

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

Kinau Hale Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
March 12, 2019  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: **Ahu, Shannessy; Crum, Louise; Dang, Cynthia; Jackson, Arwyn; Koyanagi, Chad; Ries, Richard; Simms, Sandra; Souza, Chiree; Vorsino, Marie**

Members Absent: **Lino, Timothy**

Members Excused: **Boyer, Kathryn; Crozier, Naomi; Daraban, Charlie; Kahahane, Ciara; Kirby, Candice; Knightsbridge, Christopher; Martinez, Kai; Nagao, Lani; Rocchio, Christopher; Shimabukuro, Scott**

Guests Present: **Matayoshi, Carol**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Ganir, Ashley; Hiraga-Nuccio, Madeleine; Mersereau, Edward; Michels, Stan; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Tokioka, Iris; Tom, Trina**

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I. Call To Order	Chair Marie Vorsino called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Vorsino welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves.</li> <li>• Chiree Souza introduced herself as the new representative for the Maui Service Area Board.</li> <li>• Quorum was not established. Informational meeting held.</li> </ul>	For information, only.	M. Vorsino, Chair	3/12/19
II. Consideration and Approval of Review Minutes	The draft minutes for February 12, 2019 meeting were deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.	For information, only.		

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III. Community Input	Ms. Carol Matayoshi reported that a former attorney, who has lost everything due to his drug addiction and homelessness, attended the last Hawaii Service Area Board meeting. The attorney stated that there is a need for a residential treatment facility on Hawaii Island. Ms. Matayoshi recommended that this topic be placed on the next State Council meeting's agenda for discussion and action.	For information, only		
IV. New Business Discussion with Deputy Director of Behavioral Health – Regarding the SCMH Submitting Testimony to the Legislature	<p>Deputy Director of Behavioral Health (DDBH) Mersereau discussed the process of submitting testimony for the State Council. He stated that there are options under which the State Council could submit testimony:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council to delegate to the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) staff to write testimony on behalf of the Council.</li> <li>2. Delegate two (2) Board members to write testimony on behalf of the Council. Legislative issues need to be on the Council agenda.</li> <li>3. Develop a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to develop strategies and directives for submitting testimony on current legislation.</li> <li>4. Hold informational meetings. Two (2) or more Council members may develop recommendations for the Board and submit testimony to the Behavioral Health Administration Deputy Director's office for review and approval.</li> <li>5. Hold meetings by County or Council with another group.</li> <li>6. In conjunction with the PIG, call an emergency meeting. This requires Attorney General's approval and needs 2/3 of the membership of the Council to agree to the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting to be held.</li> </ol> <p>DDBH Mersereau further explained that the process could entail the Council having a PIG, who would develop the directives and guidelines for legislation and know the Council's position. Then that group would be able to share this information with the DDBH ahead of time on any legislation coming up for testimony. This would also ensure that both sides being on the same page.</p> <p>He continued that since submitting testimony on behalf of the Council is a long process, the Council should start tracking bills early on, so that the Council would get a head start in submitting testimony. DDBH Mersereau advised the Council to have Legislation as a</p>	For information, only.	DDBH Mersereau	3/12/19

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	<p>standing agenda item and meet with him before and after the legislative session.</p> <p>DDBH commented on Senate Bill 193, which seeks to have three (3) members with demonstrated knowledge of or work experience involving Native Hawaiian concepts of well-being and a cultural background sit on the State Council. He suggested that the Council track this bill closely.</p> <p>Chair Vorsino stated that SB193 should be added to the next State Council meeting agenda.</p> <p>Chair Vorsino commented that the Council has a Legislative PIG and this group has been attending the Mental Health Task Force meetings. Chair Vorsino stated that perhaps the PIG could meet with DDBH Mersereau to discuss the Administration's mental health bills and the direction that the Behavioral Health Administration is taking.</p> <p>The question was asked, "Can a Council member submit oral testimony?"</p> <p>DDBH responded that if a Council member is submitting testimony as an individual, then there isn't a need to have the DDBH's approval. However, if a Council member is submitting testimony on behalf of the Council, then approval from DDBH is needed.</p> <p>Chair Vorsino reported that the Deputy Attorney General spoke to the Senate Judiciary Committee staff attorney and she mentioned the statute that prohibits boards and commissions from testifying without being invited by the Legislature. The staff attorney responded that they receive email requests from some boards and commissions stating that they are interested in a particular bill and ask for an invitation to testify; their request is usually granted.</p> <p>C. Dang commented that the Council is really late in the legislative process to encourage Council and Service Area Board members' participation. She stated that participation should have started earlier in developing testimony when the bill was first introduced in January.</p>			

