

**HAWAI'I STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH (SCMH)**  
**Meeting Notice & Agenda**

DATE: **TUESDAY, February 11, 2025**  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
WHERE: Via Zoom with in-person location at Hale F Conference Room, 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, 96782.  
Join virtually from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:  
<https://zoom.us/j/95904509409?pwd=TnFpNnQzOEtNlPbcG92cUVrWGNtZz09>  
Meeting ID: 959 0450 9409      Passcode: 96782  
Join by phone: +1 719 359 4580

In person public video-conferencing meeting location:  
Waimano Complex Hale F Conference Room Department of Health  
2201 Waimano Home Road Pearl City, HI 96782

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Welcome and Call to Order</b><br>Meeting to be led by Chairperson  | <b>9:00 to 9:05 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Meeting Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting protocol for audiovisual communication breakdown</li><li>• Clarification on Sunshine Law and canceled January meetings</li><li>• 2025 SCMH Report to the Governor and Legislature</li><li>• State Council membership vacancies</li><li>• Ex-officio member message</li></ul> | <b>9:05 to 9:15 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 14, 2024 meeting</li><li>• December 10, 2024 meeting</li></ul>  | <b>9:15 to 9:20 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Community Input</b><br><i>[Note: Testimony from interested persons will also be taken immediately before each agenda item.]</i>  | <b>9:20 to 9:30 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>New Business</b>   | <b>9:30 to 10:40 a.m.</b> |
|             | <b>A. Presentation</b><br><i>"Meet and Greet, Hawaii State Hospital Update"</i><br>Mark Linscott, New Administrator   |                           |
|             | <b>B. Presentation</b><br><i>"Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division Housing Guide"</i><br>Belinda Danielson, AMHD Community Programs Supervisor   |                           |

**C. Nomination - 2025 Officers**

Nominations will be open for 2025 SCMH Officers –  
Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, Secretary

**VI. Old Business**

**10:40 to 11:40 a.m.**

**A. Presentations in December**

Action on draft thank you letters and actions requested  
relating to December 10, 2024 presentations.

**B. 2025 Legislation Council Agenda**

The Council will consider 2025 legislative bills that have been screened as potentially meeting approved Council criteria for legislative advocacy, vote to testify or not, in support or in opposition, and create a negotiating permitted interaction group. The bills to be considered are potentially the following:

*House Bill 943. Relating to Homelessness.* Establishment of a homeless triage and treatment center program to serve homeless individuals and individuals at risk of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness.

*House Bill 212. Relating to Homelessness.* Establishment of permanent Return-to-Home program to return homeless individuals in the State to families and relatives in their home states.

*House Bill 270. Relating to Public Safety.* Creates the offense of urinating or defecating in public. Requires mental health evaluation and supportive services for a person experiencing homelessness who is arrested for urinating or defecating in public places.

*Senate Bill 37. Relating to Mental Health.* Requires all public and private schools that serve students in grades 6 through 12 and issue student identification cards to have information on mental health and suicide prevention hotlines printed on the student identification cards.

*House Bill 1123, also Senate Bill 1442. Relating to Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents.* Clarifies and updates the responsibilities of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health.

*House Bill 1079. Relating to Trauma-Informed Care.* Contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services child welfare services branch staff.

*House Bill 1126, also SB1445. Relating to Youth Mental Health.* Establishes a two-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project under which the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health.

*House Bill 1080, also Senate Bill 1399.* Relating to Family Resilient Pilot Program. Establishes the Family Resilience Pilot Program within the Office of Wellness and Resilience.

*House Bill 244. Relating to Department of Human Services.* Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to collaborate with community-based organizations to address the need for social services in the State.

*Senate Bill 296, Also House Bill 731 Relating to Minors.* Authorizes a physician, upon consultation with a minor patient who indicates that the minor was the victim of a sexual offense, with the consent of the minor patient, to perform customary and necessary examinations to obtain evidence of the sexual offense and may prescribe for and treat the patient for any immediate condition caused by the sexual offense. Provides that the consent of the parent, parents, or legal guardian of a minor offender who has been committed to the Hawaii youth correctional facilities is not necessary to authorize hospital, medical, mental health, dental, emergency health, or emergency surgical care.

*Senate Bill 554. Relating to Workers' Compensation.* Requires claims of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by first responders to be compensable under workers' compensation under certain condition Defines "first responders."

*House Bill 300, also Senate Bill 473.* Relating to the State Budget. Appropriates funds for Executive Branch budget.

*Senate Bill 623. Relating to State Council on Mental Health.* Requires the State Council on Mental Health to include an unspecified number of members with demonstrated knowledge of or work experience involving native Hawaiian health practices. Requires council members to receive annual training on topics related to native Hawaiian healing and health.

