

Peer Support Specialists Working Group

Office of Wellness and Resilience

Office of the Governor, State of Hawai'i

In-person meeting at Windward Community College Hale A'o

45-720 Keaahala Rd, Kaneohe, HI 96744

May 28, 2025

9:00am-1:30pm

Members Present (13/17): Tia Hartsock (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Lindsay Pacheco (Project Vision Hawai'i/Hawai'i HOME Project & Lived Experience Homelessness & Substance Use), Kunane Dreier (Hawaii Health Harm and Reduction Center), , Malia Daraban (Hawai'i Families As Allies), Bridgette Bennett (Judiciary), Kayla Samson (EPIC 'Ohana), Mike Lambert (Department of Law and Enforcement) , Scott Shimabukuro (CAMHD), Samantha U'u (EPIC 'Ohana), Kathy Hammes (NAMI Hawai'i), Chanel Daluddung (DOH)

Members Absent (4/17): Non-profit designee, Cynthia Chappell (Department of Education), DOH Designee, Judy Mohr Peterson (med-QUEST Administrator)

Guests Present (49) Ally Terrell (Hawaii Families As Allies), Amberly Gould (Epic 'Ohana), Andrew Sabana (Epic 'Ohana), April Lum (Hawai'i Department of Education), Asha Autele (Epic 'Ohana), Ashley Viluan (EPIC 'Ohana), Bill Mousser (Hina Mauka), Brad McDaniel (Harvest Life Ministry), Brandon Brown, Bud Bowles (United Self-Help), Channel Daluddung (Hawai'i Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division), Charlene Takeno (Hawai'i Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division), Daniel Ho (Epic 'Ohana), David Makilan (HAHOKO), Deanna Gonda (Epic 'Ohana), Deza-rae Desa (Epic 'Ohana), Erica Wilson (Epic 'Ohana), Esther McDaniel (Harvest Life Ministry), Jackie Jackson (Hawaii Families As Allies), Jacque Tellei (PATH Clinic), Jenny Delos Santos, Kaleo Cambra (Native Hawaiian Veteran Program), Kaleo (RYSE), Kathleen Merriam (Hawai'i Adult Mental Health Division), Kimberly Jackson (Peer Trainer/PSS), Kristina Shibata (EPIC 'Ohana), Lawrence Antolin (IHS AMHD Outreach), Manalani Kanahale (IHS), Melody Bell (The SSG Parker Gordon Fox Grant/Child and Family Service), Michelle Carter (NAMI Hawai'i), Mike Peacock (Hawaii Vet 2 Vet Inc.), Moanalia Falealili (EPIC 'Ohana), Mona Madeira (Hina Mauka), Patricia Chin (EPIC 'Ohana), Rick Kang, Shanelle Lum (Hawaii Families As Allies), Tiffany Ramos-Duh (EPIC 'Ohana), Tori Ikeda (EPIC 'Ohana), United Self-Help, Vivian Kim Seu (EPIC 'Ohana), Walker Rowsey (Kids Hurt Too), Matthew

Makaio Villanueva, Anisa Wiseman (NAMI Hawai'i), Charlene Daraban (HFAA), Kimmy Takata (Oversight Commission), Mathew Taufotee (The First Lap), Angeliane Matutino (Hina Mauka),, Patricia Kickland, Amanda Mundon (EPIC 'Ohana), Laurie Tochiki (Pilina Pathways).

Support Staff Present: (11) Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (Co-Facilitator), Kim Nabarro (Co-Facilitator), Naomi Leipold (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Ana Kia (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Leilani Willing (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Erica Yamauchi (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Nannie Apalla (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Telesia Pasese (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Tikki Bisbee (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Trina Orimoto (Office of Wellness and Resilience), Jodie Burgess (Office of Wellness and Resilience).

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/ Actions/ Conclusions
I. Call to Order; and Welcome and Opening Remarks	<p>Tia Hartsock (chair) called the meeting to order at 9:18am. Quorum established with thirteen (13) working group members in attendance.</p> <p>Tia asked for any corrections, deletions, and comments to the April 23, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p>Welcome and Opening Remarks by Tia Hartsock.</p>	<p>Tia called for a motion to approved April 23, 2025, PSSWG Meeting Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Lindsay Pacheco • Second: Mike Lambert • Approved: by verbal statement of “aye” • Nay: none • Minutes have been approved
II. Agenda, Focus, & Goals for today and for	Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (Co-Facilitator) asked for Working Group Members and Community Members to introduce themselves.	

the Peer Support Specialists Working Group	<p>shared the agenda for this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) report outs • Collectively review draft of the framework • Public comment in the beginning and at the end of the meeting • 5.28.25 Working Group in-person meeting. Proposal to meet in person on Oahu. 9am – 1pm at Windward Community College. 	
III. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Peacock (Vet2Vet) requests that the curriculum add a training specifically for veteran population. • Anisa Wiseman (NAMI): People with SMI are vulnerable and need support. Need more information in the framework around recovery support and the true understanding of what recovery means and entails 	
IV. Review of Draft of Framework	<p>In today's meeting, the working group will collectively review the draft of the framework. For today's discussion, the framework is divided into four categories.</p> <p>Roles and Definition of Peer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laurie Tochiki goes over the framework and the purpose of the Peer Support Specialist Working Group. ○ Laurie Tochiki explains the definition of peer support. <p><i>*Powerpoint that was used to review can be found at https://owr.hawaii.gov/peersupport/ under May In-Person Meeting</i></p> <p>Inventory List of Current Peer Support Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim Nabarro explained the draft Inventory list. The list is broken into categories to see what peer support services are available and how peers can receive the support. 	