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	<p>M. Hiraga-Nuccio commented that it's a good idea to have legislation as a standing agenda item as DDBH Mersereau has recommended.</p> <p>Chair Vorsino stated that in order for the Council to make things happen, quorum is needed. She expressed disappointment that the Council did not meet quorum (at today's meeting), and she encouraged everyone to assess themselves and their commitment to the Council.</p>			
<p>V. Old Business – Reports from the Permitted Interaction Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative</li> <li>• Advocacy / website</li> <li>• Social media</li> <li>• State Council Retreat</li> </ul>	<p>Legislative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB193 is still alive, however, HB174, SB348, and HB292 have died.</li> <li>• If the PIG would like to draft testimony or speak with DDBH Mersereau, they should let Chair Vorsino know ASAP.</li> <li>• The PIG can meet outside of the State Council, but they need DDBH's approval.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion on SB193</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council cannot vote on submitting testimony on SB193 due to a lack of quorum.</li> <li>• C. Dang clarified that OHA was not looking to add three additional seats to the Council, but to integrate three seats to the current Council structure.</li> <li>• Chair Vorsino stated that if the Council wanted to submit testimony on SB193, an emergency meeting is warranted. However, the Council would still need to have quorum for a vote.</li> </ul> <p>Advocacy/website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This PIG has not met.</li> </ul> <p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update.</li> </ul> <p>Retreat Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This PIG has not yet met. They will be working on dates for the</li> </ul>	<p>For information, only.</p>	<p>M. Fridovich/B. Danielson</p>	<p>2/12/19</p>

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	<p>retreat, venue, and a facilitator for the retreat</p> <p>Legislative Training – Navigating the Legislative Website Ms. Jackson provided an overview of navigating the Legislative Website and explained the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to search for bills and explore the site;</li> <li>• For the Bill Status Sheet, she noted that signing in by email is needed;</li> <li>• After signing in, testimony can be submitted for a period of 48 hours;</li> <li>• Cutoff for submitting testimony is one hour before Hearings; and</li> <li>• All Senate bills go to the House and all House bills go to the Senate.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Jackson announced that the Mental Health Task Force will meet on Friday March 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 312.</p>			
VI. Island Reports	<p>Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Dang acknowledged J. Clarke for assisting with the Service Area Board in getting it back on track. OSAB members were able to meet quorum and conduct business.</li> <li>• The OSAB discussed SB193 and the impact it will have on the State Council. The OSAB requested SB193 be placed on the next State Council agenda.</li> <li>• The OSAB is setting up a Task Force that would look at updating current licensure requirements and scope of responsibilities designated to licensed mental health professionals in Hawaii.</li> </ul> <p>Hawaii Service Area Board (HSAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HSAB met and had quorum. They are currently recruiting new members.</li> <li>• The contract for the Law Enforcement Assisted Division (LEAD) Program was just finalized and the contracted provider is the Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC). Hope Service Hawaii and Going Home Hawaii are the sub-lessors of the contract. The program will be implemented in West Hawaii. The first orientation</li> </ul>			

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	<p>meeting is this Friday, March 15, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HSAB discussed two community forums, which is focusing on mental health and substance abuse on Hawaii Island, one in East Hawaii and one in West Hawaii.</li> <li>• The HSAB is helping to coordinate National Prevention Week May 12-18, 2019.</li> </ul> <p>Kauai Service Area Board (KSAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chair of the KSAB, Kurt Nagata has resigned.</li> </ul> <p>Maui Service Area Board (MSAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MSAB had quorum and elected new officers and State Council representative.</li> <li>• A member of the MSAB has been providing suicide prevention training to the schools on Maui.</li> <li>• Due to new membership on the MSAB, the members have requested a refresher on the MSAB Bylaws.</li> <li>• The MSAB will be consolidating the 2017 and 2018 Service Area Reports into their Annual Report.</li> <li>• Alisha Yoshitsugu was hired as the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division clinical psychologist on Maui.</li> <li>• The crisis residential program, under the oversight of the Office of Youth Services, has contracted with Child and Family Services.</li> <li>• The Maui Community Mental Health Center is looking at enhancing its telehealth program. The next step is to explore the use of telehealth in the consumer's home.</li> </ul>			
VII. Argosy University	Deferred.			
VIII. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2019 Suicide Prevention Statewide Conference will be held April 11-12, 2019 at the Ala Moana Hotel.</li> <li>• Next SCMHS meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2019</li> </ul>			
IX. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide profile for Integrated Service Plan for rural health</li> <li>• Certified Training for Suicide Prevention</li> </ul>			
X. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.	For information, only.		

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Electronic Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Council on Mental Health Agenda for March 12, 2019</li> <li>• State Council on Mental Health Draft Minutes for February 12, 2019 minutes</li> <li>• State Council Attendance Log'19</li> <li>• Legislature Website Guide</li> <li>• How to Receive Hearing Notices by Email</li> <li>• Submitting Testimony Online</li> <li>• Written Testimony – The Bare Basics</li> <li>• Draft Proposal for Drug Summits in Hawaii County</li> </ul>	For information, only.		