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**STATE'S NETWORK OF CARE WEBSITE OFFERS EASY  
DOORWAY TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES**  
*PUBLIC INVITED TO PRESENTATIONS THROUGH AUGUST*

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) is conducting public presentations through August for the state's new Network of Care Website. Launched on April 22, 2009 and funded by the Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant (MHT SIG), the site provides a single point of entry for information on mental illness, substance abuse and developmental disabilities across all ages.

[Hawaii.networkofcare.org](http://Hawaii.networkofcare.org) is an easy-to-use Web solution for individuals, families and organizations concerned with Behavioral Health. Useful tools include: A dedicated library; a "My Folder" space for secure personal health information; advocacy links; insurance information; and legislative tracking with options to voice opinions about State and Federal pending legislation. It also offers cutting-edge social networking opportunities.

MHT SIG will share more about the Hawai'i Network of Care at Town Hall Meetings through August. A full schedule is listed below. During these meetings, Paul Cumming, the National Outreach and Training Manager for Network of Care for Trilogy Integrated Resources, will talk about how the Network of Care for Behavioral Health web sites have been his recovery and advocacy tool.

Consumers, family members, providers and community members are invited to hear this dynamic speaker talk about the revolutionary Web-based approach to self-directed care. An overview of the site's many features will be provided, using a live connection to Hawai'i links.

"This is an ideal opportunity to become familiar with the Network's possibilities and ask questions of a true expert." said Dr. Rupert Goetz, MHT SIG Director.

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The following presentations are open to the public. Interested Groups may also arrange for a dedicated presentation from Mr. Cummings. Inquires about the Conference and presentations should be directed to: [transformation@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:transformation@doh.hawaii.gov).

- **Tuesday, August 4, West Hawaii:** 9 - 11 a.m., Town Hall Meeting at the Liquor Control Office, Kailua-Kona
- **Tuesday, August 4, East Hawaii:** 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting at the Office of the County Clerk, Hilo
- **Wednesday, August 5, Molokai:** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting at the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Kaunakakai
- **Monday, August 10, Maui:** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting at the Cameron Center, Wailuku
- **Saturday, August 15, Central Oahu:** 10 - 11 a.m., Consumer, Family Member and Youth Conference at the Waikiki Marriott Resort and Spa, Honolulu (Conference registration required)
- **Date TBD, Lanai:** Town Hall Meeting at the Lanai Public Library, Lanai City

The President's New Freedom Commission urged increased use of technology to help consumers take charge of their lives. Network of Care is a comprehensive and easy-to-use on-line resource that does just this. Participants at the meetings can:

- Research behavioral health services available in their county and locate those services with interactive maps;
- Learn more about behavioral health issues with a library of 40,000 articles on 4,000 topics;
- Learn how they can track and weigh in on state and federal legislation related to behavioral health;
- Develop a personal health record, parts of which they may choose to share with family members and professionals, including a Wellness and Recovery Action Plan or WRAP;
- Access an on-line discussion forum as well as local community calendars of events and training.

Trilogy Integrated Resources LLC of San Rafael, Calif., created, developed and maintains the Network of Care website for Hawai'i and Network of Care web sites for 22 other states in the nation.

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