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**DATE:** **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**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/s/95138653554#success>

Meeting ID: 951 3865 3554 Passcode 96782

Join by phone:

Dial 253 205 0468 or 669 444 9171

<b>I.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> Meeting to be led by Council Chairperson Roll call by Council Secretary	<b>9:00 to 9:05 a.m.</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting protocol - AV communication breakdown</li><li>• Mental health related events and reports</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>COMMUNITY INPUT</b> <i>[Note: Testimonies will also be taken immediately before each agenda item.]</i>	<b>9:15 to 9:25 a.m.</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</b> January 13, 2026 Minutes	<b>9:25 to 9:30 a.m.</b>

**IV.****NEW BUSINESS****9:30 to 11:00 a.m.****A. Presentation**

*“Mental Health Holds and the Mental Health Court”*

By Kristin Will, Hawaii Mental Health Court Coordinator

**B. Review of 2026 Legislation**

Led by the 2026 Ad Hoc Legislation Committee - presentation, discussion, and decision as time permits and will be limited to the following bills and their companion bills as time permits.

- *Bills that have been heard as of public notice time as:*  
SB2080 and HB1704 adopt the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of tele-psychology and temporary in-person.

HB1913 establishes with the Office of Veteran’s Services a mental health coordinator position

SB2108 preserves the family court’s jurisdiction over a minor transferred for criminal court proceedings for subsequent acts.

HB1805 establishes an independent Office of Child Advocate within the Office of the Ombudsman

HB1537 appropriates funds to the Department of Health to contract community-based organizations to provide preventive and early intervention mental health services to adolescents in the community.

SB2679 and HB1562 establish appropriate funds for a one-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project.

SB2861 establishes with the Office of Wellness and Resilience the Kakou Pilot Program to support families and children in need.

SB2089 and HB1706 expand the services eligible for Medicaid Prospective Payment System.

SB2285 appropriate funds to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Divisions of the Department of Health to contract with community-based organizations for a behavioral health complex patient model.

SB787 appropriates funds for the Department of Health to establish and operate a free statewide mental health warm line to provide mental health support in non-emergency situations.

- *Bills relating to the State Council and other Oversight Activities:*

SB 3274 and HB 1854 expand the State Mental Health Council to include a seat for a future community behavioral health clinic certifying office.

SB3199 establishes a Mental Health Emerging Therapies Task Force and preparing the State for these therapies.

HB2482 establishes a facilities relocation task force to identify and address issues of the inequitable location of mental health facilities, clean and sober homes, homeless shelter, and supporting living homes across Oahu. Appropriate funds.

SB3077, SB1323, HB2257, and HB1004 adopt the uniform health care decision act 2023, as modified, and relating to advance mental health care directives.

SB3303 and HB2570 regulate sports wagering, among others, and establish gambling prevention and treatment special funds.

HB1889 creates a school psychologist working group within the Department of Education.

- *Bills relating to telehealth and/or workforce*

HB2558 expands telehealth to address physician shortage.

SB94 and HB198 expand out-of-state telehealth services.

SB2206 and SB2184 require development and distribution of state guidelines for telehealth services in public middle and high schools.

SB846, SB708, HB2169 relate to prescriptive authority privileges of psychologists.

SB2224 requires each public school, including charter schools, to employ or retain under contract at least one mental health professional for every 250 students enrolled, subject to certain conditions. This is like last year's SB64 and any companion bill.

SB3106 and HB2287 seek correctional workers as protected participants in peer support counseling sessions.

SB3192 authorizes the waiver of certain healthcare worker licensure requirements during emergencies.

SB3078 and HB2258 require the Director of Law Enforcement to adopt rules establishing training and certification standards and procedures for crisis intervention officers.

SB2307 authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board to issue active retired clinician licenses to retire physicians, and other health professionals.

- *Bills relating to children, adolescents, and families*  
SB2222 requires the Department of Education to identify as an excused absence any absence due to the student's mental or behavioral health. This related also to last year's SB34 and any companion bill.

HB1445 mandates the establishment of school emergency plans, with regular testing and emergency preparedness drills.

HB2408 establishes comprehensive reform to protect children and families from abuse and improve systemic responses.

HB2083 amends the offense of promoting a controlled substance, in or near schools, school vehicles, public parks, or public housing projects or complexes to include homeless facilities.

- *Bills relating to homelessness*

SB2354 and HB261 on offenses of criminal trespasses onto public parks and recreational grounds or loitering on public property. Require homeless outreach and case management programs.

- *Bills relating to insurance, care continuum/ services*

SB2608 requires health insurers in the State to cover annual mental health wellness examination. This is like last year's SB46 and any companion bill.

