

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

Kinau Hale Conference Room, 1st Floor
October 8, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: **Boyer, Kathryn; Crozier, Charleen; Crum, Louise; Dang, Cynthia; Jackson, Arwyn; Knightsbridge, Christopher; Lau-James, Eileen; Lino, Timothy; Macias, Alexandra; Martinez, Kau; Matayoshi, Carol; Nagao, Lani; Ries, Richard; Rocchio, Christopher, Shimabukuro, Scott; Souza, Chiree; Vorsino, Marie**

Members Absent: **Kahahane, Ciara**

Members Excused:

Guests Present: **Bigalke-Bannan, Sonja**

Staff Present: **Clarke, Judith; Hiraga-Nuccio, Madeleine; Nazareno, Jocelyn; Pak, Sandra; Pangburn, Teresa; Tokioka, Iris; Tom Trina**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
I. Call To Order	Chair, Marie Vorsino, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and quorum was established.	For information, only.	M. Vorsino, Chair	10/8/19
II. Consideration and Approval of Review Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft minutes for the August 13, 2019 were reviewed. Staff re-reviewed the recording of the meeting minutes on Dr. Aumer’s presentation and the information was found to be accurate. K. Boyer moved to approve the August 13th minutes and C. Crozier seconded the motion. • The draft minutes for September 10, 2019 were reviewed and approved. C. Knightsbridge moved to approve the minutes and C. Crozier seconded the motion. 	<p><u>Action:</u> The August 13th minutes were approved, and the motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The September 10th minutes were approved. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	M. Vorsino, Chair	10/8/19
III. Community Input	None.			

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<p>IV. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) – Discussion on Legislative Initiatives for the 2020 Legislation Session</p>	<p>Ms. Sonja Bigalke-Bannan, Executive Director of NASW Hawaii, presented information on Legislative Initiatives for 2020 from NASW’s perspective.</p> <p>Challenges for social workers (SWs) in Hawaii</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is continued workforce shortage of SWs in Hawaii, and there are only 1256 Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LSCW). • The SW division chair, which is a paid position, has been vacant since 11/2018. • SWs in Hawaii are underpaid. The average salary for master’s level is \$66,000 on Oahu and \$58,010 on the neighbor islands. • LCSWs are reimbursed at 75% of the physician fee schedule, which is lower than any other mental health provider in Medicare, even though SWs are the largest group of mental health providers in the country. <p>National Legislative Initiatives that the Council should be aware of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Improving Access to Mental Health Act will raise the rate from 75% to 85%. • This legislation will enable SWs to bill Medicare Part B for providing services to residents of skilled nursing facilities. • SWs will be able to provide health and behavior assessment and interventions to address emotional barriers and lifestyle adjustments. This legislation will allow SWs to bill Medicare for this service. <p>Hawaii Legislative Initiatives to watch and support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin’s Law (sexual violence prevention education in public schools) • Clinical victim support services (insurance coverage for support services/case management) • Mental health services for students – support legislation aimed at ensuring students with mental health needs receive appropriate services and divert students with mental health needs from arrests and juvenile detention. • Restricting in-school and ad hoc suspensions – have more in-school suspensions rather than out-of-school suspensions. 	<p>For information, only.</p>	<p>S. Bigalke-Bannan</p>	<p>10/8/19</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of state funding to replace Title X federal family planning funding. • Child support pass-through – wants to get more financial funding for custodial parents who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) up to the amount of their TANF benefit. <p>Chair Vorsino requested to keep this agenda item on next month’s agenda so that the Council can discuss ideas on approaching Deputy Director Mersereau to let him know the priorities that the Council would like to support next legislative session.</p> <p>R. Ries stated that the Council may want to invite Ms. Bigalke-Bannan back to a future meeting to get more information on SWs once the Council’s Strategic Plan is being developed.</p> <p>C. Rocchio has joined the NASW Board. He will bring information from the NASW’s October 21st meeting that may be of interest to the Council.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> This agenda item will be placed on the November agenda.</p>		
V. Old Business	<p>Appoint members to the Retreat Planning Permitted Interaction Group (PIG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the September 10th meeting, the following members were appointed to the Retreat Planning PIG. They are: C. Rocchio, R. Ries, and M. Vorsino • L. Nagao moved to appoint C. Crozier to the Retreat Planning PIG. R. Ries seconded the motion. Motion was approved by majority vote. <p>Advocacy/Website/Social Media Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to develop a brochure for legislative purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members discussed the development of the SCMH Brochure. The discussion raised several issues: whether the brochure should be done professionally or give C. Knightsbridge a chance to show what he can do with the brochure. • C. Knightsbridge volunteered to do a mock-up of the brochure and bring it to the next Council meeting. <p>R. Ries moved to table the above discussion until the November meeting to see what C. Knightsbridge will develop. E. Lau-James</p>	<p>For information, only.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> C. Knightsbridge will prepare a draft of a brochure for discussion at the next Council meeting.</p>		10/8/19

