

# Hawai'i Harm Reduction Conference 2021

**Harm Reduction** is a *philosophy and set of strategies* for working with people engaged in potentially harmful behaviors. The main objective is to reduce the potential dangers and health risks associated with such behaviors, *even for those who are not willing or able to completely stop*. Harm reduction uses a non-judgmental, holistic and individualized approach to support incremental change & increase the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

## Conference Program and Schedule

### Day 1

9:00am

Opening/Oli

**Welcome** – Heather Lusk – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hep Free Hawai'i

### Morning Plenary

**Ho'opa'a i nā wa i hala, ho'ono'ono'o pono no kēia manawa, a me ka 'ike i nā wa ma hope**

**Speakers:** Dr. Kamanaopono Crabbe – The Kohala Institute

Dr. Jamee Māhealani Miller – 'Ekolu Mea Nui

**Overview:** This presentation is anchored in Native Hawaiian values and practices. The presenters will share different concepts that provided solutions for families and communities in traditional times that are relevant today and in the future.

### Break-Out Session One

10:15am – 11:15 am

#### **A. How Healthy is Public Health: A Moderated Debate**

**Moderator:** Peter Silva – Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation

**Speakers:** May Rose Dela Cruz – University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Office of Public Health Studies Program

Thaddeus Pham – Hawai'i Department of Health, Harm Reduction Services Branch; Hep Free Hawai'i

**Overview:** During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, an emergent theme for the general public and the media has been (mis)trust in public health leadership. Considered in the historical context of horrors like the Tuskegee experiments on black bodies and the syphilis experiments on Native Hawaiians at Kalaupapa, mistrust of health systems is often higher among black people, indigenous people, and other people of color. As an institution grounded in a capitalist, colonial culture of outcomes, quantitative data, cost-savings, and bureaucracy, there are persistent if less dramatic harms that are often perpetuated with good intentions. This

moderated debate will explore to what extent Public Health, the institution, continues to harm and help communities and to what degree it can effectively operationalize the values of harm reduction.

## **B. Harm Reduction 101**

**Moderator:** *Tiare Sua – Maui AIDS Foundation*

**Speakers:**

*Kekoa Kealoha – Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation*

*Bianka Tasaka – Mālama Pono Health Services*

**Overview:** Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. In today's world, we see the principles and tenants of harm reduction being applied in all areas of life. This session will provide attendees an overview and understanding of the tenants of Harm Reduction. This session will also provide 2 dynamic examples of harm reduction being implemented locally and virtually.

## **C. Mindful Forgiveness: Breathe and Let Go to Live Life on Purpose**

**Speaker:** *JoYi K. Rhyss, Mindful Forgiveness Institute; Moxie Fitness LLC*

**Overview:** The Mindful Forgiveness workshops is a professional development training program funded in part by The Office of Youth Services designed to teach & promote mindfulness and forgiveness as foundational daily living skills using the two research based tools: "Forgive for Good" by Dr. Fred Luskin and "Mindfulness in Daily Living" by Dr. Thao Le. Participants will be introduced to concepts, tools and practices that will allow them to implement a daily mindfulness practice and learn the steps to the Forgive for Good process. Participants will leave with a better understanding of how to let go of unhelpful thinking and be freer to have a more productive relationship with coworkers, family members and clients.

## **Break-Out Session Two**

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

### **A. Harm Reduction & Law Enforcement**

**Speaker:** *Kaipo Paiva – Honolulu Police Department*

**Overview:** In this session, you will hear an officer share his experience on how harm reduction and law enforcement can work together toward a common goal of peace.

### **B. Stigma Kills**

**Moderator:** *Leilani Maxera – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Speakers:** *PaijBritt Emmanuel – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

*Leanne Simon – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** People who use drugs, and who have been homeless and/or incarcerated face discrimination in most areas of their lives. This workshop features health outreach workers who have both witnessed firsthand and experienced for themselves how detrimental discrimination is to marginalized people, and will discuss some of the ways we can change ourselves and the systems in place to fight stigma in our communities.

