

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

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
May 11, 2021  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: **Aumer, Katherine; Beninato, Antonino; Crozier, Charleen “Naomi”; Dang, Cynthia “Cindi”; Ilyavi, Heidi; Knightsbridge, Christopher; Koyanagi, Dina; Lau-James, Eileen; Martinez, Beatrice “Kau”i”; Ries, Richard; Shimabukuro, Scott**

Members Absent:

Members Excused: **Fujii, John; Pascual-Kestner, Rusnell “Rus”; Reed, Tara**

Guests Present: **Cole-Schwartz, Belinda; Guzikowski, Cheryl; Regidor, Debby; Reyno Yeomans, Raelyn; Rivera, Renee**

DOH Staff Present: **Haitsuka, Stacy; Hiraga-Nuccio, Madeleine; Nazareno, Jocelyn**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
I. Call to Order	<p>Chair R. Ries called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.</p> <p>Members and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>The following definition of quorum was added to the agenda as of the November 10, 2020 meeting: Pursuant to <a href="#">Act 137-18 (SB 203)</a>, Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes: “(f) A quorum for purposes of doing business shall consist of a majority of the members serving on the council immediately before a meeting begins. (g) if a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of members present shall constitute a valid act of the council unless this chapter, part I of chapter 92, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws require a greater number of affirmative votes.</p> <p>For example, if only 16 of the entitled 21 members are appointed, at least</p>	For information only.		

	<p>9 must be present to establish a quorum. To validate a council action, of the 9 members present, an affirmative vote from at least 5 is required.”</p> <p>Quorum was not established by 9:09am; therefore, R. Ries skipped ahead to the Community Input agenda item noting that the Council would come back to review meeting minutes when quorum was established.</p>			
<p>II. Meeting Announcements</p>	<p>R. Ries shared the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SCMH continues to do its part to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 by holding its meetings virtually for the time being. Handouts are distributed electronically a week before the meeting.</li> <li>• To use our time efficiently during today’s meeting, he asked Council members and guests to follow the following basic virtual Council meeting courtesies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please address any comments or questions during the meeting to him.</li> <li>○ Members and guests may raise their “hand” virtually, type into the chat box, or orally get his attention during the meeting.</li> <li>○ Please wait to be acknowledged before speaking. This will help to keep the meeting organized and the audio clear for minute taking purposes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In general, only Council members are allowed to speak during the meeting, unless speaking as a presenter or sharing information during the Community Input section of the agenda. He will do his best to include and acknowledge guests when appropriate.</li> <li>• For Council members who take a break and step away from the meeting, please notify him before leaving as the Council needs to track of when Council members leave and return to verify quorum.</li> <li>• If at any time a Council member has an issue with the meeting connection, please consider closing your Internet browser and rejoining the meeting by re-clicking on the Zoom link or joining by phone as an alternate option.</li> <li>• If not speaking, please place yourself on mute. This will help with the feedback noise and will allow for everyone to hear speaker.</li> </ul> <p>R. Ries acknowledged that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p>	<p>For information only.</p>		

	<p>(CDC) announced a change in indoor gatherings and mask wearing; however, at this time, he noted that until the state has reassessed its interisland travel requirements and until the DOH has announced a changed in its facility policies for resuming in-person meetings in DOH facilities, the Council will conduct its meeting virtually.</p> <p>R. Ries shared the following Council membership updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting in July 2021, the Council will welcome a new member, Jennifer Renfro. She will join the Council as the Department of Education representative. Her term will end in June 2023.</li> <li>• D. Koyanagi, currently a member and confirmed for a term to end in June 2023.</li> <li>• A. Beninato, currently a member and confirmed for a term to end in June 2024.</li> <li>• K. Aumer, currently a member and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, was confirmed for a term to end June 2025.</li> <li>• C. Knightsbridge will end his term in June 2021. He did not submit his application for a second term. He indicated he would be willing to serve a second term and would submit his application.</li> <li>• C. Dang will end her term in June 2021.</li> <li>• S. Shimabukuro will be replaced by another DOH representative upon confirmation of interim appointment. We anticipate the new representative will be appointed as of July 2021.</li> </ul>			
<p>III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes April 13, 2021 Minutes</p>	<p>The draft minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed.</p> <p>C. Knightsbridge made a motion for the meeting minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting be approved. E. Lau-James seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>		
<p>IV. Community Input</p>	<p>Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, community members will have three (3) minutes to speak during this time.</p> <p>B. Cole-Schwartz from National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Hawaii shared her concerns regarding obtaining a list of mental health resources. She did not know where to go to find a list.</p>			

