

Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Meeting Minutes
Department of Health, State of Hawai'i
Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 10:00-11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Virtual Meeting via Zoom: <http://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 Reppun Beachy, Judith Clark, Bridgette Bennett, Romey Glidewell, Sgt. Corbin Matsumoto, Fern Yoshida, Dr. Jillian Freitas, Tara Castrovinci (for Yuuko Arikawa-Cross), Josie Howard, Amanda Howard (for Ryan Yamane)

Members Absent: Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Ryan Yamane

Members Excused: Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Ryan Yamane

Facilitators and Guest Presenters: Ashley Petitt, Sharon Simms

DOH Staff Present: Charlene Takeno

I. Call to Order

- Chairperson Dr. Scott Shimabukuro called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

II. Moment of Silence & Grounding

- Grounding and moment of silence led by Task Force co-facilitator Sharon Simms.

III. Vote to approve meeting minutes from the April 29, 2025, meeting. All meeting minutes and recordings are posted on the task force website: traumainformed.hawaii.gov.

- Dr. Evan Reppun Beachy moved to approve the minutes. Judith Clark seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

IV. Community Members are invited to share feedback and share about any additional individual, agency, and community initiatives, training, events, etc., related to Trauma-Informed Care (TIC).

- Ashley Petitt invited community members and Task Force Members to share updates.
 - Hale Kipa Kūkulu ‘ana I Pilina (Building Connections Together) Conference held first annual.

V. Permitted Integration Group (PIG) Reports

- Vote taken to enact Capture and Measure the Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Journey in Hawai‘i: PIG Findings and Recommendation.
 - Please see <https://health.hawaii.gov/traumainformed/2025-meeting-materials/> for complete document.
 - Dr. Evan Reppun Beachy moved to approve the PIG recommendations. Dr. Jillian Freitas seconded the motion. All members voted to approve. PIG recommendations approved.
- Judith Clark of Legislative PIG provided an update that all bills presented at the April 29, 2025 Meeting passed legislation with no Governor vetoes. Highlights include: \$50 million allocation for nonprofits for critical services facing federal funding cuts, and Safe Spaces for youth bill.

VI. Task Force 2025 Recommendation Report Addendum

- Please see <https://health.hawaii.gov/traumainformed/2025-meeting-materials/> for complete document.
- Task Force Co-Facilitator Ashley Petitt reviewed Trauma-Informed Care Task Force 2025 Recommendation Report Addendum. The Addendum documents ongoing progress and updated recommendations from the Task Force from January 2025 - present. Areas of focus include:
 - The integration and emphasis of peers with lived experience as a vital component to a TI approach to direct service delivery and policy development.
 - Recommendations for assessing, capturing, and measuring the existing state, progressive timeline, and effectiveness of TIC initiatives across Hawai‘i.
 - The Task Force's transition to an Advisory Board to the Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) on June 30, 2025.
- Task Force Members will have the opportunity to request amendments and vote to enact the report at the June 24, 2025 Meeting.

VII. Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) Updates – OWR Deputy Director Dr. Trina Orimoto provided the following updates.

- Office Updates:
 - Resolution SCR73/SR56 Passed. This resolution requests OWR to develop a report addressing the developmental needs of children born during the cascading community traumas of the pandemic and Maui wildfires.
 - Peer support working group is having a discussion about their framework at a meeting in person.
 - OWR will be focusing on building pilina with legislators to share, more about OWR, the work being done, and to begin to partner with them.

- o The March newsletter has been released. Participants are encouraged to subscribe to the newsletter mailing list.
- o State of Well-Being Project is moving forward. OWR is looking at existing Tier 1 and 2 mental health and wellbeing supports exist for state and county employees, first responders, healthcare providers and in public schools.
- o Training curriculum for trauma-informed certification being developed. Asynchronous and in-person cohorts will be launching this fall with full implementation by January 2026.
- o OWR will be presenting at: 1) University of Connecticut Training Institutes around the framework for well being and mental health after traumatic events and their work in Maui; 2) Occupational Safety and Health conference about worker well being across different industries.
- Transition of Trauma-Informed Care Task Force to Advisory Board for the Office of Wellness and Resilience
 - o OWR to facilitate meetings.
 - o First meeting anticipated to be October 2025. Meetings will be quarterly.
 - o Designee invitations will go out by June 30, 2025.
 - o Meetings to remain under Sunshine Law.

VIII. Closure of the TIC Task Force & Transition to Advisory Board

- Facilitator Sharon Simms provided recap of the transition. Purpose of the Advisory Board is for the board to use their diverse roles and perspective to provide guidance to OWR. Sharon will continue to facilitate the first 1 or 2 meetings.

IX. Upcoming Meeting Updates, Closing Remarks & Adjournment

- Facilitator Sharon Simms provided update that June 24, 2025 meeting will be in-person with potluck following meeting.
- Chairperson Dr. Scott Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 10:50am.