### **C. Look Up, Look Around: Harm Reduction Strategizing through the Frameworks of HIV and Hepatitis**

**Moderator:** *Christine Kapiioho, Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation*

**Speakers:**

*Kunane Dreier – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

*Thaddeus Pham - Hawai'i Department of Health, Harm Reduction Services Branch; Hep Free Hawai'i*

**Overview:** Harm Reduction occurs at all levels and across all sectors: from syringe services for people living on the street, to health department contracting for HIV programs, to drug policy-setting at the state and national levels. This session highlights how local community-based harm reduction efforts were translated into strategy frameworks to push for program and policy change. Through the lens of infectious diseases (hepatitis and HIV), the panelists will also explore how the Hawaii 2 Zero and Hep Free 2030 initiatives set up opportunities for change beyond a single disease state. This type of multi-level, cross-sector work offers possible lessons for deeper integration of harm reduction into our future as a community.

### **Break-Out Session Three:**

**12:45pm – 1:45pm**

#### **A. Abolition and Abundance: Living Beyond Punishment**

**Speakers:** *Tatiana Kalaniopua Young, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Trans Hawai'i; UTOPIA Hawai'i  
Laurel Mei-Singh, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Ethnic Studies; Hawai'i Peace and Justice*

**Overview:** Abolition imagines a world beyond punishment, encompassing efforts to transform the conditions that allow society to cast certain lives as disposable. It works toward a world that supports abundance, reconciliation, healing, and the well-being of all. In this workshop, participants will learn basic tenets of abolition, discuss abolition as a practical project and how it applies to our daily work, and brainstorm on paths forward for building an abolitionist future for Hawai'i.

#### **B. L.E.A.D.--A Hope for Harm Reduction in a Punishment-Oriented System**

**Speakers:** *David Shaku – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

*Greg Payton – Mental Health Kokua*

*Dorene Toutant – Mental Health Kokua*

**Overview:** In this session we will explore how L.E.A.D. (Let Everyone Advance with Dignity/formerly Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) works in collaboration with non-traditional partners to reduce the harm of individuals cycling through the criminal justice system by working with law enforcement officials, providing wrap arounds services, and relying on harm reduction as an intervention model.

#### **C. Creating Resilience During a Crisis with Trauma-Informed Care Principles**

**Speaker:** *Tia Roberts Hartsock – Hawai'i Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division;  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B Thompson School of Social Work*

**Overview:** This workshop will focus on how to utilize trauma-informed care principles to create more resilience in our daily lives. TIC principles can help us establish better approaches and responses, with others and with ourselves, and better inform our ability to emotionally regulate and create balance during challenging times.

## **Day 2**

**9:00am**

### **Morning Plenary**

**De-Escalating Hawaii's Drug War: Defelonization, Decriminalization, Police Reform & Beyond**

**Moderator:** *Nikos Leverenz – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Speakers:** *Jacquie Esser – Hawai'i Office of the Public Defender*

*Sonny Ganaden – Hawai'i State Representative*

*Justice Stephen Levinson – Supreme Court of Hawai'i (Ret.)*

*Bob Merce – HCR 85 Prison Reform Task Force*

**Overview:** This panel will address the ongoing overcriminalization of poverty and behavioral health concerns in Hawaii and solutions to reduce the burden of crowded jails and prisons and long periods of criminal legal supervision. Native Hawaiians remain disproportionately represented in the state's criminal legal system. Administrative responses to COVID-19 failed to adequately protect the health and safety of those incarcerated and public employees. What are the current prospects for the reform of sentencing, probation, and parole, as well as police and prosecutor practices, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting budgetary pressures? How can Hawaii best reduce the harmful impact of criminalization on underserved and vulnerable communities?

## **Break-Out Session One**

**10:15am – 11:15 am**

### **A. Racism, Social Justice, Ho'oponopono, & Restorative Justice**

**Speakers:**

*Sandra Simms – Hawai'i State Board of Bar Examiners & retired judge*

*Lorren Walker – Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice*

*Malina Kaulukukui – University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine*

**Overview:** This interactive session will include short descriptions by the presenters of the below objectives and a breakout session by the participants to engage in an exercise to help improve social justice skills. A whole group discussion on the workshop experience will also be provided.

### **B. Grief During a Pandemic**

**Speaker:** *Leilani Maxera – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** We are currently living in a state of collective trauma, brought on by global pandemic, racial and economic upheaval, and an uncertain future. This workshop will talk about the types of grief that people are dealing with and how people who serve our communities can better support ourselves, other workers, and the participants/patients in our programs.

