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## AMHD Welcomes New Leadership Team Members

On June 26, 2023, AMHD welcomed **Dr. Chad Koyanagi** as the new **Crisis Continuum and Medicaid Services Medical Director**. In this role, Dr. Koyanagi will oversee AMHD's crisis continuum of care services; oversee and direct the behavioral health services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries; and serve as a liaison between the AMHD and the Department of Human Services (DHS) Med-QUEST Division. His primary office is on Oahu at the AMHD Administration office in Kinau Hale.

Dr. Koyanagi was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i. He graduated from McKinley High School and earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard College. He received his medical education at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine. He is a community psychiatrist whose professional mission is to improve the entire mental health system, but especially the care of vulnerable populations, like the chronically homeless.

Previously, Dr. Koyanagi worked at DHS Med-QUEST Division where he focused on areas such as behavioral health policy, quality health care indicators, and consultative behavioral health services. He has also worked as a psychiatric hospitalist at Adventist Health Castle for the past 10 years, and with homeless provider agencies for 23 years. Dr. Koyanagi is eager to start his new position at AMHD where he will continue working with Med-QUEST to best serve our community. He would like to see improved psychiatric services, increased access to care, especially in rural communities, thoughtful use of telehealth, increased collaboration between community partners, and improved care for the chronically homeless.

AMHD is also pleased to announce, effective today, July 3, 2023, **Dr. James Dillon** begins his new position as the **Medical Director** at the Kauai Community Mental Health Center. Dr. Dillon graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed his psychiatry residency training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed additional training in forensics at New York University Schools of Law and Medicine as well as child psychiatry with research in child psychosis at the University of California Los Angeles.

Dr. Dillon has worked in a variety of sectors including academia as a child and adolescent training director, founded a psychiatry residency, and a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Central Michigan University College of Medicine; public health (Director of the Office of Psychiatric/Medical Services at the Michigan State Department of Community Health); corrections (Chief of Clinical Affairs at the Michigan Departments of Community Health and Corrections); the Veterans Administration (outpatient staff psychiatrist); and at a nonprofit hospital as an inpatient psychiatrist.

Please welcome both Drs. Koyanagi and Dillon in their new roles!