

Meeting Minutes
Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Meeting
Department of Health, State of Hawaii
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Mike Lambert, Adriane Abe, Judith Clark, Dr. Evan Beachy, Dr. Jillian Freitas, Cathy Betts, Josie Howard, Fern Yoshida, Yuuko Arikawa-Cross
Members Absent: Dr. Gavin Takenaka
Members Excused: Dr. Gavin Takenaka
Guests Present: Sharon Simms and Ashley Petitt
DOH Staff Present: Charlene Takeno

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/ CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
I. Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks	<p>Chair Scott Shimabukuro called the meeting to order at 10:07am.</p> <p>Chair Scott Shimabukuro provided an update that Governor Green signed an executive order stating that Hawai'i is a trauma-informed state. The statewide statewide wellness and quality of life survey has also been launched and can be found at https://www.health-study.com/.</p>	n/a	Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Chair	n/a
II. Moment of Silence & Grounding	Ashley Petitt provided a grounding and breathwork exercise to examine all five senses. All meeting participants were invited to join.	n/a	Ashley Petitt, Task Force Co-Facilitator	n/a

<p>III. Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2024</p> <p>All meeting minutes and recordings are posted on the task force website: health.hawaii.gov/traumainformed.</p>	<p>Dr. Scott Shimabukuro presented the December 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes for review and approval. Task Force Member Yuuko Arikawa-Cross requested a correction to minutes to reflect that she was not at this meeting. All agreed to change.</p> <p>Dr. Evan Beachy moved to accept minutes with correction. Judith Clark seconded. All voted in favor of approval.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Chair</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>IV. Public Comment & Input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(Pursuant to Section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, community members will have 3 minutes to speak or submit written testimony, preferably at least (3) business days before the meeting. See page 1 for the physical mailing address. Email scott.shimabukuro@doh.hawaii.gov to submit written testimony or comment on agenda items before the meeting.</i> 	<p>Sharon Simms opened meeting for public comment.</p> <p>Heather Lusk, community member and Executive Director of Hawai‘i Health & Harm Reduction announced that HB 2405, a bill in support of peer support needs, is going to get heard in Ways and Means. Community is invited to provide testimony. Update also provided that Ho‘okahi Leo, the state’s third kauhale is now open on Middle Street. The six principles of trauma responsiveness are being utilized in the development of the kauhale. Community members are invited to connect with Heather if they would like come see the kauhale.</p> <p>Danny Goya announced the 4th Annual Kahewai Summit is coming up and community members are invited to attend. Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) Executive Director will be a key note speaker. More information can be found at: https://www.hais.us/RelId/766721/ISvars/default/Kahewai_Summit.htm</p> <p>Judith Clark announced the implementation of Safe Spaces for Youth pilot is starting on two islands, O‘ahu and Big Island, starting on April 1st. This will be a crisis response system that is modeled after the</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Sharon Simms, Task Force Co-Facilitator</p>	<p>n/a</p>

	National Safe Place network. Young people will be able to access the text help system and be linked to workers at Hale Kipa and the Salvation Army Family Intervention Services. Anyone interested in becoming a safe place site, on a Oahu or the Big Island, please contact Judith Clark.			
V. Reflections on TIC Task Force Retreat	<p>Ashley Petitt invited Task Force Members to share about the recent Task Force Member retreat.</p> <p>Task Force Members Dr. Evan Beachy, Dr. Jillian Frietas, Judith Clark and Dr. Shimabukuro shared about the value of starting the day in service to kupuna and community. The importance of creating spaces for connection and community, particularly for kupuna in rural areas was emphasized. The need for more time and opportunities for human connection in various workspaces, to create meaningful and deep connections, was also emphasized. There was a discussion of sending a thank-you message to the hosts, John Reppun and the staff at The Key Project.</p>	n/a	Ashley Petitt, Task Force Co-Facilitator	n/a
VI. Status of the Recommendations Report & Next Steps	Deferred to March meeting	n/a	n/a	n/a
VII. Legislative Update Bills Relating to Trauma-Informed Care	Deferred to March meeting	n/a	n/a	n/a
VIII. Office of Wellness and Resilience Update	Deferred to March meeting	n/a	n/a	n/a
IX. 2024 Meetings	Ashley Petitt explored with the Task Force work of the Task Force will look like for the remainder of this year. The Task Force is continuing their work until July 2025, with a focus on implementing the recommendations from their previous report and	n/a	Ashley Petitt, Task Force Co-Facilitator	n/a

	<p>being an example for other states. Areas that the Task Force suggested for further work included: developing an evaluation plan, a toolkit for trauma-informed care, policies and operationalization of recommendations, educating the community about the Governor’s executive order, investigating the role of the Task Force as an advisory board, and engaging more youth voice. The Task Force agreed that hearing from OWR on their plans and need for support ahead would be helpful for the Task Force to plan their own work.</p>			
X. Public Comments	<p>Dr. Chair Scott Shimabukuro opened the discussion for public comments.</p> <p>Tia Hartsock, Executive Director of OWR, provided commentary on the crosswalk analysis of the Task Force recommendation, legislation, research and findings, and recent executive order that OWR staff have been engaging in. OWR staff is further developing their website and being thoughtful about how to highlight the principles of trauma-informed care to enhance community understanding. Deputies of each state department are being selected to work with OWR. Updates were provided on the statewide wellness and quality of life survey, statewide department assessments and trainings. The community is encouraged to complete this survey and Task Force Members are encouraged to ask their departments to complete the workforce survey. The ongoing resilience of OWR staff was emphasized.</p>	n/a	Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Chair	n/a
XI. Closing Announcements	<p>Chair Scott Shimabukuro announced that the next meeting will be moved due to the holiday. Sharon Simms asked for Task Force Member availability on March 22 and March 28. closing announcements. She will follow-up with Task Force Members on availability to schedule the next meeting.</p>	n/a	Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Chair	n/a

XII. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.	n/a	Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Chair	n/a
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