SB2807 establishes a three-year health coverage continuity pilot program to assist individuals who lost Medicaid health insurance coverage and lack access to other health insurance options.

SB2869 and HB1876 amend the existing prohibition on conversion therapy. Explicitly provide that talk therapy is exempt from prohibition.

SB2917 and HB2505 require community health outpatient program certificate, and a petition to be heard within five days of a petition.

SB3065 appropriates funds to the Department of Health to provide health care to people under the custody of the DOH Director who do not require hospital level of care.

SB2585 requires the Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Finance and Office of Enterprise Technology Services, and Department of Human Services, to establish and maintain an online clearinghouse enhanced by artificial intelligence of evidence-based treatment and prevention programs.

SB2640 is a mental health bill that is currently in short form.

HB1530 and SB2133 relate to requirements and contracting to operate certain residential treatment programs.

- *Bills relating to forensic population*

HB2288 and SB3107 amending the Hawaii Revised Statutes 353-64 to include participation in correctional programs for parole eligibility: (1) treatment (substance abuse, mental health, sex offender); (2) work furlough as part of vocational rehabilitation; and (3) other programs for community reintegration.

SB3142 and HB2322 establish the offense of dangerous intoxication and habitual dangerous intoxication, provide for civil protective custody and transport for emergency examination.

- *Bills relating to crisis care and suicide prevention*

HB1760 amends the definition of “dangerous to self”, defines “Gravely disabled” and “psychiatric deterioration”, broadens “Imminently dangerous to self and others”, and increase the maximum period of emergency hospitalization.

SB2288 clarifies the procedures for assisted community treatment, examination, and hospitalization for individuals who may be mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse who are imminently dangerous to self, others, or property.

SB3001 requires operators of conversational artificial intelligence services in the State to issue certain disclosures to account holders and users. Requires operators to develop protocols to prevent the production of suicidal ideations in account holders and users. Establishes protections for minor account holders.

HB615 and SB1150 expand protection established under Act 2 of 2023.

- *Bills relating to disasters and emergencies*  
SB3160 and HB2340 make an emergency appropriation to the University of Hawaii to expand and sustain the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry.
- *Bills that were carried forward from 2025*  
SB37. 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.

HB244. 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.

SB554. 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."

SB623. 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.

SB955 Relating to fitness to proceed. Clarifies who may serve as a qualified examiner.

SB1612 Relating to fitness to proceed. Establish and fund a five-year fitness to proceed program.

SB2858 and HB2372 Relating to Assisted Community Treatment. Authorizes registered nurses and qualified paramedics to administer medication.

HB1004, also SB 12323. Relating to Health Care.  
Adopts the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act (2023)  
with amendments to replace chapters 327E and 327G,  
HRS.

HB876. 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.

SB715. 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.

SB 482, Also HB700. 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 visits for Medicare beneficiaries sixty-five years of age or older, with certain exceptions.

HB1125, also SB1444. Relating to the General Excise Tax and authorizing 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.

HB320, also SB776. Related to Supported Decision-Making Agreements and allow 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.

	<b>C. 2026 Legislation – Identification of additional bills for future discussion</b>	
<b>V.</b>	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<b>11:00 to 11:30 am</b>
	<b>A. December and January Presentations –</b> Approval of Thank you Letters	
	<b>B. Presentation of December 9 Meeting Results-</b> 2026 Guiding Values, Goals and Actions for Next Meeting Vote	
<b>VI.</b>	<b>INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>11:30 to 11:55 am</b>
	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.	
	<b>A. Island Representative Reports</b>	
	1. O‘ahu Service Area Board meeting –Jackie Jackson	
	2. Hawai‘i Service Area Board meeting – John Betlach	
	<b>B. Government Sector Representative Reports - Mental Health Care</b>	
	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	
	<b>C. Specialty Area Representative Reports -Mental Health Care</b>	
	1. Provider – Forrest Wells	
	2. Parents, family members, consumer advocates – Mary Pat Waterhouse, Heidi Ilyavi, Katherine Aumer, Danielle Bergan	
	3. Youth and consumer advocates – Tianna Celis-Webster, Asianna Saragosa-Torres	
<b>VI.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>11:55 to 12:00 n</b>

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**MEETING MATERIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

If there is a meeting packet, the meeting packet will be posted on the Council's website at <https://scmh.hawaii.gov/meetings> at least three full business days. A copy will also be available at 2201 Waimano Home Road Hale F Conference Room, Pearl City 96782. Written testimony will also be posted on the Council's website as it is received.