	<p>Certification and credentialing of peer support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Naomi Leipold (OWR) reviews the Certification and credentialing PIG report from April's meeting. <p><i>*Powerpoint that was used to review can be found at https://owr.hawaii.gov/peersupport/ under May In-Person Meeting</i></p> <p>Supervision and Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kailene reviews the Supervision and Supports PIG report from April's meeting. <p><i>*Powerpoint that was used to review can be found at https://owr.hawaii.gov/peersupport/ under May In-Person Meeting</i></p> <p>Discussion/feedback to the PIG reports:</p> <p>Mike Peacock (Vet2Vet): The Vet2Vet training curriculum is approved by ADAD. People hear they have a curriculum, hears the cost, and feels it is not feasible. However, we should ask on how we can go past this obstacle. Medicaid billing law: who can supervise? The rate for peer support in Hawaii is \$15.19/unit which equals to \$61/hr. Trying to bill for it but gets no reimbursement. Can we work together with AMHD, ADAD, OWR? Can we work with OWR in regards to curriculum?</p> <p>Laurie Tochiki (Pilina Pathways): SAMHSA which provides the peer support training standard requires a GED.</p> <p>Kunane Dreier (HHHRC) Kunane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we increase certification so that it is not limited? - How do we spread resources externally through a network so other people can become peer specialists? - How do we fold in groups that are not typically peer specialists and bring them into training? 	
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	<p>Need for Training addressing time gap - Free curriculum sharing, Peers are supervised to become Supervisors</p> <p>AMHD has a California government office supervising Peer Support work and curricula (one agency in charge of the curriculum/training versus several agencies in charge)</p> <p>Billing Reimbursement – Community Empowerment Resources (CER)</p> <p>Support starts from the beginning - Supporting through certification and training to get to the next step Pat Miles framework – PACE</p> <p>Difference in supervising Peer Supports with lived experience and being a Supervisor with own lived experience (this needs special attention and care, specialized training when moving to Supervisory role)</p> <p>Supervision/Support needs to be part of the core values, embedded in the program from start to finish</p> <p>What are the guidelines/qualifications around internships?</p> <p>Pilina (relationship) building should be at the center of Supervision</p> <p>Acknowledge the different needs for youth work and youth Peer Supports</p> <p>Bi-weekly Supervision seems to work for most agencies and Peer Supports</p>	
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	<p>Group Supervision allows for a safe space to be open/transparent - “REAL” talk – connection developed, not feeling alone</p> <p>Supervision should be frequent, inspiring, and encouraging</p> <p>More support around relapse – what that means for Peer Supports and how that looks</p> <p>Attentiveness to when Peer Supports may be overwhelmed and recognizing that in order to provide supports earlier than later</p> <p>Peer Supports need a safe space to build skills in areas that can be improved without judgement (positive reinforcement)</p> <p>Reflective Supervision is important:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports emotional well-being 2. Promotes self awareness 3. Improves quality of service 4. Builds professional relationship 5. Supports organizational goals <p>It isn't just about improving job performance, its about nurturing the whole professional – it creates a space where people grow, connect, and provide better care or support for the communities they serve</p>	
V. Panel Discussion	<p>Moderator: Shanelle Lum, Hawaii Families as Allies, Panelists: Andi Sabanal, Brandon Brown, Manalani Kanahele, Rick Kang, Tori Ikeda, Kim Nabarro</p> <p>Moderator guided the panelists who all serve as peer support specialists, on how peer support has helped them on their healing</p>	

	<p>journey and what supports peer support specialists require to carry out their work.</p>	
<p>VI. Discussion on implementation of framework</p> <p>And public comment</p>	<p>Kailene and Kim asks meeting participants to share how they would like to see the implementation of the framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ David, ED Maui Ola Behavioral Health, 15 years of Drug Addiction. Was incarcerated in 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supervision: Have peer staff on board who have really evolved. Witnessed a few of the peers relapsing – supervisors should look out for burn out. ■ Training Peers = not just offering training, but offering purpose. Have to be working on the same agenda, especially with limited funding, we need to support each other. ■ Goal = offer peer support training on workforce development, ○ Community member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Thankful for OWR giving the space. If we can continue to stay connected, we can get the resources running and expanding it to the community. ■ Peer support is so much more, it is someone's opportunity for more. ○ Jenny Delos Santos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Is a writer for Star Honolulu Advertiser, she is happy to write for anything peer related. ○ Kimmy Takata 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hopes & Dreams = Wants to see peer support training inside the prison. Has lived experience w/ 15 years in prison and it would be best to have lived experiences become mentors for the future. ■ Will be having Peer/Mentor Support Summit next month, June 13th ADAD/DOH. ○ Kimberly Jackson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hoping hospitals, prisons, police department, etc. sees how valuable peer supports are as a resource. ■ Trainers still have lots of trauma, it is important to have someone to talk to (an outlet) – we can burn out. ■ WE ARE EVERYWHERE! ○ Malia Daraban <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Keep moving forward together in a unified voice. We realized today there are more organizations. Also hopes the framework doesn't highlight just a few orgs but a collective, broader amount of orgs. ○ Tiffany Ramos Duh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ On top of peers being everywhere, we need validation and being seen as professionals. ■ Peer support is a profession. We are experts in our experience. 	
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<p>IX. Closing and Adjournment</p>	<p>Facilitators and Tia thanked everyone for their participation and summarized the meeting</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm</p>	
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