### **C. Native Hawaiians and Incarceration**

**Speakers:** *Dr. Jamee Māhealani Miller – 'Ekolu Mea Nui*

**Overview:** This presentation will provide an overview of Historical/Cultural Trauma from a Native Hawaiian perspective. The connection of the disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians within the criminal legal system will also be discussed. Several examples of solutions to counter the trauma individuals, families and communities experience will be shared.

## **Break-Out Session Two**

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

### **A. Homeless Youth Outreach - A Harm Reduction Approach**

**Moderator:** *Carla Houser – Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE)*

**Speakers:** *Lee Miyashiro – Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE)*

*Jasreal Feeny – Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE)*

*Malia Packer – Hale Kipa YO!*

**Overview:** Using a low barrier, harm reduction approach to engage youth who are experiencing homelessness.

## **B. Decolonizing Recovery by Reconnecting through Foundations of Indigenous Healing**

### **Speakers:**

*Lilinoe Kauahikaua – Mālama Project*

*Ku‘ulei Salzer – Mālama Project*

**Overview:** Mālama Project stemmed from the awareness that often times, “recovery spaces” do not resonate with indigenous peoples, indigenous ways of healing, and indigenous perspectives. Many times, “recovery spaces and recovery language” can feel exclusive to individuals of color, and those whose cultural backgrounds are deeply rooted in community, pilina, or connections, and ‘ohana. We aim to address that dichotomy of individualism on the western spectrum, as opposed to a more holistic, whole healing, or ola, that well-being of the whole unit.

## **C. Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: Beyond Victims and Villains**

**Moderator:** *Tracy Ryan – Harm Reduction Hawai‘i*

**Speaker:** *Alix Lutnick – University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare*

**Overview:** A lecture presentation with discussion focusing on Dr. Lutnick’s book of the same name.

## **Break-Out Session Three:**

**12:45pm – 1:45pm**

### **A. Nonbinary Identities and Harm Reduction**

**Speaker:** *Avvri Rathsack – Hawai‘i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** This presentation will provide information on how Nonbinary (Enby) identities are impacted by and/or impact Harm Reduction techniques and methods of care in mental health, medical services, recovery programs, and other venues of care.

### **B. Overdose Prevention, Recognition, & Response**

**Speaker:** *Leilani Maxera – Hawai‘i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** This workshop will teach you harm reduction methods to prevent opioid overdose, how to recognize the signs of an overdose, and how to respond. You will learn how to use naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal drug, and will be able to receive a free overdose prevention kit upon completing the training.

### **C. Mental health, Substance Abuse, & Recovery Panel**

**Facilitator:** *Kathleen Merriam – Hawai‘i Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division*

**Speakers:** *Eddie Mersereau – Hawai‘i Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration*

*Trisha Kajimura – Sutter Health Kahi Mohala*

**Overview:** This panel will discuss the importance of hope, resiliency, and continuity of care when systems of care breakdown during crisis. Discussion will range from micro-level interventions to macro-level systems change. After this session, participants will be able to activate skills necessary to navigate the various methods for advocating for quality consumer care; increase their knowledge about consumer-driven care and consider the consumer voice more; practice some best practices in dealing with individuals that have mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

## Day 3

### Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Credits Available



To receive continuing education credit, the participant must register and attend the activity, claim credit commensurate to their participation in the activity, and complete an evaluation form.

This activity, to be held on January 9, 2021 has been designated for a maximum of 3.0 contact hours. The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

### Break-Out Session One

10:15am – 11:15 am

#### **A. Harm Reduction and Humility: Providing Medical Care for Special Populations**

**Speakers:** *Christina Wang, DNP, MPH, APRN-Rx, AGPCNP-C – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** In its Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements, the American Nurses Association (ANA) established provisions that call on nurses to address health disparities as a matter of social justice and human rights. In Hawaii, such health disparities are especially apparent among people who are houseless and/or use drugs. To adhere to the ANA Code of Ethics, nurses must actively work to ensure that these marginalized and often medically fragile communities receive quality care without stigma. This session will explore the successes and challenges of a local community model of care that centers cultural humility and harm reduction in its planning and implementation, thereby leading to improved health, social, and economic outcomes.

*CNE Learning Outcomes:*

- Describe nursing models of care for special populations that address social and health inequities.
- Identify practices that can reduce stigma and increase healthcare engagement for hard-to-reach populations.
- Develop actionable steps to integrate practices of cultural humility and harm reduction into existing healthcare practices.

