

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Administration
 Department of Health, State of Hawaii
 Queen Medical Center: Conference Center
 July 13, 2010
 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Buffenstein, M.D., Alan; Cattaneo, Liesje; Durant, Mike; Gonzalez, Peter; Hack, Randolph; Harris, J.T.; Kaneaiakala, Alva; Miyoshi, Sandra; Sandal, Candace; Shiraki, Ph.D., Steven; Wilcox, APRN, Noelani; Young, Carol.**

Members Absent:

Members Excused: **Kiliona, Ku’ulei; Tsark, Amy; Watters, Maile;**

Guests Present: **Bouton, Nicole; Daraban, Charlie; DeTucci, Rick; Freitas, Troy; Grambs, Marya; Tom, Trina; Uchima, Eileen, Wall, Scott; Wise, Tracey.**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Haitsuka, Stacy; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Sheehan, M.D., William P.**

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1. Call To Order	Chair, Carol Young, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and quorum was established.			
2. Review of Minutes	<p>The May 11, 2010 minutes were reviewed by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 1 of Community Input, first paragraph – change Mini Conference to Regional Conference. <p>The minutes of June 8, 2010 were reviewed by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 1 of Community Input, fourth bullet should read: “The Maui SAB discussed the case management position on Molokai.” 	<p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Durant moved to approve the May 11, 2010 minutes with amendments. Dr. Shiraki seconded. Mr. Durant moved to approve the June 8, 2010 minutes with amendments. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. 		
3. Community Input	No Community Input			
4. CAMHD Report	No CAMHD Report			

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5. Island Reports	<p><u>Oahu</u> Mr. Durant reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Linda Appel reported that the plans for the consumer transition to Me-Quest have not yet been approved, but the transitions will start July 1, 2010. Letters will be sent to the consumers and providers shortly. • Discussion occurred on the elimination of the Service Area Administrator (SAA) positions. Ms. Appel distributed copies of the Press Release to members. Members of the Board expressed concern that they were not going to get the same level of service from the CMHCs. It had not yet been decided who would be providing support for the Oahu Service Area Board starting in July. • Ms. Sharon Yokote expressed concerns for the older consumers. In response, Ms. Appel stated that the AMHD has a geriatric program for this population. <p><u>Maui</u> Mr. Peter Gonzalez reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were two incidents on Molokai related to mental health and substance abuse. One occurred on June 9, 2010 where a 42-year old man committed suicide, and the second occurred on June 26, 2010 where a woman and a teen were assaulted with a knife by a 52-year old man. • The Maui Service Area Board (SAB) conducted elections for new officers of the Board. Results were: Karin Phaneuf – Chair, Joey Enos –Vice-Chair, Peter Gonzalez – State Council representative for Maui County. <p><u>Kaua`i</u> Ms. Sandal reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kaua`i SAB meeting held last month was strained due to the termination of the Service Area Administrator. • The Block Grant National Grantee Conference held in Washington, D.C. was wonderful. • The Feds are expecting us to be doing Wellness, but Kaua`i doesn't seem to be complying – It is not happening for consumers and we have no Peer Specialist in the Clinic. Kaua`i has no resources to Wellness due to the budget cuts and elimination of positions. • Ms. Sandal introduced Rick DeTucci, Kaua`i Center Manager. 	<p>For information only.</p> <p>For information only.</p> <p>For information only.</p>		

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	<p><u>Lana`i</u> No report</p> <p><u>Hawai`i</u> No report</p> <p>Ms. Kaneaiakala asked about the representatives on the State Council from Molokai and Maui.</p> <p>Ms. Young responded that Peter Gonzalez will be the representative for both Molokai and Maui. Staff clarified that at this past Legislative Session, Mr. Gonzalez applied for membership on the Maui SAB and he was confirmed by the Senate. At the SAB meeting yesterday, the Board elected him as the representative for Maui County replacing Ms. Hansen whose term ended June 30, 2010.</p> <p>Since many of the island reports mentioned the termination of the SAA positions for each county, the Council decided to discuss this action and the impact on each county.</p> <p>Responses from the Island Representatives from the SABs were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaua`i – Our SAA was focused on doing things for consumers. She was the inspiration behind the Gallery on Kaua`i and she helped consumers get services. The SAA was our voice to the Administration on Oahu. In response Mr. Rick DeTucci, Center Manager, responded that he feels that his experience will serve the county well. • Oahu – Consumers were upset and concerned that they wouldn't get the same support from the Clinics. Mr. Troy Freitas attended the last Oahu SAB meeting and assured everyone that the Clinics were gearing up to do the job. • Maui – A lot of people are getting terminated like the SAAs and it would be wonderful to retain them, and also get better services for youth and adults. However, due to the uncertainties of the future – especially with a new administration, whether they are Republicans or Democrats, the Council should maybe wait to discuss this with Dr. Sheehan in more detail because we are talking about apples and oranges. <p>There was discussion on whether the Council should make a motion expressing their dissatisfaction with the removal of the SAA positions because</p>			

