



**Trauma-Informed Care
Task Force**

**Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Meeting
Department of Health (Chair), State of Hawai‘i**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom
November 30, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Tia L.R. Hartsock (chair), Adriane Abe, Judith Clark, Jillian Freitas, Coleen Momohara, Alapaki Nahale-a, Gavin Takenaka, Fern Yoshida
 Members Absent: Molly B. Ryk, Josie Howard, Cathy Betts
 Members Excused: n/a
 Guests Present: n/a
 DOH Staff Present: Amy Conte, Monique Frazier, Brian O’Hare, Erica Yamauchi

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
I. Call to Order	Chair Tia L. R. Hartsock called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.	None	Tia L. R. Hartsock	
II. Moment of Silence and Discussion: Community Trauma	Does the Task force want to respond collectively as a state entity to the Waimanalo case or any other case in the future? How do we utilize the framework from the charge to better support communities? Tia: asked for ideas on how TF should create supportive services, should there be an official response? Judith: cannot lay blame for what happened, focus discussion on what agency, community, and faith-based organization, can do to prevent this from happening to another child.	Tia reviewed WorkLife Hawaii, gives 3 visits a year, currently discussing with administrators to get data on EAP utilization. Also looking for self-care practices from different organizations, policies, and procedures for the workforce as recommendation for STS and vicarious trauma.		

	<p>Adriane agreed, community traumas, within own agencies, look for areas where we can support each other. In relation to this case, agencies had direct involvement or community ties, so within framework, reflect on spaces that need more support. Individuals do not have all the answers, need to rely on each other</p> <p>Alapaki: responsibility to acknowledge that traumatic events have and are happening and give community hope that the TF will make things better in the future. Statement: commitment to trying to do something about it.</p> <p>Tia agreed, said need to acknowledge events and commitment to review policies and procedures and how they inform decisions made around this event. To pull the community together and demonstrate support.</p> <p>Judith: advice for parents and family members for anxiety surrounding the event needed, on how to talk about this with children.</p> <p>Jillian: agreed, acknowledged tragedy, think TF should issue a statement, to show there are systems in place to help, to remind community there is hope and support from TF members.</p> <p>Alapaki: easy to vilify and to buy into false narrative that this is an exception, yet there are a lot of physical abuse happening in the state, creating trauma.</p> <p>Alapaki hopes the TF can normalize conversations about trauma creators. People should not be a lot of physical abuse in homes right now, problem is much larger systemic trauma inducing behaviors tied to historical trauma. Be explicit, community trauma requires community wide response.</p> <p>Tia: acknowledge and support, how to create Community hubs? Supportive and safe spaces. How to interrupt historical trauma? A lot of work to do. Symposium in March (IVAT summit)?</p> <p>Judith: if formal response, need to get approval to make a public statement? Tia wasn't sure.</p>			
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	<p>Alapaki: make an agenda item, chair can make a statement as chair (Tia). Jillian agreed, allows TF to review and more time.</p> <p>Judith: TF hasn't had the time to respond formally, because TF is still new, no formal policy or procedure on this matter. Suggested developing value statements or PR statements for future use.</p> <p>Tia: agreed, internal structures for TF needed, and could be done in PIG.</p> <p>Judith: definitions and advocacy committee. Gavin: going through agencies would take longer, better for personal response from chair.</p>			
III. Self-Care Check-in	<p>Asked everyone to put in chat: what others have done in last 30 days to address acknowledge and develop self-care.</p>	None		
IV. November Updates	<p>Tia has met with U.S. Congressional delegation to introduce the TIC TF and our work</p> <p>Conducted Lunch & Learn session on impact of COVID-19 on adolescents</p> <p>Shared bullying prevention video at National Runaway and Homeless Youth Conference</p>	None		
V. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Report-Outs	<p>Definitions PIG: Coleen has had two meetings on definitions, several definitions were reviewed, will have three more meetings, and will have a definition for the next TF monthly meeting to present to the TF.</p> <p>Data PIG: Tia reminded the TF that PIG chair can invite members of the public to attend. Tia is chair of Data Collection and Needs Assessment, email her directly. Met once, identifying variables and what TF has access to, Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, how to utilize the information? To inform policy and procedures. Needs assessment to identify within organizations to see where at in terms of National Child Traumatic Stress – TIOA assessment tool for organizations providing direct service to create a TIC organization. DOH will use on several divisions, an internal working group to inform the TIC TF. Divisions to run this assessment to see outcome within DOH, as best as possible.</p>	<p>Tia reminded TIC TF of PIGs – short term subcommittee that present information to the TIC TF, then vote together,</p>		

