



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO  
STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**  
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**HAWAII STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH (SCMH)  
Meeting Notice & Agenda**

**DATE:** TUESDAY, August 12, 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:

<https://zoom.us/j/95138653554?success>

Meeting ID: 951 3865 3554 Passcode 96782

Join by phone:

Dial 253 205 0468 or 669 444 9171

Join in-person:

Department of Health Waimano Complex Hale F Conference Room  
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>• Community Events on Mental Health</li><li>• SCMH Membership, Vacancies, and Absences</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>• June 10, 2025 and July 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes</li></ul>   | <b>9:15 to 9:20 a.m.</b> |

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- IV. Community Input** **9:20 to 9:30 a.m.**
- Testimonies *[Note: Testimony from interested persons will also be taken immediately before each agenda item.]*
- V. New Business**
- A. Presentation** **9:30 to 10:00 a.m.**
- "From Crisis to Recovery: Health and Resilience  
After the Maui Wildfires"*  
By Dr. Ruben Juarez and Dr. Alika Maunakea  
University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization
- B. Presentation** **10:00 to 10:30 a.m.**
- "Hawaii Workplace Wellness & Quality of Life Survey" Results*  
By Dr. Jack Barile, Dr. Trina Okimoto & Dr. Kevin Thompson  
University of Hawaii Health Policy Initiative  
&  
Dr. Kevin Thompson  
State Office of Wellness and Resilience
- VI. Old Business (Continuing)** **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
- A. Presentation, Discussion and Recommendation**  
Mental Health Block Grant Planning  
Staff and Ad Hoc Committee on Planning & Performance
- B. Onboarding of Members**  
Website and Resource Guide updates  
Staff
- VII. Informational Reports by Council Members** **11:00 to 11:50 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.

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### **A. Island Representative Reports**

1. O'ahu Service Area Board meeting –Jackie Jackson
2. Hawai'i 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**

**11:50 to 12:00 noon**

Meeting feedback and update on future presentations.

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

**Meeting Packet.** In compliance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes 92-7.5, the meeting packet, if any, will be distributed to Council members no later than three 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. Oral testimony will be 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.