



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO  
STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH  
P.O. Box 3378, Room 256  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**

**STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH MEETING  
PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**DATE:** TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b><br>Meeting to be led by Council Chairperson<br>Roll call by Council Secretary   | <b>9:00 to 9:05 am</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 am</b> |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>COMMUNITY INPUT</b><br><i>[Note: Testimonies will also be taken immediately before each agenda item.]</i>   | <b>9:15 to 9:25 am</b> |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</b><br>March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes   | <b>9:25 to 9:30 am</b> |

- V. OLD BUSINESS** **9:30 to 10:00 am**
- A. March Presentation**  
Approval of thank you letter
- B. 2026 Legislation Updates**  
2026 Ad Hoc Legislation Committee
- IV. NEW BUSINESS** **10 to 10:30 a.m.**
- A. Ramping up for Council’s 2026 Planning Role**  
-Staff presentation and Council discussion
- B. Council Onboarding Tools- Website and Guide updating**
- C. State Council Activities – Site Visits, Conferences**
- VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** **10:30 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**
- O’ahu Service Area Board meeting – Jackie Jackson
  - Hawai’i Service Area Board meeting – John Betlach
- B. Government Sector Representative Reports**
- Behavioral health sector – Kathleen Merriam
  - MedQUEST/Medicaid sector & HACDACS – Jon Fujii
  - Judiciary/Mental Health Court – Kristin Will
  - Education – Christine Montague-Hicks
  - Vocational Rehabilitation – Leah Dias
- C. Specialty Area Representative Reports**
- Provider – Forrest Wells
  - Parents, family members, consumer advocates – Mary Pat Waterhouse, Heidi Ilyavi, Katherine Aumer, Danielle Bergan
  - Youth and consumer advocates – Tianna Celis-Webster, Asianna Saragosa-Torres
- VI. ADJOURNMENT** **11:55 to 12:00 pm**

**MEETING PACKET:**

If there is a meeting packet, the meeting packet will be posted on the Council's website at least three full business days before the meeting. 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.

**HOW TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY/COMMUNITY INPUT:**

Written testimony can be emailed to the Council at [doh.scmhchairperson@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto: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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