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	it puts too much control in the hands of the mental health clinics. After much discussion, the Council decided to give Dr. Sheehan the opportunity to respond to their questions.			
6. AMHD Report	<p>Ms. Young expressed to Dr. Sheehan that the Council had questions regarding the SAA positions.</p> <p>Question: Why were the SAA positions replaced?</p> <p>Dr. Sheehan responded that the positions are not being replaced. The duties are being assumed by the center managers in addition to their normal duties as described in Hawaii Revised Statutes 334 and the Hawaii Administrative Rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oahu County –Kaua`i County – Mr. Rick DeTucci, Community Mental Health Manager; • Maui County – Ms. Trina Tom, Community Mental Health Manager; • Hawaii County – Ms. Tracey Wise; Acting Community Mental Health Manager; • Oahu County – Mr. Troy Freitas, Manager for Staff Development and Training and Organizational Change. (Note: serves as Acting, System Administrator when Mr. Wayne Law is unavailable). <p>Ms. Trina Tom of Maui stated that she worked for the state at the Maui CMHC in the 80's when the functions of the Maui SAA were included in the Maui center manager's duties. She stated that she assured the Maui SAB that the intent is not to censor anything from the community but rather to be a conduit to raise these concerns with the Division. Ms. Tom assured the Council that she will work closely with Mr. Gonzalez to bring the concerns of the SAB to the Council and to the Administration. Ms. Tom also asked the Council to give the center managers a chance to carry out the duties of the SAA in light of the mission and duties of the SAA, which is to bring community issues to the Division so that they can make changes for the betterment of the people we serve.</p> <p>Ms. Wilcox and Mr. Gonzalez expressed that to their knowledge, both Ms. Tom and Ms. Wise are committed to carrying out the SAA duties. However, Ms. Wilcox also expressed her concerns that there needs to be checks and balances to assure that the community perspective is being heard by the centers</p>	For information only.		

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	<p>and the State Council. She continued that it also bears on the responsibility of the Council to be more involved.</p> <p>Dr. Buffenstein then asked questions on behalf of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was the SAA positions originally removed from the CMHCs? • What was the idea that led to the decision that the SAA positions would be better away from the mental health clinics? • Who did the previous SAAs report to? Who was their supervisor? <p>Dr. Sheehan provided background information based on the previous SAA positions as he knew them. Again, he reiterated that AMHD's priorities are now on the forensically encumbered consumers, the consumers at risk of being in the Hawaii State Hospital, and the consumers who don't have insurance.</p> <p>Several members expressed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An organizational chart would be helpful in explaining these changes. • The Department needs to assure that a system of checks and balances is in place for community advocacy to be adequately represented at the SAB level. • In light of these changes, the Council needs to focus on organizing themselves to seek input and receive information, thus, moving towards advocacy. <p>Q: How is the progress of the transition of consumers to their Health Plans? R: Weekly meetings between AMHD and DHS are continuing. Letters have gone out from AMHD, DHS and from the Health Plans.</p> <p>Q: When the consumers transition to their Health Plans, who is responsible to ensure fidelity? R: It's still going to be me (Dr. Sheehan).</p> <p>Q: Is the Provider Newsletter available for July? R: The provider's newsletter has gone out and it should be on the AMHD website.</p> <p>Q: Is there a lawsuit? R: There is a lawsuit against the Department of Health (DOH) by the Hawaii</p>	<p><u>Action</u> Council members suggested Dr. Sheehan's Report be put in writing to give members a better understanding of the issues.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Council members agreed to have DHS provide monthly updates via Mr. Harris, on the transition of consumers to their Health Plans. When the transition is complete the reports could be provided on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Council members also agreed that the state agency representatives on the Council provide quarterly reports on a rotational basis.</p>		

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	Disability Rights Commission. Within the next two weeks, the DOH will make a response.			
7. Plans for Using Block Grant Funds	<p>Council members discussed how to use their Block Grant funds allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee site visits for each county. • Technical Assistance and strategic planning with Judy Stange, Ph.D. of the National Association of Mental Health Planning & Advisory Councils (NAMHPAC). • Planning session or Retreat on Oahu • Develop an organizational structure for the Council • Develop a Council webpage. <p>After discussing the merits of each proposal submitted, the Council decided to have some type of group process with NAMHPAC to increase the Council's visibility, empowerment and influence.</p> <p>Mr. Durant made a motion to empower the Chair to make the final decision on behalf of the Council, whether it is appointing a committee to develop plans, or for her to make final arrangements for a Retreat. Ms. Wilcox seconded the motion.</p>	<p><u>Action</u> Council approved the motion.</p>		
8. SCMH By-Laws	No discussion as Ms. Kilonia was absent.			
9. Announcements	<p>Mr. Hack reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Regional Consumer, Family and Youth conferences have been scheduled in August sponsored by the Mental Health Transformation Grant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 5th – Honolulu County • August 12th – Hawai'i County • August 19th – Kaua'i County • August 26th – Maui County <p>Ms. Miyoshi reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an informational meeting for the Legislative Committees on Human Services and Housing on Thursday, July 15th. Housing First will be discussed as this Bill became law without the Governor's signature. 			

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10. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfiguration of the SCMH Committees 			
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.			
Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCMH May 11, 2010 agenda and June 8, 2010 minutes • SCMH Attendance Log • Signed Letter of Advocacy to Dr. Fink, DHS • Suggestions for Using Block Grant Funds • SCMH By-Laws, K. Killiona's Revisions • Oahu SAB, May 17, 2010 Agenda & Minutes • Kaua'i SAB, May 27, 2010 Agenda & Minutes • Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, June 22, 2010 Agenda and May 25, 2010 Minutes. 			