	<p>In addition, she shared about a situation that occurred on Hawaii Island where help was needed, resources were requested, but services were denied due to criteria and alternative support was not available in a timely manner. She provided a handout explaining the details of the situation.</p> <p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• R. Ries clarified that the issue isn't just about resources but also about coordination of responders and points of contact and knowing how to partner with each entity. Additionally, knowing about substance use history and options for treatment.</li><li>• C. Dang suggested the Mental Health America (MHA) Hawaii Finding Help Resource Guide. <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to visit the MHA website. Another resource could be to consult with Dr. Chad Koyanagi, a psychiatrist who has helped address Oahu's homeless crisis. The Institute for Human Services (IHS) could also share how they address the homeless population. She suggested B. Cole-Schwartz call IHS's main phone number and asking to speak with Dr. Koyanagi.</li><li>• N. Crozier mentioned homeless outreach triage process that Mental Health Kokua (MHK) on Maui uses to build trust with individuals. MHK may be available on Hawaii Island too. Sometimes, offering water, clean clothes, blankets and "talking story" with the individual helps build trust and helps the individual to choose to receive psychiatric interventions including hospitalization or emergency department (ED) mental health evaluations.</li><li>• H. Ilyavi suggested reaching out to Aloha United Way's 2-1-1 statewide call center for resource options.</li><li>• E. Lau-James shared that she personally experienced the struggle with getting help for a family member and knows how challenging it can be to seek help to get individuals off the street. She noted that police have to determine if they can legally take someone against their will to a hospital ED for a psychiatric evaluation because doing so takes away the individual's rights.</li></ul> <p>The rules are very stringent and require the officer to consult with the policy psychologist. Even if the police are able to take the</p>			
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	<p>individual to a hospital ED, at most two to three days of observation is provided but many individuals are released from the hospital ED within 24 hours because they are not appropriate for inpatient psychiatric admission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• C. Knightsbridge shared that there was a bill in <a href="#">2020, HB2680</a> that helped to address these community concerns.</li><li>• R. Ries commented that having a mental health professional alongside the officer may have made all the difference in handling the situation that was presented to them on scene. A confident and steady approach is extremely helpful. He clarified that the issue isn't just about resources but also about coordination of responders and points of contact and knowing how to partner with each entity. Additionally, knowing about substance use history and options for treatment.</li></ul> <p>R. Rivera shared that she is the new Hawaii Service Area Board (HSAB) Chair. She has not been nominated by the HSAB to be the HSAB representative to the State Council but wanted to share the following HSAB updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alyssa Lavoie from the Bay Clinic presented information to HSAB members about opioid response.</li><li>• The HSAB Comprehensive Integrated Service Area Plan (CISAP) was completed and a copy was submitted to the State Council.</li><li>• S. Pavao, Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Hawaii Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Branch Program Manager, reported that there are staff vacancies at the Kona Clubhouse and the West Hawaii Clinic. Due to these staff vacancies, the Clubhouse is unable to accept new members and the clinic is unable to accept new referrals. He is looking into using nurses from Maui to cover nursing related service needs on Hawaii Island.</li><li>• The HSAB was given information about the <a href="#">Crisis Assistance Helping Out on The Streets (CAHOOTS) Program</a> in Eugene, Oregon. She is excited to learn about this program and how the team of crisis workers help without police intervention.</li><li>• The HSAB current has three members. There are additional individuals who may be interested in joining the HSAB.</li></ul>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HSAB would like to set goals on how the HSAB can hear from the community and from families; hear their testimonies.</li> <li>• Personally, she shared that she is a student at the University of Hawaii earning her master’s degree in social work. She is a member of the Administrative Justice cohort.</li> </ul> <p>She has moved on from her past openly shares that she served time in jail for crimes but since then, she has been receiving mental health services for over 15 years. It took being arrested for her to get help.</p> <p>R. Reyno Yeomans mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado diverts calls from police to the <a href="#">Denver Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) Program</a>. Their budget is approximately \$1.4 million. In the first six (6) months, there were approximately 2,500 calls of which 748 were diverted to the STAR program which resulted in no arrests and no police required.</li> <li>• The Oregon CAHOOTS program received approximately 17% of calls diverted from the police.</li> </ul>			