*Senate Bill 1281. Relating to Telehealth.* Updates the State's laws on telehealth services to conform with federal Medicare regulations.

*House Bill 1004, also Senate Bill 12323.* Relating to Health Care. Adopts the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act (2023) with amendments to replace chapters 327E and 327G, HRS.

*Senate Bill 32. Relating to the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact.* Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology

and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice

*Senate Bill 474, Relating to Psychologists.* Requires clinical psychologists employed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to obtain licensure within 10 years from the date of employment.

*House Bill 1105. Relating to Credentialing of Health Care Providers.* Authorizes the Department of Health to implement a two-year pilot program that reduces duplicative activities required for the credentialing of health care providers by hospitals, universities, clinics, health plans, and independent practice associations.

*House Bill 876. Relating to Health Care Preceptors.* Adds psychology, physician assistant, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, clinical social worker, rehabilitation counselor, and school counselor students to the definition of "eligible student" under the qualifications for the healthcare preceptor tax credit. Amends the definition of "preceptor" by adding psychologists, physician assistants, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, clinical social workers, rehabilitation counselors, and school counselors to the list of preceptors eligible to receive the tax credit.

*House Bill 842, also Senate Bill 87. Relating to Mental Health at the University of Hawaii.* Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish three additional permanent mental health practitioner positions within the Division of Student Success' Counseling and Student Development Center.

*Senate Bill 34. Relating to Mental Health.* Requires the Department of Education to identify an absence due to the mental health of a student as an excused absence. Defines the term "excused absence".

*Senate Bill 715. Relating to Medicaid.* Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to achieve full funding status, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid home- and community-based services.

*Senate Bill 64. Relating to Education.* Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, requires each public school in the State, including charter schools, to employ, or retain under contract, at least 1 mental health professional for every 250 students enrolled, subject to certain conditions.

*Senate Bill 482, Also House Bill 700. Relating to Cognitive Assessment.* Requires all health care providers who accept Medicare to provide a cognitive assessment as part of the Medicare Part B annual wellness visit for Medicare beneficiaries sixty-five years of age or older, with certain exceptions.

*Senate Bill 46. Relating to Insurance.* Requires all health insurers in the state, including Medicaid managed care programs, to cover annual mental health wellness examinations.

*Senate Bill 333. Relating to Health.* Requires the Department of Health to conduct a study on addictive online activities engaged in by residents of the State.

*House Bill 1121, also Senate Bill 1440. Relating to exemptions from Civil Service for certain positions in the Department of Health.* Exempts certain positions in the Department of Health, including the Hawaii State Hospital, from civil service.

*House Bill 1125, also SB 1444. Relating to the General Excise Tax.* Authorizes general excise tax exemptions for residential care services provided by certain licensed health care facilities pursuant to a contract with the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of Health.

*House Bill 320, also Senate Bill 776. Related to Supported Decision-Making Agreements.* Allows qualified adults, including adults with a disability, mentally ill adults, and adults sixty-five years of age or older, to enter supported decision-making agreements with one or members of a supportive community.

*House Bill 1462. Relating to Crisis Services.* Expands the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to include at least two sites on the island of Oahu, including one program in west Oahu.

*Senate Bill 323. Relating to Mental Health.* Authorizes a person intoxicated by alcohol, under the influence of drugs, or incapacitated by substances, including a minor, to voluntarily admit themselves to a psychiatric facility or a behavioral health crisis center for an emergency evaluation to determine need for treatment.

*House Bill 112, also Senate Bill 787. Relating to the Department of Health.* Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to establish and operate a free statewide mental health warm line to provide mental health support in non-emergency situations.

*Senate Bill 705. Relating to Excited Delirium.* Prohibits excited delirium from being recognized as a valid medical diagnosis or cause of death in the State.

*Senate Bill 1450, also House Bill 1131 HD1, House Bill 593, and Senate Bill 434. Relating to Treatment for Mental Illness.* Establishes a pilot program in the Department of Health to provide intensive mobile treatment-type services to chronically houseless individuals suffering from serious brain disorders like schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder.

*Senate Bill 451. Relating to Persons with Disabilities.* Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a Medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities.

*Senate Bill 648. Relating to the Department of Health.* Requires the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Health to amend its eligibility criteria for the home and community-based services Medicaid waiver to include individuals having an intellectual or a developmental disability and a comorbid mental illness. Appropriates funds.

*Senate Bill 709. Relating to Mental Health.* Requires the Department of Health to track and publicly report certain data relating to crisis reports, emergency mental health transports, and court-ordered treatments; respond to reports about persons having severe mental illness who are in need of assistance, assess whether those persons fulfill criteria for assisted community treatment, and coordinate the process for an assisted community treatment order if indicated; Establishes that a court's denial of a petition for involuntary commitment shall serve as notification to DOH that the subject of the petition should be evaluated for assisted community treatment.

