

Peer Support Specialists Working Group
Office of Wellness and Resilience
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Virtual Meeting via Zoom

February 26, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm

Members Present via Zoom (9/17): Tia Hartsock (OWR Director), Cynthia Chappell (Department of Education), Kathy Hammes (NAMI Hawai'i), Darryl Tanaka (DOH), Malia Daraban (Hawai'i Families As Allies), Reina Purvis (Statewide Office of Housing and Homelessness), Scott Shimabukuro (CAMHD), Samantha U'u (EPIC 'Ohana), Debbie Victor Macalino (Pu'a Foundation)

Members Absent (8/17): Greg Uwono (Judiciary), Kimmy Takata (Vice Chair), Judy Mohr Peterson (med-QUEST Administrator), Heather Lusk (Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center), Lindsay Pacheco (Project Vision Hawai'i/Hawai'i HOME Project & Lived Experience Homelessness & Substance Use), Cynthia Kaneshiro (Hawai'i Certified Peer Specialist), Mike Lambert, (DLE Director), DOH Designee

Guests Present (8) Bridgette Bennett (Judiciary/Family Court), Erica Yamauchi (OWR), Selene LeGare (UH Maui College), Janae Davis (EPIC 'Ohana), Andi Sabanal (EPIC 'Ohana), Cherilyn Shiinoki (Family Hui Hawai'i), Corinna Sosa (EPIC 'Ohana), Amanda Mundon (EPIC 'Ohana)

Support Staff Present (3): Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (Co-Facilitator), Kim Nabarro (Co-Facilitator), Angelina Bezhenar (OWR)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/ Actions/ Conclusions
I. Call to Order; Review and Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; and Welcome and opening remarks	<p>Tia Hartsock (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:16am. Quorum established with nine (9) working group members in attendance.</p> <p>Tia Hartsock (Chair) asked for any corrections, deletions, and comments to the January 22, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p>Welcome and Opening Remarks by Tia Hartsock (Chair).</p> <p>Tia Hartsock (Chair) announced that Director Lambert will be joining the Working Group and will serve as the Department of Law Enforcement representative. Additionally, Kimmy Takata will be stepping down as Vice Chair.</p>	<p>Tia called for a motion to approve January 22, 2025, PSSWG Meeting Minutes and all community meetings with technical corrections listed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Darryl Tanaka • Second: Kathy Hammes • Approved: by verbal statement of “aye” • Nay: none • Agenda has been approved
II. Agenda, Focus, & Goals for today and for the Peer Support Specialists Working Group	<p>Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (Co-Facilitator) shared the agenda for this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect and align around the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) reports from last month • Learn about the certification, supervision, and support from a youth peer support lens • Discussion on the next round of PIGs • Public comment 	

III. Designation of Vice Chair of Peer Support Specialist Working Group	Tia Hartsock elected Heather Lusk (Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center) to be the new Vice Chair.	<p>Tia called for a motion to approve Heather Lusk as the new Vice Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Debbie Victor Macalino • Second: Darryl Tanaka • Approved: by verbal statement of “aye” • Nay: none • Vice Chair has been approved
IV. Discussion on Peer Support Specialist Inventory	<p>Kim Nabarro (Co-Facilitator) began the discussion regarding the reports from last month's PIGs by opening the floor for Working Group members and public attendees to share comments and questions.</p> <p>The three Permitted Interaction Groups (PIGs) reported out on the inventory list they came up for (1) Youth peer support, (2) Adult peer support, and (3) Family peer support.</p> <p>Tia Hartsock asked for clarification regarding line 17 of the inventory list which includes an IEP Surrogate.</p> <p>Malia Daraban and Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez explained that an IEP Surrogate is an individual that comes into the IEP meetings with youth and families. Anytime there is an individual education plan or an A504 plan that the DOE assigned, the DOE has a surrogate parent that sits in as a neutral space to speak on behalf of the child and family.</p> <p>Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez reminded Working Group members about Sunshine Law regarding PIGs and the reports.</p>	<p>The Inventory List can be viewed through the following link:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Hp6HKn5_0e3i6q7Ujq4XV6S0-GBAXIL7G8UZAyvCi8w/edit?gid=0#gid=0</p>

V. Public Comment and Input: for anyone who cannot stay for the agenda item(s) in question	Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (Co-Facilitator) asked attendees who may not be able to stay for the duration of the meeting, if they would like to comment to please use Zoom to “raise your hand” so a facilitator can invite them to share.	No comments.
VI. Youth Peer Support curriculum presentation	<p>Kim Nabarro (Co-Facilitator) introduced the Youth Partner Group, who will share their curriculum presentation.</p> <p>EPIC ‘Ohana has been closely working with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division at the Department of Health to establish a credentialing and certification system for youth peer support specialists. Corinna Sosa and Janae Davis shared their process, including supervision and support for youth peer support specialists.</p> <p>Quorum was lost after the presentation, therefore the remaining agenda for the meeting was halted, but the floor was opened to questions regarding the presentation.</p> <p>Tia Hartsock thanked the presenters for sharing and asked them what lessons they learned along the way, and if they are considering translating the youth model into an adult or family support model.</p> <p>Corinna Sosa shared that a lesson learned was making sure enough time is dedicated to the project and to collaborate with those</p>	The link to the presentation slides can be found at the end of this document.

	<p>with lived experience throughout the whole process.</p> <p>Cynthia Chappell asked if the curriculum could be adjusted to be culturally relevant.</p> <p>Corinna Sosa responded by saying that they have been working closely with the Karma Aloha team and with Venus to adopt their curriculum to include Native Hawaiian values and practices.</p> <p>Cynthia Chappell asked if they are starting on a second cohort or if they are using a rotation and timeline for their cohorts.</p> <p>Corinna Sosa stated that summer is the best time for training since they are working with college students.</p> <p>Kathy Hammes uplifted the presenters and asked them if they have specific goals regarding the number of people trained, as well as the number of people who continue with the program.</p> <p>Corinna Sosa said that their goal is to support as many youth as possible, such as assisting with the development of their own peer support program.</p> <p>Tia Hartsock (Chair) adjourns the meeting at 11:13 a.m. due to the loss of quorum.</p>	
Public Comments	<p>Facilitators asked participants to leave comments and questions regarding the PIGs' Inventory List in the chat:</p> <p>Kathy Hammes: Is the Adult Peer inventory on 18 rows?</p>	

made during the duration of the meeting:	Malia Daraban: Could I add Hawaii Families As Allies also offers Youth peer support currently on Maui County, and will expand youth and young adult peer implementation/practice model. I was unable to grab the link in the chat. Mahalo nui.
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Link to EPIC Ohana Youth Partner Presentation

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