

**HAWAI'I STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH (SCMH)
COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE AND CARE COORDINATION**

October 3, 2024 Meeting

Via Zoom and Hale F Conference Room on 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City 96782

Meeting Minutes Draft

Members present: Katherine Aumer, Heidi Ilyavi, Kathleen Merriam, Mary Pat Waterhouse,
Members excused: Jon Fujii

Staff: Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

The meeting started at 10:32 a.m.

II. New Business

- A. Selection of a Committee Chairperson. Kathleen Merriam agreed to be the chairperson and there was no objection from any member.
- B. SCMH Bylaws and Committees -Tabled
- C. Discussion & Recommendation – Next steps for the SCMH Strategic Planning Goals on Workforce and Care Coordination.

- Workforce and Care Coordination are two topics requiring two different sets of expertise.

Presentations For next steps to action, more information/fact gathering is recommended and the initial activities are to invite the following to present, preferably, at the November or December SCMH meetings:

- CAMHD (Keli Acquaro) on Rate Study
- MedQuest/Medicare (Jon Fujii) on paying/compensating for care coordination services. There are other models (e.g. case mgmt.).
- DCCA -presentation on the implementation of HB1380. This to the Committee only.
- DHRD on behavioral health jobseekers (volume, filled, vacancies, time span and others). Staff will look at DHRD reports on how they report data, take up the DHRD presentation with committee members for more exact “ask” language. Also, SCMH ex-officio member Marian Tsuji will be update of this request.
 - Relating to workforce development, the Committee was made aware of a new public health workforce lab at UH. [Hawai'i PH Workforce Catalyst Lab | Office of Public Health Studies \(hawaii.edu\)](https://hawaii.edu/PHWorkforceCatalystLab)
- AMHD (Erin Snyder) on Supportive Housing
 - Relating to this topic, the committee learned that the Council will be alerted that a nonprofit in West Oahu, that provides group homes

services, is ending its operations this month. Consumers have 45 days notice and there is a problem about where they will be placed.

-Like other group homes that might also end up closing, the issue is rates/financial viability. For this particular case, staff shortage does not appear to be the problem.

-The Council can see the situation in two ways- 1) urgent need -a need to respond to this emergency, and 2) long-term problem of shortage.

- Tracking report. Re-number the goals listed in the tracking list of SCMH Strategic goals. Staff will correct so each item in column 2 are numbered to relate to the number in column 1.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack workforce development challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine ways higher pay rates for services may be achieved by analyzing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -pathways and glidepaths -DHRD recruitment -rate studies -DOH salaries • Monitor implementation of HB1830 (provisional licensing) • Formally analyze the current barriers to reimbursements. 4.1 Create an action committee to figure out the actions steps include. Note: In covering Goals 4 and 5, the chosen priority actions may lead to merging #4 and #5 4.2 Conduct focused Council meetings with invited experts to offer ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Action Committee created to include H. Ilyavi, M. P. Waterhouse, K. Merriam, J. Fujii 4.2 Workforce Development Council identified as potential collaborator, contact information shared. 4.2 Washington State identified as solid resource for behavioral health career pathways, and can be engaged to share information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH CAMHD completed a rate study; DOH AMHD proposed a rate study to be funded with MHBG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve comprehensive care coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify new funding sources for group homes. 2. Meet with insurance providers to review the different parts of the care coordination system to discuss reimbursement policies. 5.1 Create an action committee that will figure out the next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 The following agreed to be part of the action committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -H. Ilyavi -M.P. Waterhouse -K. Merriam -J. Fujii 	

III. Community Input

none