

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

Under the general direction of the Director of Health, provides leadership, planning and quality improvement to best meet the needs of those served by the Behavior Health Administration and ensure effective and efficient resources maximization and utilization. Administers state operated and contracted behavior health services statewide through each of its' Divisions to avoid and reduce the prevalence, severity and disability of substance abuse, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities. Monitors services and provides clinical reviews to improve outcomes; delivers technical assistance, professional training and certification; conducts services gaps and need identification and planning; and supports and implements programs, research and innovation to meet needs.

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Plans, coordinates and promotes integrated mental health services for individuals 18 years of age and older. Public resources are focused on persons with serious mental disorders, individuals in an acute, severe mental health crisis, and those experiencing distress and trauma from a declared disaster. Services are provided through out-patient programs at community mental health center branches, at a public hospital for the seriously mentally ill, through evaluative and consultative services to the state court system, and through a network of contract service providers.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DIVISION

Plans, coordinates and implements statewide services relative to alcohol and drug abuse: prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery. Certifies substance abuse counselors, substance abuse program administrators, co-occurring disorders professionals, clinical supervisors, criminal justice addictions professionals, and prevention specialists. Accredits residential substance abuse programs; providing diagnostic, treatment and consultative services.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Provides an array of services or 'levels of care' depending on the needs of the individual youth with mental health issues. Services are provided largely through contracted agencies in all four counties, but care coordination as well as some direct professional services are provided by the division. Service array includes outpatient and inpatient as well as residential treatment services. A specialized branch provides care to youth who are involved with the juvenile justice system as well. Responsible for caring for children and teens who have educationally mandated services; MedQuest clients; girls with trauma histories; youth that have developmental disabilities as well as behavioral issues.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION

Plans, implements, monitors and sets direction for a person-centered comprehensive system of supports and services for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or neurotrauma and their families to promote employment and integration in their community. Administers programs and collaborates with the public and private sectors to ensure self determined choices and a continuum of quality services. Incorporates evidence based practices and quality standards to achieve healthy and safe lives. Provides direct dental services as a safety net for Hawaii's vulnerable citizens within the Hawaii State Hospital, community-based dental clinics, and schools. Develops statewide dental capacity to serve vulnerable citizens. Promotes policies for dental health and safety and implements programs to improve access to dental care.

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