*House Bill 1003, also Senate Bill 1322. Relating to Mental Health.* Clarifies and expands the circumstances and procedures available for emergency transportation, examination, and hospitalization under chapter 334.

*House Bill 215, also Senate Bill 107. Relating to Medical Informed Consent.* Requires the Hawaii Medical Board to establish standards for health care providers to ensure that a patient's consent to treatment is an informed consent.

*Senate Bill 160. Relating to Mental Health.* Requires the Department of Health to construct a mental health facility for inmates or detainees with mental health needs in the custody of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

*House Bill 1129, also Senate Bill 1448.* Emergency appropriation to the Department of Health for the Construction and Remediation at the Hawaii State Hospital.

*House Bill 198. Relating to Temporary Restraining Order.* Increases the mandatory minimum jail sentence for a first conviction of knowingly or intentionally violating a temporary restraining order from forty-eight to seventy-two hours. Requires mandatory mental health counseling for a first conviction of knowingly or intentionally violating a temporary restraining order.

*House Bill 280, HD1, also Senate Bill 361. Relating to Community Outreach Court.*

Permanently establishes and appropriates funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit.

*House Bill 1124, also Senate Bill 1443. Relating to the Department of Health.*  
Establishes maximum rates of payment for medical care for patients of the Hawaii State Hospital or of another psychiatric facility who are under the custody of the Director of Health. Authorizes the Department of Health to establish long-term care payment rates for patients discharged to a long-term care facility from the Hawaii State Hospital or another psychiatric facility where they were under the custody of the Director of Health. Exempts the Department of Health from chapter 103F, HRS, for the procurement of medical care and long-term care for patients who are or were under the custody of the Director of Health at the Hawaii State Hospital or a psychiatric facility.

**VII. Informational Reports by Council Members** **11:40 to 11:55 a.m.**

Standard agenda reporting which may be written or oral.  
Each report may include information on mental health-related meetings attended, upcoming mental health-related events to share, and mental health conversation topics and resources from mental health stakeholders in the community. It may include concerns relating to concerns that the Council could help in, and responsibility areas for acting on or before the next meeting.

**A. Island Representative Reports**

1. Oahu Service Area Board meeting –Jackie Jackson
2. Hawaii Service Area Board meeting – John Betlach

**B. Government Sector Representative Reports - Mental Health Care**

1. Behavioral health sector – Kathleen Merriam
2. Social services sector – Ray Rice
3. MedQUEST/Medicaid & HACDACS sector – Jon Fujii
4. Judiciary/Mental Health Court – Kristin Will
5. Education – Christine Montague-Hicks
6. Vocational Rehabilitation – Leah Dias

**C. Specialty Area Representative Reports -Mental Health Care**

1. Providers – Forrest Wells
2. Parents, family members, consumer advocates –  
Mary Pat Waterhouse, Heidi Ilyavi, Katherine Aumer,  
Naomi Crozier
3. Youth and consumer advocate – Asianna Saragosa-Torres,  
Tianna Celis-Webster

**VIII. Adjournment** **11:55 to 12:00 noon**

**Recording:** This public meeting will be recorded and a recording of this meeting will be made available to the public pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 92-3.7.

**Meeting Packet.** In compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes 92-7.5, the meeting packet, if any, will be distributed to Council members no later than two business days before the meeting, and will also be made available for public inspection at the SCMH's Office at Hale F, 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, HI 96782. It will also be available on request. To receive the meeting packet as soon as it is ready, please request to be in the distribution list by sending a request with your name and email address to [doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov).

**Public testimony** will be accepted on community concerns and any agenda item. Testimony may be oral or written. **Oral Testimony** Oral testimony will be accepted at the meeting. Anyone wishing to testify orally is encouraged to please sign up in advance. You may also advise us at the meeting if you would like to testify orally. As provided by Hawai'i's Sunshine Laws, oral testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per person per agenda item or community issue.

**Written Testimony.** Attempts will be made to make copies of written testimonies be part of the meeting packet if received in a timely manner. Otherwise, these will be distributed to board members and the public at any time before the meeting. Written testimony may be sent to the State Council on Mental Health via e-mail at [doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov). or submitted via USPS to: State Council on Mental Health (Attn: Waimano Hale F) P.O. Box 3378, Room 256, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96801-3378. Note: Any personal information (such as home addresses, home phone numbers, cell phone numbers) included on the written testimony will become public information.

**Accommodation.** If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand by calling at (808) 453-6957 or emailing [doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats/accessible formats.

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