<p>V. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIG for Website, Social Media, and Advocacy (WSA)</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries explained that in this section of the agenda, PIG members may briefly summarize the PIG activities since the last Council meeting including meeting dates, discussions, and recommendations on topics approved at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>He asked that oral summaries be brief and if PIG members would like to share a longer report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>WSA-PIG members include C. Knightsbridge, C. Dang, C. Matayoshi, H. Ilyavi and R. Pascual-Kestner. C. Knightsbridge is the WSA-PIG lead.</p> <p>The WSA-PIG did not meet last month. In April 2021 the WSA-PIG shared a Google sheet with two tabs for Council members to share information for their respective areas of Council representation. One tab was for resources and the other was for behavioral health activities. S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>Send Google link to Council members.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>5/18/21</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIG for Legislation</li> </ul>	<p>will send the Google link again.</p> <p>R. Ries noted he is anticipating that the WSA-PIG will meet this month to review the input received on these two Google sheets. He asked all Council members to share their input so that the WSA-PIG can provide an update at the Council's June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.</p> <p>Here's the link to access the unofficial State Council on Mental Health Facebook page.  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Hawaii-State-Council-on-Mental-Health-unofficial-112542660887805/">https://www.facebook.com/Hawaii-State-Council-on-Mental-Health-unofficial-112542660887805/</a></p> <p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Ries noted this month is mental health awareness month. He noted there was a handout with several local mental health awareness month activities. He asked whether these and others could be shared on the Council's unofficial Facebook page? C. Knightsbridge said he could share mental health related information if someone asked to post it on the Facebook page.</li> <li>• C. Dang inquired about creating an Instagram page for the Council. C. Knightsbridge stated that if an Instagram page was created, it should be unofficial. H. Ilyavi concurred that the content on the unofficial Instagram page should mirror the content on the unofficial Facebook page.</li> </ul> <p>LEG-PIG members include C. Knightsbridge, C. Dang, E. Lau-James, and T. Reed. C. Dang is the LEG-PIG lead.</p> <p>The LEG-PIG did not meet last month. The LEG-PIG has been piloting the draft participation guidelines for Council legislative activities.</p> <p>R. Ries noted he is anticipating, per previous LEG-PIG reports, that LEG-PIG members will meet this month to revise the participation guidelines for the Council's legislative activities and the revised document will be shared as a handout for the Council's June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.</p>	<p>WSA-PIG to meet in May 2021.</p> <p>LEG-PIG to meet in May 2021.</p>	<p>WSA-PIG members</p> <p>LEG-PIG members</p>	<p>6/2/21</p> <p>6/2/21</p>
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	<p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Dang affirmed the legislative session has concluded. She again mentioned the status of <a href="#">SB905</a> and <a href="#">HB812</a>. She foresees these bills being reintroduced in a future legislative session. C. Knightsbridge shared that he felt the LEG-PIG was extremely productive this legislative session.</li> <li>• R. Ries noted that there will be no standing LEG-PIG committee. The participation guidelines provide a timeline of activities including the creating and dissolution of the LEG-PIG committee.</li> </ul>			
<p>VI. Island Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maui Service Area Board (MSAB)</li> <li>• Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB)</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries explained that in this section of the agenda, Council members who are representing their respective Service Area Board may briefly summarize their board meetings and when applicable, share updates on requested items identified at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>He asked that oral summaries be brief and if members would like to share a longer Service Area Board report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>The following updates were provided by T. Reed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by C. Dang.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OSAB meet in April 2021 with quorum and members are working on the CISAP.</li> <li>• The OSAB is looking to create three PIGs to address its top three (3) focus areas. There was a concern about PIG members (not current Council member) but this is being clarified by T. Freitas, Oahu CMHC Branch Program Manager.</li> <li>• The OSAB needs to provide meeting minutes to the Council.</li> </ul>			
<p>VII. State Agency Representative Reports</p>	<p>R. Ries explained that in this section of the agenda, Council members who are representing their respective state agency may briefly summarize agency data, agency information related to behavioral health and when applicable, share updates on requested items identified at previous</p>			



