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December 6, 2023

Ms. Marian Tsuji, Deputy Director
State of Hawai'i
Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration
Kinau Hale Building
1250 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Via E-mail: Marian.Tsuji@doh.hawaii.gov

Dear Ms. Tsuji:

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO
THOSE AFFECTED BY THE AUGUST 2023 FIRES ON
MAUI ISLAND (WASSP-1(6))**

At its 9 a.m. meeting of December 11, 2023, the Maui County Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee intends to discuss behavioral health services available for those in West Maui and the \$17,300,000 in funding the State Department of Health received from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA").

In preparation for the meeting, please be prepared to inform the Committee of the following:

1. Please describe how and when the \$17,300,000 in funding from the SAMHSA federal grant will be used.
 - a. Which State programs will be funded by this grant? Who are the intended recipients?
2. Will existing State funding for behavioral health programs, if any, experience a reduction in appropriations due to the influx in funding from the SAMHSA grant?

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3. What other funding is the State Department of Health providing behavioral health service programs for those affected by the August 2023 fires on Maui?
4. How are behavioral health statistics reported and documented by the State Department of Health? Do you have information on reported suicides or calls to Crisis Line of Hawai'i? Does the State Department of Health receive reports from third-party entities with the number of mental distress calls made to Crisis Line of Hawai'i or 911?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. May I further request that you please provide a written response after the meeting by **December 18, 2023**, to wasp.committee@mauicounty.us with a reference to WASSP-1(6). We look forward to discussing your response to these questions at the December 11th meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Clarissa MacDonald at 808-270-7135, or Stacey Vinoray at 808-270-7147).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane M. Sinenci", written in a cursive style.

SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and
Parks Committee

WASSP Committee

From: WASSP Committee
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 4:06 PM
To: Marian.Tsuji@doh.hawaii.gov
Cc: WASSP Committee; Clarissa L. MacDonald
Subject: Letter from Maui County Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci
Attachments: Correspondence from Councilmember Sinenci 12-06-2023.pdf

Aloha Deputy Director Tsuji,

Please see attached letter from Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci.

Mahalo,
WASSP Committee Staff