

**STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH  
2026 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 5, 2026, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Via Zoom with in-person location at  
Hale F Conference Room, 2201 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, 96782**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order. The following were present or came later:

Committee members: Mary Pat Waterhouse (Chair), Kathleen Merriam, Katherine Aumer, Jackie Jackson, Kristen Will.

Staff: Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

Guests: Raelyn Yeoman, Squirrel Celeste

**Presentation of list of new senate bills and house bills for review by committee, and related carryover bills**

Committee Chair Waterhouse outlined how the meeting will run:

- Review committee assignments and responsibilities
- Discuss bills highlighted priority bills, those with hearings or movement
- Assign presenters for the next board meeting
- Determine recommendations for the full Council to vote on

The committee agreed to familiarize themselves with assigned bills before the full Council meeting on Tuesday, with the goal of developing recommendations.

- K. Aumer: Take the lead on PsyPACT/telehealth, CCBHC certifying office representation), Medicaid prospective payment system bills (workforce/telehealth/supervision) .and telehealth access for youth.
- K. Merriam: Take the lead on crisis care bills (including SB 787 and related warm line legislation), attend relevant hearings (including the behavioral health complex hearing tomorrow), peer support counseling bill.
- K. Merriam and H. Ilyavi: Co-lead on the facilities relocation task force bill, with Kathleen as primary and Heidi as neighbor island representative.
- M.P. Waterhouse: Review and inform the committee on the Uniform Healthcare Decision Act and advanced directives bills.
- K. Will: Consult with judiciary/administrators and report back on SB 2108 (family court jurisdiction/minor trafficking)

Assignees agreed to review the bills assigned to them, their contents, know other stakeholders, and be prepared to offer recommendations at the full Council meeting. C. Weygan-Hildebrand will organize and distribute updated materials and assignments, and K. Aumer will lead the presentation in the absence of Chair Waterhouse.

**Public Input**

Raelyn Yeoman Raeno raised concerns about the Ulysses clause in advance directives legislation. Squirrel Celeste expressed satisfaction with committee focus.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned shortly after 11:00 a.m.