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)</li>   <li>• Department of Health Child Adolescent Mental Health Division (DOH CAMHD)</li>   <li>• Department of Human Services (DHS)</li> </ul>	<p>Council meetings.</p> <p>He asked that oral summaries be brief and if members would like to share a longer state agency report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>The following updates were provided by K. Martinez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the Governor’s extension of the COVID-19 emergency proclamation, HPHA will open the waitlist for select areas on Oahu and Maui due to exhausting all waitlist applicants for those areas. The goal is to help families struggling with COVID-19 related housing issues. These units are vacant but could not be filled due to eligibility criteria, applicant preferences, etc.</li> <li>• Current renovations are being done to modernize old units so they are ADA compliant. Hopefully HPHA will be able to accept more vouchers and offer additional housing units to Section 8 applicants.</li> <li>• HPHA is looking to expand its housing inventory when it breaks ground on an approximate 800 studio and one bedroom units with ground floor commercial space on HPHA’s School Street property.</li> </ul> <p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Dang asked how many public housing residents are kupuna? K. Martinez estimated approximately 60% are kupuna age, noting many are challenged by availability of units and area of need/island location.</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by S. Shimabukuro:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by J. Fujii:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None provided.</li> </ul>			
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<p>MedQUEST (MQD) Division Medicaid Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare Services (CWS)</li> <li>Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)</li> </ul>	<p>The following updates were provided by D. Koyanagi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CWS administrative staff will be transitioning back to the office full-time starting in May 2021 with some staff transitioning back into the office four of five days each week and teleworking on Mondays.</li> <li>CWS staff will continue to go out to homes, do investigations, etc.</li> <li>Court house staff will also be opening back up for hearings.</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by R. Pascual-Kestner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None provided.</li> </ul>			
<p>VIII. Specialty Area Representative Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries explained that in this section of the agenda, Council members who are representing their respective specialty area may briefly summarize specialty area activities related to behavioral health and when applicable, share updates on requested items identified at previous Council meetings.</p> <p>He asked that oral summaries be brief and if members would like to share a longer state agency report, please e-mail it to Stacy no less than 10 calendar days prior to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>The following updates were provided by J. Fujii:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None provided.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: HACDACS meeting minutes were provided as a handout for today's Council meeting.</p>			

