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**Wellness and Resilience Advisory Board to the
Office of Wellness and Resilience
State of Hawai'i**

Virtual meeting via Zoom
April 28, 2026
9:00am-10:30am

Members Present: (7/11) Scott Shimabukuro (Department of Health, Board Chair), Fern Yoshida (Department of Education, Vice Chair), Kalei Kaihiiwa (Kamehameha Schools), Bridgette Bennett (Judiciary), Melissa Miyashiro (HANO), Romey Glidewell (Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) Tara Castrovinci (EOEL)

Members Absent: (4/11) Department of Human Services representative, Jillian Freitas (John A. Burns School of Medicine), Corbin Matsumoto (Honolulu Police Department), Jocelyn Howard (We Are Oceania)

Support Staff Present: Tia L. Roberts Hartsock (Director, OWR) Trina Orimoto (Deputy Director, OWR) Erica Yamauchi (Director of Communications & Engagement, OWR)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions/Conclusions
I. Call to Order; and Welcome and Opening Remarks	Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Shimabukuro. Meeting conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92. Tia L. Roberts Hartsock, Director of OWR, facilitated the meeting.	Quorum confirmed; meeting proceeded.
II. Review and Motion to Approve January 2026 WRAB Meeting Minutes	January 2026 meeting minutes reviewed by members. All members agreed to approve meeting minutes.	January 2026 WRAB Minutes approved.
III. Today's Agenda and Goals	Agenda item Roman numeral corrected from 6 to 9. Next meeting date corrected to July 28, 2026. OWR updates on strategic initiatives,	Agenda amended as noted. Next meeting date corrected to July 28, 2026.

	followed by board discussion and feedback.	
IV. Public Comment	No formal public comments received prior to meeting.	
V. Vice Chair Appointment	Board discussed the need for a vice chair to lead meetings when Chair Shimabukuro is unavailable. Fern Yoshida (DOE representative) was nominated and unanimously appointed as Vice Chair.	Fern Yoshida (DOE) unanimously appointed as Vice Chair.
VI. OWR Update: State of Wellbeing Report	Full report released online. Recommendations organized by social ecological model: policy, community, organizational, interpersonal, and individual levels. Report based on 100+ conversations with first responders, healthcare providers, and educators, plus review of 1,500 articles. Executive summary and full 64-page report with recommendations table available on OWR website.	All Board Members: If can, review State of Wellbeing report and provide feedback before next meeting; suggest priorities and organizational connections. OWR can set up individual feedback meetings with board members on the report.
VII. OWR Update: Trauma-Informed Care Certification	32 participants completed first cohort; 23 in second cohort. Targeting 200+ certified by end of calendar year. Graduation ceremony planned at Capitol in May. Modules 1–4 being added to DHRD Learning Management System; OWR working with DOE, Judiciary, and UH systems to expand access. Certification Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members must complete 8 modules total (4 asynchronous, 4 live). • Members must attend at least 2 hours annually of OWR continuing education (1 hour wellness activity, 1 hour trauma-informed training) to retain certification. 	OWR to develop speaker’s bureau for monthly TIC webinars with CEUs. OWR to continue working with DOE, Judiciary, and UH to expand Learning Management System (LMS) access.

	<p>Feedback from board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judiciary: 5+ staff completing certification; seeking expansion opportunities and CEU development. • Board requested development of a speaker's bureau for monthly trauma-informed care webinars with CEUs. 	
<p>VIII. OWR Update: Social Determinants of Health Survey</p>	<p>Launched first week of March in multiple languages: Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Ilocano.</p> <p>Currently at approximately 8,100 responses; goal is to exceed 8,300 responses from previous cycle. Median respondent age is 48.</p> <p>New items added on healthcare access, transportation, technology, and expanded trauma exposure questions.</p> <p>Dashboard update with trend analysis expected fall 2026.</p> <p>Gaps noted: need increased participation from younger/older age groups, neighbor islands, and Maui County specifically.</p>	<p>All Participants: Complete the SDOH survey if not yet done; promote through organizational listservs and community partnerships.</p> <p>OWR to share general survey promotion language for easy distribution.</p>
<p>IX. OWR Update: Disaster Mental Health Framework</p>	<p>Hawai'i Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework for Disasters and Traumatic Events developed from Maui wildfire response feedback.</p> <p>Organized by 4 disaster phases (prevention, preparedness, response, recovery) and 7 domains, with trauma-informed care at the core.</p> <p>Executive summary posted online; full document coming soon.</p> <p>OWR activated rapid psychological first aid training with 300 attendees in response to Kona low storms.</p> <p>Gaps identified by board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incarcerated populations: Need to train inmates as first responders for 	<p>OWR to explore incorporating incarcerated populations and children/families sections into disaster framework.</p> <p>OWR to explore training programs for inmates with longer sentences.</p> <p>OWR to strengthen partnerships in rural and hard-to-reach communities.</p>

	<p>traumatic events in facilities; address communication barriers with families during disasters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and families: Lack of age-appropriate mental health resources during disasters; need supports for parents and early childhood (birth–5 years). • Rural communities: Need stronger partnerships in Moloka’i, Lāna’i, rural Big Island, and Kaua’i; connections to hard-to-reach populations including houseless individuals. • Wai’anae community: Existing disaster preparedness groups (brush fire posses, organized community teams) present partnership opportunities. <p>Partnerships noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Hawai’i Sea Grant: Partnering on climate resilience work across 5 western-facing shore communities; mental health identified as missing component. • Department of Health: Engaging Behavioral Health Administration, CAMHD, Adult Mental Health Division, Medical Reserve Corps (8–9 trained mental health volunteers statewide). • Governor’s Office of Recovery and Resilience: Coordinating disaster response integration with Hawai’i Emergency Management Agency structure. • ACE Resource Network: Launching Adverse Childhood Events partnership with Dr. Nadine Burke Harris. 	
<p>X. Board Discussion and Feedback</p>	<p>Board members provided feedback on OWR initiatives and identified collaboration opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIMH HI & DOH: Planning Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health 	<p>Tia/OWR: Reach out to AIMH HI, DOH, and DOE regarding summit collaboration opportunities.</p> <p>OWR to lift up and coordinate existing</p>

	<p>Conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE: Child Safety Summit scheduled for spring. • Kamehameha Schools: Community engagement in disaster preparedness; potential data sharing from 'Imi Pono well-being survey. • HANO: Releasing state of nonprofit sector report on workforce challenges; interested in deepening well-being work for the nonprofit sector. <p>Speaker Bureau & Wellness Activities: Board members requested to suggest speakers for monthly TIC webinars and wellness activity partnerships. Multiple departments already implementing workforce well-being initiatives; OWR to lift up and coordinate existing efforts.</p> <p>Summit Reimagination: November 17th date flexible; exploring mini-gatherings or joint conferences due to budget constraints; seeking partners already planning summits.</p> <p>Legislative Bills Status: Awaiting budget decisions on unfunded mandates including COCO pilot program (SB2861), Family Resilience Pilot (SB3204), DOE peer counselor program (HCR 102), Emerging Therapies Task Force (SB3199), and medical debt forgiveness program (SB3025).</p>	<p>department well-being initiatives.</p>
<p>XI. Public Comment</p>	<p>No additional public comments.</p>	
<p>XII. Upcoming Meeting Updates, Closing Remarks and Adjournment</p>	<p>Next meeting: July 28, 2026. Meeting adjourned by Chair Scott Shimabukuro.</p>	<p>Next WRAB meeting: July 28, 2026.</p>

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