	<p>NCTS organization has offered to generate a report, Tia presented a report sample.</p> <p>*Mr. Noel Richardson - Principal of Waimanalo Elementary school came in to discuss the support needed. Counseling of teachers went well, appreciate the support. Individuals working with the older sister, working with providers. Family members whose children attend school, receiving threats via social media. There is a response team that can help the school directly. Waimanalo Support Group and how a school deals with home school. Needs to take the case and see where things broke down. If we don't, it will happen again. Where did it go wrong, what could have been done differently? Tia thanked for attending and all the work being done.</p> <p>*Advocacy/ Legislative PIG: Alapaki: struggling with PIG discussion of advocacy because waiting for other PIGs to report. Conversations in the other PIGs will inform the advocacy component. What will be the process to determine strategies, supportive resolutions? Asked for assistance from the TIC TF.</p>			
<p>VI. Outreach to Stakeholders</p>	<p>Tia stated youth and families are biggest stakeholders and wants the TF to actively reach out eventually as part of the framework. Asked for comments. Fern agreed.</p> <p>Coleen: motion to plan for development to reach out to stakeholders, a listening tour to go across the state, Adriane seconded. Vote: 8 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain.</p> <p>Judith asked about funding, to make tour in person, and air fare for traveling between islands.</p> <p>Tia stated CAMHD could possibly fund through grant.</p> <p>Judith, strong recommendation for in person rather than virtual. Fern stated chat for keeping Zoom for neighbor islands as well.</p> <p>Future agenda item: PIG needed for development of statewide listening tour.</p>	<p>None</p>		

	Tia is interested in how to build more resilient communities.			
VII. Public Comments	<p>Godwin Higa – shared success on Human and Gang - awareness symposium in San Diego, 20 breakout groups, invited city workers, judges, lawyers, probation officers, health care providers, to share information, guest speakers. Different departments became more aware and started asking more about TIC. To inform the public. Incidences - would write letters to mayor to respond to events. Used city facilities, so costs were mostly advertising and supplies for rooms, positive outcomes, more educated wanted from those who attended. Well-received. Make yourself public, open to inquiry.</p> <p>Tiffany Darragh – whole state touched by events in Waimanalo, very traumatic for families and children. Agrees with a lot of what has been spoken, wanted to highlight listening to when youth are speaking out, said youth are not always believed about discipline (physical?) since we don't always know what happens behind closed doors. Related personal trauma with abuse, similar, pulled out for home schooling and abuse got worse. Need to look at home schoolers to see if really being home schooled and what is happening. Youth partner listens to children disclosing abuse and trauma at home, from personal experience – peer support, never tell youth “I know what you’re going through” because unique to individual, let them know that she has been through something similar, to create a non-judgmental space. Mandated reporter, so safety and caring, often open and honest as rapport is built. Not a bad thing to talk. “What goes on in this house, stays in this house” common in Hawaii. Works for EPIC ‘Ohana. Tia highly encouraged youth agencies to utilize peer-to-peer support and can arrange for more information to provide help if requested. Active listening is vital for helping traumatized individuals. Noel Richardson – PEP is dependent on state funding. Requires a teacher to do it. Ewa beach school had a strong</p>			

	<p>program. PEP is half time; teacher teaches half then. Contingent on funding.</p> <p>Danny Goya – Native Hawaiian conference, theme is resilience, in December. Invitation to attend to learn more about NH cultural practices.</p>			
VIII. Future Agenda Items	<p>Create PIG for statewide listening tour</p> <p>Holiday card?</p> <p>How to create strategy for TF TIC?</p> <p>Three days prior to the next meeting, agenda due.</p> <p>Suggested by Tia: Epigenetics?</p> <p>Fern: facilitation and support, school crisis recovery and renewal, provide free support and services via grant from SAMSHA, provide guidance and strategic thinking of support. Tier 1 and 2 practices. Can provide facilitation support.</p>	<p>Next meeting is December 28th. Please give advance notice if unable to attend. TIC TF is last Tuesday of the month.</p>		
X. Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Tia L. R. Hartsock</p>	