(HACDACS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="142 217 359 282">• Mental Health Providers</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="394 217 978 250">The following updates were provided by R. Ries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="428 256 1115 289">• He continues to receive referrals; too many to accept.</li> <li data-bbox="428 295 1207 328">• More psychologists are returning to the office to see patients.</li> <li data-bbox="428 334 1255 399">• With COVID-19 vaccinations, perhaps there is less concern for the face-to-face transmission and interaction in the office setting.</li> <li data-bbox="428 406 1220 470">• He is also seeing more psychologists doing away with physical offices and doing 100% online telehealth appointments.</li> <li data-bbox="428 477 1241 581">• He is doing trauma treatment which is compassionate to do in a face-to-face setting but for things like tobacco dependence treatment, he can do online telehealth appointments for these.</li> <li data-bbox="428 587 1276 691">• He will be giving a resiliency training for police officers in May 2021. He used to be an Emergency Medical Specialist (EMS) in New York and understands the unique needs of mental health providers.</li> <li data-bbox="428 698 1192 763">• He estimates he is seeing patients 60% of the time via online telehealth appointments.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="142 812 359 1023">• Parents and Family Members of Mental Health Service Recipients</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="394 812 995 844">The following updates were provided by H. Ilyavi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="428 850 1276 915">• Hawaii Island continues to see a lack of support services. She has had to tell parents in crisis that they are on the waitlist for services.</li> <li data-bbox="428 922 1276 1019">• She and her colleagues are slowly moving back to in-office services with participants and offering a choice of face-to-face or virtual meetings.</li> <li data-bbox="428 1026 1241 1166">• She wants to know if a PIG for identifying/advocating for rural mental health services (access to care PIG) could be helpful. She expressed that it is hard to hear families in crisis and she cannot help them with any services in a timely manner.</li> <li data-bbox="428 1172 1226 1237">• She noted that Hawaii Island providers are booked out and are squeezing patients in as they can find space.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="394 1286 1062 1318">The following updates were provided by E. Lau-James:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="428 1325 1297 1422">• She is hearing more and more from family members about the stress and challenges of job loss, no health insurance, no income, kids being back home for school/all day/more often, etc.</li> <li data-bbox="428 1429 1230 1461">• She is unsure where the resources are and how to access them.</li> </ul>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumer Advocates</li> </ul>	<p>The following updates were provided by K. Aumer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She is helping a younger individual/transgender with support from the <a href="#">Lavender Clinic</a>. Unfortunately, there is a waitlist procedure and services are booked out. She is looking for alternative resources.</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by C. Knightsbridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He noted there are social issues unique to Hawaii.</li> <li>He mentioned needing police officers to be happy and need them to do their jobs; support the supporters!</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by N. Crozier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She mentioned about police partnering on Maui with the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to help with triage for addressing individuals who live with mental illness and who are involved in the criminal justice system.</li> </ul> <p>The following updates were provided by T. Reed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None provided.</li> </ul>			
<p>IX. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ho'ōla Nā Pua's Pearl Haven Residential Treatment Program</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries noted that anytime the Council has a new business agenda item that needs to be continued to the next month's meeting, the Council will have those agenda items listed the following month as Old Business agenda items.</p> <p>During the April 13, 2021 meeting, Joy Tanimura Winquist shared information about Ho'ōla Nā Pua's Pearl Haven Residential Treatment Program. She gave an overview of the organization, the clinical program, and the referral process.</p> <p>The timing of her presentation to the Council was in line with a heavy media push for community outreach and awareness activities including KHON2's Shine the Light televised coverage of Ho'ōla Nā Pua's efforts to end sex-trafficking in Hawaii.</p> <p>Ho'ōla Nā Pua's Help and Referral Line is (808) 435-9555.</p>			

