

Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board Meeting

Aug 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

1250 Punchbowl Street, Kinau Hale, Hawaii Department of Health, 1st Floor Board Room

Members Present: Dr. Anthea Wang (Chair) (Online), Sharlene Chun-Lum, Sarah Mercado (Online), Dr. Sheri-Ann Daniels (Online), Dr. Nathan Tan, Darrin Sato, Dr. Robert Hirokawa (Online), Dr. Forrest Batz (Online).

Members Absent: Dr. Hye-ryeon Lee (vice Chair)

Dept. of Health (DOH): Lola Irvin, Heidi Smith, Gail Ogawa, Leslie Yap, Jill Tamashiro, Muhammad Anwar, Gerrit Deweese, Amelia Arechy, Gwendelyn Marshall, Melody Kimura and Luis Alves.

Dept. of Attorney General (ATG): Blair Goto

Guests (Public): Malia Maier, Wally Chin and Julian Lipsher.

Agenda	Discussion	Decision	Outcome
Call to Order, Public Notice, and Quorum Dr. Wang, Chair	Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Dr. Anthea Wang (Chair). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board and guest welcome. • Reviewed the remote meeting requirements. • Board introduction. 		
Review and Approve Minutes and Review Meeting Agenda Dr. Wang, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Approve Minutes from May 13, 2024 • Review meeting Agenda. 	05/13/24 minutes. No revision.	Minutes approved by unanimous vote with 8 members present.
Hawaii Community Foundation Cessation Grantee and Youth Prevention Programs. Presenter:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cessation and Youth Prevention programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HCF history, 2023 grants, and partners updates. - Tobacco Prevention & Control Trust Fund and HCF Role. - New contract and vendors updates (5 vendors). - Cessation Grantee updates. 15 organizations (2 in Kaua'i, 1 in Lana'i, 6 in O'ahu, 1 in Moloka'i, 2 in Maui and 3 in Hawai'i Island). Total of \$2.3M in grants per year. - Youth Prevention Grantee updates. 14 organizations (2 in Kaua'i, 1 in Lana'i, 4 in O'ahu, 1 in Moloka'i, 1 in Maui and 5 in Hawai'i Island). Total of \$825K in grants per year. 		

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<p>Malia Maier</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wang: How many and when will the youth grantees be working with elementary schools? Ms. Maier: Some grantees are serving elementary schools and using the elementary school tool kit provided by Stanford University, but the Hawai'i-based elementary tool kit should be done soon. • Ms. Chun-Lum: How will DOE participate in this process? Ms. Yap: DOH already started a conversation with DOE to support the implementation of the Hawai'i elementary school tool kit and using the My Life My Quit program. Ms. Mercado/DOE: Supported prevention and cessation poster distribution to schools and ready and available to help. • Dr. Wang: Has HCF learned anything from previous grantees that you are applying to new grantees? Ms. Maier: Yes, many. One good example was on the survey process where we had to develop a QR code so students could use their tablets instead of paper. 		
<p>Hawaii Community Foundation</p> <p>Tobacco Trust Fund Investment Performance.</p> <p>Presenter: Wally Chin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco Trust Fund Investment Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 3 investment managers (Bank of Hawai'i, Vanguard, and Nuveen) with a total market value of \$59M as of 6/30/24. - HCF uses a conservative asset allocation strategy (30% in equity and 70% fixed incomes, guided by the HCF investment committee, approved by DOH, and based on the HRS 328 to maximize investment and preserve principal). - The HCF investment committee is composed of 2 investment professionals, 1 real estate professional, and Merrill Lynch as an investment monitor and advisor. - For the last 24 years, the investment performance of the fund exceeds or meets the policy index with a small decrease between the years 2021 and 2023 caused by the international managers (Nuveen). • Dr. Wang: How does our budget fit into the overall terms of interest and principal? Mr. Chin: Most of the budget approved is being used during the year, and because the fund is invested conservatively, it doesn't produce enough earnings to cover extra expenditures outside the approved budget. • Ms. Chun-Lum: Are we preserving the principal? Mr. Chin: The principal concept is a little complicated but yes, we are preserving the principle. • Ms. Chun-Lum: What does HCF do when the legislature wants to use Tobacco Settlement money for other things? Mr. Chin: As investment professionals, we always consider what is happening in the external environment but in this situation, we always defer to DOH for advice and instruction. Ms. Irvin: The DOH works very closely with the Attorney General's office to respond to the legislature questions. 		

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Announcements Dr. Wang, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting will be in November, and it is planned to cover the evaluation results from the previous cessation and prevention grantee program and to approve the calendar year 2025 Budget.		
Request for Public Comment Dr. Wang, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julian Lipsher: Can the board consider adding an educational lung cancer screening program into the existing National Jewish Health contract?• Dr. Wang: Has DOH explored this possibility with National Jewish Health? Ms. Yap: Yes, we are talking to National Jewish Health to learn more about the lung cancer screening program.		
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting was adjourned by Chair Wang at 11:01 am.		

Respectfully submitted,

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