

State of Hawaii
Role of Psychiatrists in
Mental Health
Transformation



Consent Decree

- Leadership moved system from Medical Model to Recovery Model (2002-2005)
- Recovery became policy
- Psychiatrist identified as the leader of the Recovery Team, along with Consumer and Case Manager (at a minimum)
- Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference addressed one EBP

Transition Period

- 2006: Still under US DOJ Consent Decree
- Implemented system-wide training program and conference with visiting experts in Recovery Model and Recovery Planning
- All psychiatrists and case managers and consumer advocates were trained
- DVDs made
- Recovery Planning Teams became active



Transition Period

- Recovery Planning Team included psychiatrists and met monthly for 2006
- Policy was set and reviewed by Statewide Medical Executive Committee (SMEC)
- Standing agenda item at SMEC for 2006
- Performance Improvement Site Monitoring included Recovery Plans, Planning, and interviews with consumers about the role of their psychiatrist in the plan



Psychiatric Access Collaboration

- Grew from recognition of psychiatric access shortages, especially in rural areas
- Developed broad coalition centered around psychiatric workforce
- Developed funding and hiring models for rural health clinics
- Developed schedule of visiting psychiatrists
- Supported Telemedicine



Transformation Grant-2007

- Grant Director is a psychiatrist
- Four psychiatrists are on Transformation Working Group (TWG, Steering Group)
- Psychiatrists are on Subgroups
- Psychiatrists were included in Agenda setting and planning for the grant implementation
- Liaison with Psychiatry Guild Groups (adult and child)



Transformation in the near future

- Continued activity in the Transformation Grant
- Quality Improvement activity based on results of site monitoring from Performance Improvement
- Professional/Consumer councils have this as a regular agenda item
- Statewide Medical Executives have it as a regular agenda item

