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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**January 2024**

**Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)**

- Hawaii** The Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council met on December 19, 2023. SHPDA provided updates on the status of the All-payer Health Equity Approaches and Development model (AHEAD) grant application and legislative requests. The lead of the Accessing Healthcare Services on Hawaii Island project reported approximately half of the filming of the PSAs are completed; a new group of interns to work on the project are expected in April 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2024.
- Honolulu** The Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council met on December 14, 2023. The standing committees provided updates. SHPDA reported seeking alternative avenues to obtain resources for initiatives and staffing and highlighted the importance of the AHEAD grant. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024.
- Kauai** The Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council meeting scheduled for December 12, 2023, was cancelled. The next meeting has not been scheduled.
- Tri-Isle** The Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2024.
- West Oahu** The West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024.
- Windward Oahu** The Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in December. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

### **Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council did not meet in December. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

### **Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee**

The Plan Development Committee met on December 1, 2023. The SHPDA Administrator reported progress on convening of the Data, Keiki, Kupuna, and Universal Access Advisory Councils; seeking alternative avenues to obtain resources for SHPDA initiatives and staffing; interest Hawaii leadership to develop a healthcare oversight authority; and SHPDA's intent to apply for the AHEAD grant in collaboration with the Hawaii Department of Human Services – MedQUEST program. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2024.

### **Advisory Councils**

- Data** The Data Advisory Council met on December 5, 2023. Presentations were made by representatives from the Hawaii All-Payer Claims Database, the Hawaii Information Exchange, and the Laulima Data Alliance. The SHPDA Administrator announced SHPDA's intent to apply for the AHEAD grant in collaboration with the Hawaii Department of Human Services – MedQUEST program. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024.
- Keiki** The Keiki Advisory Council did not meet in December. The first meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.
- Kupuna** The Kupuna Advisory Council (KAC) met on December 8, 2023. The SHPDA Administrator stressed the importance of the AHEAD grant to improving Hawaii's healthcare system. SHPDA looks forward to gain insight and recommendations from SHPDA Councils. Members presented their individual lists of issues and challenges relating to the development of the KAC's priorities. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12 & 25, 2024.

**Universal Access** The Universal Access Advisory Council (UAAC) met on December 20, 2023. The results of the UAAC member survey were shared. The SHPDA Administrator reported seeking alternative avenues to obtain resources for initiatives and staffing and highlighted the importance of the AHEAD grant to improving Hawaii's healthcare system. Suggestion to convene educational sessions on the Maryland All-Payer Hospital Model prior to the next UAAC meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 22, & 30, 2024.

### **Health System Reform**

SHPDA's health system reform efforts moved forward in December in several important ways:

1. The 4 new SHPDA Advisory Councils (Keiki Care, Kupuna Care, Health Data, and Universal Access) met and started developing strategies for identifying priorities in their areas for the purpose of informing the Legislature, the Governor, and the health sector on key issues needing further planning, funding, and possible legislation. Their deliberations will also inform the AHEAD grant application to the federal CMS Innovation Center, due March 18.
2. The SHCC, Plan Development Committee, and SHPDA regional councils were also asked to review progress in these regards and make comments where appropriate.
3. The AHEAD grant process is proceeding in partnership with Med-QUEST. Jointly sponsored meetings were held with the major insurers, and major hospital systems, Critical Access hospitals statewide, and FQHCs (primary care association). A site visit to Hilo by the Administrator allows Hilo Medical Center executive staff, Mayor Roth and his team, and the physician community and Hilo MC Foundation to be briefed on AHEAD. Two meetings were scheduled for January WITH LEADERS FROM Maryland to offer background to the Universal Access advisory Council on their all-payer hospital system. The Insurance Commissioner was also briefed, as was the Hospital Association and Hawaii Medical Association.
4. The SHPDA "upgrade bill" to enable the agency to be staffed and funded to assume its future role as the state's health care oversight agency for access, equity, quality of care, and cost effectiveness was drafted and submitted to be reviewed in draft by legislators after agreement about it was reached by DOH, DHS, and SHPDA.
5. The SHPDA Hui Ho'omana Task Force proposed legislation was also vetted by various legislators and state agencies.
6. Grant development for the AHEAD grant was organized to begin drafting in January, and several meetings were held with CMS/CMMI to discuss its evolving provision as they might affect Hawai'i.

----- Jack Lewin MD

### **Research and Statistics**

SHPDA's annual Health Care Utilization Survey for calendar year 2023 will begin in January 2024 and through May 31, 2024.

### **The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team**

(Updates will be provided in February, May, August, and November reports.)

### **Certificate of Need Applications**

- #23-03      Neogen Care LLC  
Establishment of home health agency services at 770 Kapiolani Blvd.,  
Honolulu, HI.  
Scheduling for February reviews.
- #23-06A      Malama Hospice and Palliative Care LLC  
Establishment of hospice services at 75-5706 Hanama Place, Unit 103,  
Kailua-Kona, HI.  
Incomplete. Waiting for applicant's revisions.
- #23-08      Worldwide Molecular Solutions, LLC  
Establishment of PET/CT scanner services at 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suites  
108 & 120, Honolulu, HI.  
Scheduling for March reviews.
- #23-10A      Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.  
Acquisition of PET/CT services to be located at 2828 Pa'a Street, Honolulu,  
HI.  
Approved December 5, 2023.
- #23-11A      The Queen's Medical Center  
Expansion of operating room at 1301 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI.  
Approved December 13, 2023.

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#23-12A      All Access Ortho Oahu LLC  
Acquisition of All Access Ortho including Diagnostic Radiology services at  
1401 S. Beretania Street, Suite 102, Honolulu, HI, 95-1830 Meheula Parkway,  
Suite C-10 & C-11, Mililani, HI, and 4850 Kapolei Parkway, Building F, Kapolei,  
HI.  
Public notice scheduled for January 10, 2024.

#23-13A      Maui Recovery Services LLC  
Relocation of 8 bed Special Treatment Facility services to 120 Punakea Loop,  
Lahaina, HI.  
Public notice scheduled for January 3, 2024.