	<p>Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Trafficking phone numbers are: (808) 832-1999 on Oahu and 1 (888) 398-1188 for Neighbor Islands.</p> <p>D. Koyanagi mentioned she is the designated coordinator between DHS CWS and the trafficking community.</p> <p>The National Human Trafficking number is 1 (888) 373-7888.</p> <p>Council members shared the following comments regarding Ho‘ōla Nā Pua’s presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Ries stated that the Council has not taken a position on sex trafficking. The Council could discuss in a future Council meeting guidelines for Council positions and have a way to document these position statements as a living document. The Council can be informed prior to taking a position by inviting guests to share information with the Council.</li> <li>• C. Dang supports the Council writing an opinion letter and sending it to the Chair of the Senate and House Committees. She thinks the best time to send the letters is before the end of the summer break.</li> </ul> <p>The Council asked S. Haitzuka to draft two (2) thank you letters. She included them as handouts for today’s meeting. One letter is for Ho‘ōla Nā Pua and the other letter is for The Clarity Project.</p> <p>Council members shared the following comments and edits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Ho‘ōla Nā Pua’s Pearl Haven Residential Treatment Program letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Change the letter date to May 12, 2021</li> <li>○ Third paragraph, change the date to May 11, 2021 and fill in the blank with, “would like to continue partnering with your organization and stakeholders to support the treatment and healing of victims of sex trafficking, and educating community members about the signs and symptoms of sex trafficking.</li> <li>○ Delete the “s” on align</li> <li>○ Decrease font for the footer paragraph</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Add to the June 2021 Council meeting agenda.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>5/31/21</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Plan Review and Discussion of Focus Areas #1-7 and Accompanying Action Plan Items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For The Clarity Project letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the letter date to May 12, 2021</li> <li>Fourth paragraph, delete “At this time” and “has not taken a position on this topic, and”</li> <li>Fourth paragraph, delete the “s” on align and add to the sentence, “...and other alternative forms of treatment.”</li> <li>Decrease font for the footer paragraph.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>R. Ries tabled this agenda item to the Council’s June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.</p>			
<p>X. New Business (Part 1 of 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Bylaw Review and Revisions</li> </ul>	<p>R. Ries tabled this agenda item to the Council’s June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.</p>	<p>Add to the Juned 2021 Council meeting agenda.</p>	<p>S. Haitzuka</p>	<p>5/31/21</p>
<p>XI. Presentation/ Guest Speaker</p>	<p>R. Ries introduced Dr. Amy Curtis, Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Administrator. She is an experienced epidemiologist with a lot of national experience including her work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She last presented an AMHD update to the Council in the Fall of last year.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis shared the following AMHD updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AMHD seeks public feedback on its Mission and Vision statements. The Council was provided with a letter she wrote that included the link to the online survey form as well as a hard copy form to mail. The due date for responses is Friday, May 14, 2021. All Council members are encouraged to submit feedback for consideration. An update will be shared in June 2021.</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AMHD, as well as other DOH Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Divisions were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for budgetary spending. For example, there are a number of AMHD positions that are vacant. AMHD intends to fill these positions; however, doing so with the current hiring freeze on most state jobs requires the Governor’s approval to hire.</li> <li>• BHA efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continue with the Isolation and Quarantine (Iso-Q) hotels and behavioral health stabilization beds.</li> <li>• BHA has responded to COVID-19 outbreaks in shelters.</li> <li>• BHA staff coordinated the Windward COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Windward Health Center and Windward Community College from December 2020 to May 2021. In total, this vaccination clinic was responsible for vaccinating approximately 50,000 residents with the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccines.</li> <li>• Now that the vaccine clinic closed, AMHD and other Division staff are returning full time to focus on individuals their Division serves and are looking to increase coordination of services across Divisions.</li> <li>• AMHD has been awarded federal funding through grant awards. Primarily grants were from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as well as funding for COVID-19 pandemic response.</li> </ul> <p>Additional grants that AMHD is applying for include supplemental funding for psychiatric urgent care through the Community Mental Health Center clinics and funding for additional stabilization beds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMHD wants to expand its services via telehealth and telepsychiatry.</li> <li>• AMHD’s newest residential and treatment programs include several Palekana locations which include short- and long-term stabilization beds to help individuals who need a place to stay and who are maybe decompensating but do not meet inpatient hospitalization criteria; others may need a place to go while they are transitioning from a hospital to a community placement.</li> </ul>			
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	<p>For example, Palekana Leahi has eight (8) beds and will increase to 16 beds this summer. The plan is to expand Palekana beds across all islands. AMHD sees these beds as a cost saving option that provides better outcomes for individuals to stabilize and then transitioned to their ideal community placement. Recently, a former Palekana resident needed to return to the Hawaii State Hospital. Even though they were re-hospitalized, they were able to articulate to staff that they were continuing to use the coping skills that they learned while residing at the Palekana program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMHD is expanding the Hawaii Certified Peer Specialist (HCPS) program to include Hawaii Certified Forensic Peer Specialists. Peers have an important treatment team role.</li> </ul> <p>For example, the Palekana stabilization bed program has a forensic peer specialist position built into the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dashboard with mental health data are available for public access at: <a href="http://www.hawaii.edu/aging/hbhd">www.hawaii.edu/aging/hbhd</a></li> </ul> <p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to do more training around imminent risk and dangerousness. Community education and education for police officers and Mental Health Emergency Workers (MHEWs) is needed in addition to social workers and mental health providers.</li> <li>• Decriminalization of mental health is a priority.</li> <li>• Short-term stabilization beds are an important part of the overall service array.</li> <li>• There are constraints to getting therapy in an acute inpatient setting. There are cultural considerations.</li> <li>• Providers are burnt out and are focusing on stabilizing the patient and getting them back out into the community. There is a financial incentive to get the patients out of the inpatient beds even though they may not be ready or fully stabilized.</li> <li>• There is a huge disconnect between SAMHSA funding inpatient behavioral health therapy vs outpatient behavioral health therapy.</li> <li>• C. Knightsbridge expressed concern regarding the incentive for mental health professionals to stay in Hawaii after they have</li> </ul>			
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	<p>finished their professional training. There is currently no mandate for professionals to remain in Hawaii, for example, to practice for five (5) years post-training/licensure.</p> <p>C. Dang commented that incentives for licensed professionals to come to Hawaii to practice therapy should be considered.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis stated that AMHD is looking into building relationships with colleges to increase opportunities for students to get hands on experience. AMHD has worked with the University of Hawaii Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work for student internship opportunities. R. Ries mentioned that Hawaii Pacific University is another option for internships.</p> <p>She mentioned possibly better utilizing physician assistants.</p>			
<p>XII. New Business (Part 2 of 2) AMHD Request for Council Members' Comments on AMHD's Mission and Vision Statements</p>	<p>R. Ries asked Council members for their feedback regarding AMHD's request for Council member feedback on the AMHD Mission and Vision statements.</p> <p>Council members shared the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Dang stated staff to patient ratio and improving outreach to homeless. R. Ries mentioned that homelessness is not illegal.</li> <li>• R. Ries suggested psychotherapy in inpatient settings.</li> </ul> <p>S. Haitsuka encouraged Council members who have not submitted their feedback to do so online on or before Friday, May 14, 2021.</p>	<p>For information only.</p>		
<p>XIII. Closing Announcements</p>	<p>Council members shared the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Ries noted that a request for funds for the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) Summit from April 26-30, 2021 was submitted and approved. There were several Council members who indicated they were available to attend. If you attended and would like to share any comments about the IVAT Summit and your experience, please share your feedback.</li> </ul>	<p>For information only.</p>		

