
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, is
2 amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the
4 department of health a working group to [~~evaluate current~~
5 ~~behavioral health care and related systems and identify steps~~
6 ~~that may be taken to promote effective integration to more~~
7 ~~effectively respond to and coordinate care for persons~~
8 ~~experiencing substance abuse, mental health conditions, and~~
9 ~~homelessness.] identify gaps in services, coordinate funding
10 sources, and establish and identify outcome measures for
11 behavioral health, substance abuse, and homelessness.~~

12 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
13 members:

14 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,
15 who shall serve as chair;

16 (2) One representative from the behavioral health services
17 administration of the department of health;



- 1 (3) One representative of the department of public safety;
- 2 (4) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the
- 3 department of human services;
- 4 (5) One representative of the judiciary;
- 5 (6) One representative from the insurance division of the
- 6 department of commerce and consumer affairs;
- 7 (7) ~~[One or more representatives of the Hawaii Opioid~~
- 8 ~~Initiative executive steering committee,]~~ The
- 9 governor's coordinator on homelessness, or the
- 10 coordinator's designee;
- 11 (8) One representative from each entity operating a health
- 12 plan in the State, who the director of health shall
- 13 invite to participate on the working group;
- 14 (9) One or more members of the Hawaii Substance Abuse
- 15 Coalition, who the director of health shall invite to
- 16 participate on the working group;
- 17 (10) One representative of the Hawaii interagency council
- 18 on homelessness;
- 19 (11) One representative from the office of Hawaiian
- 20 affairs;



1 (12) One representative from the University of Hawaii John
2 A. Burns school of medicine department of psychiatry
3 who is affiliated with the American society of
4 addiction medicine;

5 [~~+11~~] (13) One clinical social worker licensed under
6 chapter 467E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

7 [~~+12~~] (14) Others as recommended by the working group.

8 (c) The working group shall evaluate:

9 (1) Inventory of funding streams and their metrics;

10 (2) Currently existing barriers to treatment access;

11 (3) Policies and practices that perpetuate or

12 substantially contribute to access barriers;

13 (4) Practices that would improve care coordination and

14 increase access to care;

15 (5) Policies or legislative actions that are recommended

16 to effectuate coordinated entry and coordinated

17 systems of behavioral health care; and

18 (6) Defined roles and responsibilities recommended of

19 state, county, and community entities.



1 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without
2 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
3 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
4 expenses. No member of the working group shall be subject to
5 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
6 member's participation in the working group.

7 (e) Two or more members of the working group, but less
8 than the number of members [~~which~~] that would constitute a
9 quorum for the working group, may discuss between themselves
10 matters relating to official business of the working group to
11 enable them to faithfully perform their duties to the working
12 group and the organizations they represent, as long as no
13 commitment to vote is made or sought. Such discussions shall be
14 a permitted interaction under section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes.

16 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of [~~2020-~~] 2022.



1 (g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30,
2 [~~2021-~~] 2023."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Department of Health; Working Group; Behavioral Health Care

Description:

Establishes a working group within the department of health to identify gaps in services, coordinate funding sources, and establish and identify outcome measures for behavioral health, substance abuse, and homelessness. (SD1)

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