

**Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**Department of Health, State of Hawai'i**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 10:00-11:30 AM**  
**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom: <https://hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/85814143775>**  
**Meeting: 858 1414 3775**  
**Physical Location: 3627 Kilauea Ave., Room 101, Honolulu, HI 96816.**

**Members Present:** Dr. Scott Shimabukuro, Dr. Evan Beachy, Judith Clark, Fern Yoshida, Amanda Stevens (DHS Representative for Ryan Yamane), Bridgette Bennett, Corbin Matsumoto, Tara Castrovinci, Dr. Jillian Freitas  
**Members Absent:** Josie Howard, Romey Glidewell, Yuuko Arikawa-Cross  
**Members Excused:** Josie Howard, Romey Glidewell, Yuuko Arikawa-Cross  
**Guests Present:** Sharon Simms, Ashley Petitt, 24 Zoom attendees.  
**DOH Staff Present:** Charlene Takeno, Lyndsey Anderson

**I. Call to order**

- Chairperson Dr. Scott Shimabukuro called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

**II. Grounding & moment of silence**

- Led by Task Force Facilitators Ashley Petitt & Sharon Simms. Moment of silence taken in honor of Aunty Puanani Burgess.

**III. Vote to approve meeting minutes from August 27, 2024, meeting.** All meeting minutes and recordings are posted on the task force website: [traumainformed.hawaii.gov](https://traumainformed.hawaii.gov).

- Dr. Evan Beachy made a motion to approve the minutes. Judith Clark seconded the motion to approve. Dr. Jillian Freitas obtained due to not attending 8/27/24. All other members present voted in favor.

**IV. Public Comment & Input Pursuant to section 92-3 Hawaii Revised Status, 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](mailto:Scott.shimabukuro@doh.hawaii.gov) to submit written testimony or comment on agenda items before the meeting.** Task Force Facilitator Ashley Petitt invited task force and community members to share about any individual, agency, and community initiatives, trainings, events, etc. related to Trauma-Informed Care.

- Judith Clark shared:
  - Hawaii Children and Youth Summit will be held on Thursday October 10, 2024, 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be youth led.
  - On Friday October 25, 2024, Hawaii Youth Services Network is holding a networking and professional development meeting to present the results on Maui wildfire study. This will be followed by discussion on expanding the study to include health effects on youth.
  - Announcement of 2024 Recipient of Hawaii's Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth Award from the Hawai'i legislature.

- V. **Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) Updates** – Ashley Pettitt introduced Dr. Trina Orimoto.
- Dr. Trina Orimoto provided an update on the state of well-being project (Act 106), including the hiring of additional staff and the largest health and well-being survey in the state. OWR will be meeting individually with state departments to go over findings based on their staff's surveys.
- VI. **Next steps to identify key priorities and action items to advance TIC within the 2024/2025 timeline** – Led by facilitator Sharon Simms. Discussion held regarding additional ways the Task Force can advance TIC in Hawai'i.
- Dr. Evan Beachy and Dr. Jillian Freitas – The importance of leadership involvement from a change management perspective. In order for change to occur, we need strong understanding, belief, caring and commitment among leaders. Asked, how do we identify and educate key community leaders to become champions of this work?
  - Dr. Scott Shimabukuro – One strategy: encouraged going back to respective agencies and to a TI committee to develop a TI organization strategic plan for respective organization.
  - Judith Clark – Include TI approaches training as part of onboarding training for new hires of agencies serving children and families. This would encourage staff at all levels of agencies to understand how they can apply principles to their work. For example, looking at how to have TI and/or Mental Health first aid training be included with yearly on-going CPR/First Aid training as a basic workplace /employee safety standard for all organizations (Dr. Beachy, Dr. Jillian Freitas).
  - Amanda Stephens – Look at existing committees in agencies that have been doing similar work and seek opportunities to tap into them and infuse TI initiatives (e.g., Ohana Nui Engineers; Hawai'i State Youth Commission). Use recognition as a means of incentivizing.
  - Corbin Matsumoto – HPD is aiming for a 100% completion rate of mental health training once started. Interest in expanding this to identify ways for officers to go trained TI practices and have a list of agencies who also use TI practices that officers can refer individuals who they encounter to.
  - Tara Castrovinci – To be a TI state everybody needs to be informed, which means more than saying it but doing it.
  - Agreement among all Task Force Members to further discuss: expanding the existing framework to highlight the importance of leaders/leadership in this process and/or provide guidance on how to start a trauma informed committee /incorporate TI into an existing committee; legislative advocacy for mental health first aid and TI training to become standards for people serving agencies; obtaining buy-in for trainings.
  - **Public Comment & Input**
    - Highlighting the importance of leadership engagement and training (Godwin Higa)
    - TI training is occurring at Hawai'i hospitals in collaboration with JABSOM (Christine)
    - Possible ways to increase accountability, such as having departments report out on progress.
    - Could there be incentives in place for trainings to encourage more buy-in? (Professor Daniel Phillips)
- VII. **Speaker Series\*** – Danielle Lanakila Carreira Ching, The Baker Center for Children and Families, PHD candidate in Clinical Psychology, Hawai'i Pacific University.

*\*See <https://health.hawaii.gov/traumainformed/> for complete presentation recording and slides.*

- Danielle reviewed historical trauma ideas and its impact on Native Hawaiian health and wellbeing including spiritual, sociopolitical, and psychological trauma.
- Danielle reviewed scope findings including importance of culturally relevant adaptations in healthcare, education, and government.
- Findings highlight the need for additional research and culturally focused healing.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- Task Force Chairperson Scott Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 11:34am