



**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, September 9, 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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| I. | Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting to be led by Chairperson | 9:00 to 9:05 a.m. |
| II. | Meeting Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting protocol for audiovisual communication breakdown• Community Events on Mental Health• SCMH Membership, Vacancies, and Absences• Ex-officio member message | 9:05 to 9:15 a.m. |
| III. | Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes | 9:15 to 9:20 a.m. |

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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. Old Business** **9:30 to 10:00 a.m.**
- A. Presentations**
- Review and Approval of Letter of Support, and/or Letter of Thank you for Past Presentations:
- "From Crisis to Recovery: Health and Resilience After the Maui Wildfires*
 - *"Hawaii Workplace Wellness & Quality of Life Survey" Results*
 - "County Integrated Service Area Planning: Context, Insights and the Future"*
 - "Rate Studies and their Impact "*
- B. Presentation, Discussion and Recommendation**
- Approved and Submitted Letter to SAMHSA
Submitted Plan and Application
FY26- FY27 Mental Health Block Grant Planning
- VI. New Business** **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- A. Organizing for the Year (10/1/25 to 9/30/26) -Facilitated Discussion**
1. Current and Projected Vacancies and Timeline
 2. 2024 Retreat Planning Goals and Timeline
 3. Hawaii Revised Statutes 334.10 Mandate – State Planning and Local Area Planning Timeline
 4. 2026 Legislative Advocacy
- B. November or December In-person Meeting**
5. Poll results
 6. Agenda
- 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 sector & HACDACS – 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
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.

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. 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 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.