



AMHD Bulletin

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Please enjoy the February 2025 edition of the AMHD Bulletin! This bulletin is dedicated to sharing updates and opportunities with our outstanding Adult Mental Health Division service providers. Stay informed and engaged!

AMHD Welcomes New Members of the Adult Mental Health Division - PIER Team

We are thrilled to introduce the newest Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) members. There are a lot of new members in our organization. Their diverse backgrounds and expertise will bring fresh perspectives and enhance our commitment to providing outstanding mental health services. Please join us in welcoming:

Chanel Daluddung, APRN-Rx, MBA—Chanel joins AMHD as our new PIER Branch Chief. Born and raised in Oahu, Chanel completed 13 years at Kamehameha Schools, then graduated from UH Manoa with a Bachelor's in Microbiology, a Bachelor's in Nursing, and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice specializing in Family Practice with prescriptive authority. She also completed her Masters in Business Administration, specializing in Healthcare. Her healthcare experience includes psychiatric nursing, case management, healthcare quality/risk with Sutter Health-Kahi Mohala, utilization review and integrated care consulting with UnitedHealthcare, Skilled Nursing Facility APRN in multiple states, and HIPAA policies with the Public Safety Department. Chanel expressed that she is motivated and enthusiastic about joining our AMHD team to help bring about positive systematic change in our mental health community!

Judelyn Vallesteros, MSN, RN, APRN—Judelyn joined AMHD as a Registered Nurse IV to ensure quality performance in AMHD. She is a Registered Nurse with over 20 years of experience in pediatric intensive care, home health, and hospice care, with a strong focus on mental health. She earned her LPN degree from Kapi'olani Community College and a Master of Science in Nursing from Hawaii Pacific University. Judelyn has served as an RN case manager in hospice, providing compassionate support, and has taught pediatric nursing courses at KCC, HPU, and Chaminade University, helping establish KCC's first simulation lab. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked with the CDC Foundation and joined the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH).

Regina (Gina) Griffin, MSW—Regina (Gina) Griffin is our new Social Worker in the Quality Performance Improvement (QPI) unit. Gina brings over three decades of social work experience, earning a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her career began with the Department of



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Human Services, where she served as an Eligibility Worker and an Entry-Level Child Protective Services Social Worker, developing critical assessment and case management skills. Most recently, Gina worked as a Care Coordinator in Families and Children in Early Intervention, providing essential support to families navigating complex systems. Additionally, her experience at Hawaii State Hospital allowed her to focus on housing and discharge planning for the geriatric population, enhancing her expertise in AMHD's mental health services. Gina mentioned that she is proud to serve the public as a Social Worker and has seen many lives changed throughout her career.

Darryl Tanaka—Darryl joins AMHD with extensive experience and a unique skill set. For 20 years, he was an International Chief Purser and Head Flight Attendant for United Airlines. He excelled in high-stress environments, mastering communication, and customer service. Darryl holds a Bachelor's in Communicology (formerly Speech) from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is also a certified IT Network Engineer and Microsoft Systems Administrator, having worked five years as a Federal Contractor at Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor. Since 2016, Darryl has worked with the State Department of Education, applying his technical skills in database management with SQL. He also taught Microsoft Office and basic networking to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, in AMHD Consumer Affairs, Darryl helps individuals facing mental health challenges and recovery from addiction. He coordinates the Hawaii Certified Peer Specialist Course and actively participates in state-run rehabilitation programs. His collaboration with organizations like the Honolulu Police Department and NAMI Hawaii further demonstrates his commitment to enhancing mental health services.

Richalle Patague, MPA Nonprofit—Richalle recently joined AMHD as a Communications Specialist. With a background in project management and community engagement, Richalle has successfully led state-wide public health initiatives within vulnerable communities, most notably managing COVID-19 prevention/mitigation projects and the MedQuest redetermination campaign through her role with FilCom CARES. She's skilled in fostering collaborative partnerships, ensuring diverse communities are well-informed. Richalle aims to build and strengthen the Adult Mental Health Hui of partners and stakeholders through AMHD's informational resources.

We are excited to have each of these talented professionals join us and look forward to their positive impact on our team and the communities we serve. Our next bulletin will include more announcements on staff changes.