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	<p>seconded the motion. C. Dang opposed the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.</p> <p>Chair Vorsino moved that in the meantime, S. Shimabukuro to work with the contact in his office to recommend a professional designer who could work on the brochure or give S. Shimabukuro ideas on the design of the brochure for the next meeting. C. Rocchio seconded the motion. Motion passed by a majority vote.</p> <p>Continue discussion on draft State Council Retreat Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter will be sent to Lt. Governor, Josh Green inviting him to be the keynote speaker at the State Council Retreat. • Suggestions for the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the facilitator before the retreat. • Give more time to the facilitator to work on the strategic plan. • Lt. Governor to speak during the first half-hour of lunch. • Ms. Trisha Kajimura to speak during the second half-hour of lunch. <p>C. Dang motioned to modify the agenda and include Lt. Governor to be the keynote speaker during the first half-hour of lunch 11:30 – 12:00 p.m., and Ms. Kajimura speak on Mental Health Field Trends during the second half-hour of lunch from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. S. Shimabukuro seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.</p> <p>The Council continued to discuss the logistics of the retreat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regular, open meeting for the Council will be from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. • Review of agenda and housekeeping items from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. • Strategic planning could be from 9:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. • Drop QPR and the Legislative Refresher from the agenda. • Have A. Jackson do the Legislative Refresher during the November or December agenda. • If time allows, Council members could work on how to develop a vetting process for the SCMH website. 	<p><u>Action:</u> S. Shimabukuro to discuss the development of the brochure with the staff person in his office.</p>		

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	<p>Chair Vorsino motioned to put the Legislative Refresher on November or December's agenda. R. Ries seconded the motion. C. Dang and L. Crum opposed the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> A. Jackson to do the Legislative Refresher at the November or December Council meeting.</p>		
VI. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss a Facilitator for the State Council Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is only one proposal that was submitted to facilitate the retreat. This proposal was submitted by Karen Oliver, Ph.D. from KEAO Consulting in Seattle. • C. Dang stated that she will contact Sharon Simms for her to submit a proposal to work as a facilitator. • Updates from the Mental Health Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Ries shared that Lt. Governor, Josh Green attended the meeting and talked about the 10-point Plan to address homelessness, specifically, the H4 Project, which is to build a facility that is similar to a facility in the Houston, Texas area. This facility would divert individuals from the emergency room. Each floor of the facility is designed with a specific service: hygiene/ showers, medical clinic, detox, temporary housing, permanent housing, syringe exchange program, pharmacy, and social workers and nurses would work in the facility 24/7. • The Hawaii Health Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) did a presentation on care for HIV, housing referrals, and information on naloxone which stops the effects of opioid overdose. • Another participant did a presentation on pharmacy. • The next Mental Health Task Force meeting will be on November 5, 2019. 	<p><u>Action:</u> The Council will decide on a facilitator for the retreat at the next Council meeting.</p>		
VII. Island Reports	<p>Hawaii Service Area Board (HSAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii Island is having transportation challenges and difficulties in accessing treatment and services for consumers in rural areas. • They are also experiencing challenges with health clinics to get services. Further, they have challenges with the chronic homelessness and substance abuse users. 	<p>For information, only.</p>	<p>C. Matayoshi</p>	<p>10/8/19</p>

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VIII. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAVE THE DATE: The Hawaii Addictions Conference is being planned for 2020. The conference will be on April 17, 2020 and will be held at the Queen’s Conference Center. • The Hawaii Psychological Association Convention will be held October 27, 28, 2019. • The NAMI Walk will be held in Chinatown on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Check-in is at 8:00 a.m. and the Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Participants can enter the 1 mile walk or 5K race. • E. Lau-James requested to become a member of the Advocacy/Website/Social Media Permitted Interaction Group. • October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Please wear purple in support of this. • Next SCMH meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. 	For information, only.		10/8/19
IX. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 			
X. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.	For information, only.		
Electronic Mail Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council on Mental Health Agenda for October 8, 2019 • State Council on Mental Health Draft Minutes for August 13, 2019 and September 10, 2019 • State Council Attendance Log 2020 • Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) minutes 11.27.18 • HACDACS minutes 1.22.19 • HACDACS minutes 3.28.19 • HACDACS minutes 5.28.19 • HACDACS minutes 8.27.19 	For information, only.		