. Kishimoto is also working on a program to screen PTSD in consumers.</li> <li>• Mr. Troy Freitas reported on the Network of Care. He shared the Network of Care is now operational in two mental health centers.</li> <li>• Ms. Linda Appel reported that AMHD met their budget for this year.</li> </ul>	For information only.		
8. Plans for using Block Grant Funds	Ms. Young noted that the Council has \$5,700 to spend by September, 2010. She encouraged members to think about how to expend the funds, maybe in light of the issues raised at today’s meeting. Ms. Young stated that members should submit proposals for this endeavor.			
	Lost quorum at 12:00 p.m. this resulted in the adjourning of the meeting.			
Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCMh May 11, 2010 agenda and June 8, 2010 minutes</li> <li>• SCMh Attendance Log</li> <li>• Draft Letter of Advocacy to Dr. Fink, DHS</li> <li>• The Sunshine Law – PowerPoint Handout, Office of Information Practices</li> <li>• SCMh By-Laws, K. Kilonia’s Revisions</li> <li>• AMHD May 2010, Provider Bulletin</li> <li>• Oahu SAB, April 19, 2010 Agenda &amp; Minutes</li> <li>• Oahu SAB, March 15, 2010 Agenda &amp; Minutes</li> <li>• Oahu SAB, February 22, 2010 Agenda &amp; Minutes</li> <li>• Oahu Kaua’i SAB, April 29, 2010 Agenda &amp; Minutes</li> <li>• Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, May 25, 2010 Agenda and April 27, 2010 Minutes.</li> </ul>			