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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)

- Hawaii** The Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024.
- Honolulu** The Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council met on March 14, 2024. Due to the lack of quorum agenda items were deferred to the next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2024.
- Kauai** The Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024.
- Tri-Isle** The Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council met on March 15, 2024. SHPDA provided updates on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant application due on March 18, 2024. The Prioritization Process was presented; members will be prepared to discuss regional priorities at the next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2024.
- West Oahu** The West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council met on March 20, 2024. SHPDA provided updates on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant application and the 2024 Legislative Session – Senate Bill 2285. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024.
- Windward Oahu** The Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in March. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

The Statewide Health Coordinating council did not meet in March. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee

The Plan Development Committee did not meet in March. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Advisory Councils

Data The Data Advisory Council met on March 5, 2024. SHPDA provided updates on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant application due on March 18, 2024. The importance of Information Technology (IT) in AHEAD was stressed. Data and IT challenges were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

Keiki The Keiki Advisory Council did not meet in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024.

Kupuna The Kupuna Advisory Council did not meet in March. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Universal Access The Universal Access Advisory Council met on March 12, 2024. SHPDA provided updates on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant application due on March 18, 2024. Updates included the decision to apply for Cohort 2 and how the 2.5 years Pre-Implementation Phase of the grant will be utilized to collaboratively develop a Hospital Global Budget for Hawaii. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Health System Reform

SHPDA continues to make progress in development of the agency's capacity to serve Hawai'i as an upgraded data-supported health and long-term care oversight body. The impetus for this responsibility originated first in SHPDA's original 1975 statutory authority – although the original statutory vision was never fully implemented. SHPDA has nonetheless served as the Certificate of Need regulatory agency and conducts several annual inventories of health facilities and services available statewide.

SB 2285 SD2 HD3 is the vehicle to for funding and staff to achieve the upgraded vision. It is currently in conference committee, and we are hopeful it will succeed. It also contains the Hui Ho'omana Task Force, formerly SB 3129, which was folded into the bill by the House Health Committee. The Task Force will bring 20 representatives from across the health sector with ex-officio government agency representation including DOH, DHS, DCCA, the AG, and EOA to envision together by 2026 the ideal future for health care in Hawai'i. SHPDA was also asked in SCR 15 to bring together insurers, hospitals, physicians, nurses, other providers, UH, and government agencies to envision a more creative future of necessary health and LTC data sharing to enable achievement of systematic improvement of population health.

Finally, SHPDA and Med-QUEST successfully submitted the enormously complex but exciting federal CMS AHEAD grant for Hawai'i by the March 18 deadline. Only 8 states will be selected. We now await a response from CMS about our application by June 1. The grant would provide the state with about 2.5 million per year for 5 years (12 million) for administrative, consulting, and data acquisition and analytics support for the grant. After 2 initial years for implementation planning, in January 2027 and for up to 10 years the grant would then provide up to \$50M per year for advancing primary care services and for improving hospital abilities to improve the population health of the communities they serve. We anticipate a lot of positive overlap and collaboration with DOH with this grant if we succeed in receiving it.

Mahalo, Jack Lewin MD Administrator

Research and Statistics

SHPDA's annual Health Care Utilization Survey for calendar year 2023 is ongoing. As of March 31, 2024, the response rate for the 2023 utilization survey was at 25.7%. Health care facilities/providers are asked to complete the 2023 utilization survey and return it to SHPDA by May 31, 2024.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

(Updates will be provided in the 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.
Approved March 18, 2024.
- #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 July reviews.
- #24-01A The Queen's Medical Center
Acquisition of Wahiawa General Hospital, renovation of emergency
department and deletion of 61 Med/Surg and 5 Critical Care beds.
Approved March 27, 2024.
- #24-02 Shalom Hospice LLC
Establishment of hospice services at 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI.
Incomplete. Reviewing applicant's revisions.
- #24-03A State of Hawaii/Department of Health/Adult Mental Health Division
Addition of 40 Special Treatment Facility beds at 806 & 818 Iwilei Road,
Honolulu, HI.
Approved March 25, 2024.