XIV. Meeting Evaluation / Future Agenda Items	<p>R. Ries encouraged members to share their feedback about how today’s Council meeting went either by sharing them verbally or typing their feedback in the chat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None shared.</li> </ul>			
VI. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.	For information only.		
Electronic Mail Outs	<p>The following handouts were e-mailed to SCMH members and individuals on the SCMH e-mail distribution list:</p> <p>E-mail (1 of 2) with handouts (total of 7 handouts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. May 2021 Meeting – Agenda</li> <li>2. April 2021 Meeting – Draft Minutes</li> <li>3. April 2021 Meeting – FY21 Attendance Log</li> <li>4. May 2021 Meeting – Community Input, NAMI Hawaii – Hawaii ACT Pilot Program</li> <li>5. May 2021 Meeting – Adult Mental Health Division Survey: Mission and Vision Statements</li> <li>6. May 2021 Meeting – Draft Thank You Letter, Ho’ōla Nā Pua</li> <li>7. May 2021 Meeting – Draft Thank You Letter, The Clarity Project</li> </ol> <p>E-mail (2 of 2) with handouts (total of 7 handouts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. May 2021 Meeting – Old Business Retreat (Part II), Post-Retreat Facilitator Summary</li> <li>9. May 2021 Meeting – Old Business Retreat (Part II), Strategic Plan: Changes Noted from 3/9/21 Meeting</li> <li>10. May 2021 Meeting – Announcement, C. Matayoshi Mahalo Letter</li> <li>11. May 2021 Meeting – Announcement, Children’s Mental Health Awareness: CAMHD Info</li> <li>12. HACDACS Minutes – 1/26/21</li> <li>13. Maui SAB Minutes – 2/1/21</li> <li>14. Hawaii SAB Minutes – 3/23/21</li> </ol>	For information only.		