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#### NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: August 10, 2023TIME: 11:00 a.m.PLACE: Conference Room 329 & Via Videoconference

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# FIGHTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC – HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES

The purpose of this briefing is to review safe alternatives in addressing the opioid addiction crisis. This briefing will provide a snapshot of provider perspectives for alternative treatment modalities that prevent or reduce the abuse of prescribed opioids that alleviate pain from injury or chronic health conditions. The collaboration of alternatives to opioids is based on a model of multi-disciplinary care that is used in other settings and for today's briefing it's referred to as the "quad" model.

According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency:

• 200 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.



- 2,000 Americans suffer an overdose every day.
- From 1999 to 2017, more than 700,000 people have died from a drug overdose.

In an effort to combat the opioid epidemic the focus will be on supporting healthcare providers in the following categories: Medical Management (15 minutes), Body and Pain Management (15 minutes), Transforming to a Quad Model – Department of Health's Hawaii Opioid Initiative on Education, Prevention and Pain Management (15 minutes) and Safe Alternatives to Opioids (15 minutes).

Invited to provide presentations are:

Dr. Jerald Garcia, Anesthesiology, Top Pain Management Specialist in Hawaii Department of Health – Behavioral Health Administration State Department of Human Services, Office of Wellness and Resilience Review of State Pain Management Policies by the National Conference of State Legislatures (15 minutes) Heather Lush, Executive Director, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center Timothy McCormick, Branch Chief, Harm Reduction Services Branch, Department of Health State Department of Human Services Medicaid Administrator (DHS Med-QUEST Branch) Caroline Cadirao, Director, Executive Office on Aging Mac Haddow, Senior Fellow American Kratom Association Utah Senator Curtis Scott Bramble, 16<sup>th</sup> District in Provo, Utah "Saving Lives" a Legislator's perspective Jaclyn Moore, Pharm. D., Chief Executive Officer, Big Island Grown

No public testimony will be accepted.

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