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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPOINTS MARK FRIDOVICH AS NEW ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has appointed Mark A. Fridovich, Ph.D., M.P.A. as the administrator for the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD). Previous to his new appointment, Fridovich served as the administrator of the Hawaii State Hospital from August 2006 to the present where he was responsible for the management and operations of the only state facility providing in patient care for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.

“Dr. Fridovich has a history of success at Hawaii State Hospital with the completion of Joint Commission accreditations for the hospital, and expansion of operations including a residential program for discharged patients,” said Health Director Loretta Fuddy. “We look forward to his continued success as we work together to rebuild and revitalize the entire adult mental health system.”

A doctoral level licensed psychologist with a master’s degree in public administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Fridovich brings years of national and local experience in state systems with a focus on mental health and human service delivery. His past work includes leadership positions at community mental health centers and state psychiatric hospitals; overseeing contracted services; and pivotal roles interfacing mental health, human services systems, and other state agency partners.

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In his new capacity, Fridovich will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of AMHD. He will also provide leadership for repositioning and revitalizing the adult mental health system of services through collaborative planning and public outreach; and partnering with other state agencies, providers and stakeholders; while focusing on integration, coordination and program improvement.

The Adult Mental Health Division provides services to more than 11,000 adults in state-owned and operated facilities (community mental health centers located statewide and Hawaii State Hospital on Oahu) and through state-developed contracts with private providers. The division's mission is to ensure a comprehensive and integrated mental health system for the State of Hawaii that supports the recovery of adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

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