#### **B. No Longer All or Nothing: From Abstinence to Harm Reduction**

**Moderator:** *Kunane Dreier – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Speaker:** *JP Moses, MBA, MSN, RN, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC, CARN-AP – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** This session will highlight the personal and professional journey from abstinence to harm reduction. For many, abstinence is required. So how do you find a balance. How do you work within the realm of harm reduction with a goal of abstinence? How do you live in the realm of abstinence and provide harm reduction services? Join us to hear the amazing journey of balance.

*CNE Learning Outcomes:*

- Describe how abstinence is a harm reduction approach.
- Identify at least 2 ways to implement harm reduction with a goal of abstinence.

## **Break-Out Session Two**

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

### **A. Access, Navigation and Medical Care for the Transgender Community**

**Speakers:** *Kai Fuhriman, APRN FNP-C – Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation*

*Natalie Mark, RN, BSN – Waikiki Health*

*Maddalynn Seseapasara – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** According to recent DOH data reports, the health inequities for TG/GNC youth are stark, with higher rates of suicidality, substance use, and physical and sexual violence than their cisgender counterparts. Gender-affirming care by the whole healthcare team can improve health outcomes and enhance resiliency for this population. Quality TG/GNC care will be discussed by nurse providers in community settings, including opportunities and challenges.

*CNE Learning Outcomes:*

- Increased understanding of the health outcomes for transgender individuals.
- Increased understanding of the specific needs for Female to Male (FTM) transgender patients.
- Describe successful models of transgender healthcare navigation.

### **B. Mental Health and Harm Reduction**

**Speaker:** *Courtney Tanigawa, APRN-Rx, CSAC – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** This session will provide an overview of the most common mental health diagnoses seen in street medicine, correctional settings and harm reduction-based nursing practice. Examples of harm reduction techniques and resources will be shared along with the latest in evidence-based practices to support people struggling with both mental health and substance use.

*CNE Learning Outcomes:*

- Identify the most common mental health diagnoses seen in street-based nursing.
- List at least three harm reduction practices that may be effective in building rapport.
- Describe the resources available to nurses for behavioral health challenges.

## **Break-Out Session Three:**

**12:45pm – 1:45pm**

### **A. Harm Reduction in the Emergency Department and Hospital**

**Moderator:** *Ashley Shearer, LCSW, CSAC – Queen's Care Coalition at The Queen's Medical Center*

**Speakers:** *Brandee Webb, APRN – Queen's Care Coalition at The Queen's Medical Center*

*Caryn Hilmes, LCSW – Queen's Care Coalition at The Queen's Medical Center*

*Joele Alameida, CHW – Queen's Care Coalition at The Queen's Medical Center*

**Overview:** Substance use, behavioral health diagnoses, houselessness and trauma can significantly impact a person's health and wellbeing, their ability to access to care and their trust in medical staff. When vulnerable people are hospitalized, they often have needs beyond standard medical care. This presentation will provide an overview of how healthcare providers can integrate harm reduction techniques to increase patients' health outcomes.

*CNE Learning Outcomes:*

- Identify three health issues that vulnerable people may experience.
- Provide an example of stigma that people living with substance use disorder, behavioral health, and/or homelessness may face in healthcare settings.



- Explain harm reduction techniques that can be applied in a hospital setting.

## **B. Pharmacology of Substance Use Disorder**

**Speakers:** *Christina Wang, DNP, MPH, APRN-Rx, AGPCNP-C – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

*JP Moses, MBA, MSN, RN, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC, CARN-AP – Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center*

**Overview:** Medications currently used in the treatment of substance use disorder will be presented in the context of Office Based Addiction Treatment. Focus is on screening for appropriateness, legal requirements, recommended dosage guidelines, ADRs, and tapering.

*CNE Learning Outcomes:*

- Identify the FDA approved medications and starting doses for buprenorphine, bupropion, naltrexone, varenicline, disulfiram, and acamprosate.
- Identify the indications and cautions for medications used in the support of substance use disorder (SUD): ondansetron, chlordiazepoxide, hydroxyzine, topiramate, alprazolam, dicyclomine, thiamine, folic acid.
- Describe the difference between opioid agonist, partial agonist, and antagonist.

**Pau**

***Mahalo for joining us!***