



**STATE OF HAWAI'I
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO
STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH
P.O. Box 3378, Room 256
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378**

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 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/j/95138653554>

Meeting ID: 951 3865 3554 Passcode 96782

Join by phone:

Dial 253 205 0468 or 669 444 9171

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER
Meeting to be led by Council Chairperson
Roll call by Council Secretary | 9:00 to 9:05 am |
| II. | ANNOUNCEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting protocol - AV communication breakdown• Mental health related events and reports• SCMH membership, vacancies, and absences• Ex-officio member message | 9:05 to 9:15 am |
| III. | COMMUNITY INPUT
<i>[Note: Testimonies will also be taken immediately before each agenda item.]</i> | 9:15 to 9:25 am |
| IV. | APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes | 9:25 to 9:30 am |

- V. OLD BUSINESS** **9:30 to 10:00 am**
- A. December and January Presentations –**
Approval of Thank you Letters
- Mr. Scott Murakami (December Guest)
 - Dr. Dayna Schultz (December Guest)
 - Windward CC (December Guest)
 - Dr. Judi Steinmann (January Guest)
- B. Presentation of December 9 Meeting Results-**
2026 Guiding Values, Goals and Actions for
Next Meeting Vote

- IV. NEW BUSINESS** **10:00 to 11:30 am**
- A. 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.

ON OVERALL GOVERNANCE

SB3077 SD1, SB1323 CD1, adopt the uniform health care decision act 2023, as modified, and relating to advance mental health care directives. Requires the Attorney General’s Office to convene a working group.

HB1889 HD1 creates a School Psychologist Working Group with the Department of Education to recommend licensure pathway for school psychologists.

HB1913 HD1 Establishes within the Office of Veterans' Services a mental health coordinator position at Tripler Army Medical Center.

ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND/OR FAMILIES

SB2108 SD1 amends the factors a family court is required to consider in deciding whether the court may waive jurisdiction over a minor or adult held for criminal proceedings.

HB1805 HD1 establish an independent office of child advocate to oversee and evaluate delivery of services

to children and their families by various state agencies and entities.

SB2861 SD2 establishes the Kakou Pilot program to support families and Children in need.

HB2083 SD1 amends the offense of promoting a controlled substance, in or near certain facilities and sites.

SB1150 SD1 expand protection established under Act 2 of 2023 to include gender-affirming health care services. Clarifies jurisdiction for cases involving children.

ON CARE SERVICES, CARE COORDINATION,
INSURANCE

HB2505 HD1 relating to assisted community treatment, assisted treatment procedures for defendants with mental health needs in the community.

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

ON FORENSIC POPULATION

SB3142 SD1 establishes the offense of dangerous intoxication and habitual dangerous intoxication.

ON CRISIS SERVICES AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

SB3001 SD1 requires operators of conversational artificial intelligence services in the State to issue certain disclosures to account holders and users.

ON DISASTERS

SB3192 SD1 authorizes the waiver of certain healthcare worker licensure requirements during emergencies.

2025 BILLS

ON CARE SERVICES, CARE COORDINATION,
INSURANCE

HB244 SD1 appropriate funds for the Department of Human Services to collaborate with community-based

organizations to address the need for social services in the State.

SB955 HD1 clarifying who may serve as a qualified examiner in a fitness-to-proceed examination.

SB1444 SD1 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.

B. Bills not listed on February 10, 2026, Council agenda

ON WORKFORCE

HB1591HD1 adds physician assistants, dietitians, and social workers to the list of preceptors and eligible students under the Healthcare Preceptor Tax Credit.

HB1574 HD1 requires a participant in the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program to remain and work in the State for several years.

ON CARE SERVICES, CARE COORDINATION,
INSURANCE

SB2921 transfers to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds and programs.

ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS

SB2803 requires a plan for a single centralized State housing and homelessness solution entity, and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Kauhale Initiative and related capital improvement projects.

SB2557 requiring the Statewide office on homelessness and housing solutions to report on three areas relating to count, contracts and plans, and coordination.

C. 2026 Legislation – Identification of additional bills for future discussion

D. Presentation

“Rural Health Transformation Initiative, An Informational Presentation”

SCMH March 10, 2026, Notice and Agenda

By Jon Fujii and Joy Soares, Med-QUEST Division, Hawaii
Department of Human Services

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS 11:30 to 11:55 am

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. 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. 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

VI. ADJOURNMENT 11:55 to 12:00 pm

HOW TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY/COMMUNITY INPUT:

Written testimony can be emailed to the Council at doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov, mailed or delivered in person to DOH AMHD Hale F Office (Attn: SCMh), 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, Hawaii 96782. Oral testimony will be accepted in person at the physical meeting location, as listed on page 1. Oral testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes per person per agenda item or community issue.

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