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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
June 2024

Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)

- Hawaii** The Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2024.
- Honolulu** The Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council meeting scheduled for May 9, 2024, was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2024.
- Kauai** The Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024.
- Tri-Isle** The Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2024.
- West Oahu** The West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council met on May 15, 2024. SHPDA provided updates on the 2024 Legislative Session and Senate Bills 2285 and 1035. Updates were also provided on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant application submitted on March 18, 2024. Award notification anticipated in June 2024; project to start on July 1, 2024. The Prioritization Process, to determine HCSAC Priorities, was reviewed and initiated. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2024.
- Windward Oahu** The Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in May. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee

The Plan Development Committee did not meet in May. The next meeting will be scheduled over the Summer.

Advisory Councils

- Data** The Data Advisory Council met on May 14, 2024. SHPDA provided updates on the 2024 Legislative Session - Senate Bill 2285 was tabled in conference committee and referred to the 2025 Legislative Session. Updates were also provided on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant application submitted on March 18, 2024. Award notification anticipated in June 2024; project to start on July 1, 2024. If Hawaii AHEAD does not receive an award this round, an application will be submitted for Cohort 3 due in September 2024. The (draft) Data Needs for SHPDA Health Advisory Council was shared and discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2024.
- Keiki** The Keiki Advisory Council meeting scheduled for May 22, 2024, was cancelled. The next meeting has not been scheduled.
- Kupuna** The Kupuna Advisory Council did not meet in May. The next meeting has not been scheduled.
- Universal Access** The Universal Access Advisory Council did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024.

Health System Reform

The health system reform planning process for this month was mainly focused on developing draft priorities the coming biennium budget planning and legislative session for 2025. We are still awaiting the momentous CMS decision about our AHEAD grant proposal submitted to CMS/CMMI (the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center) by SHPDA and Med-QUEST. Some of the potential top priorities for 2025 include:

- Identifying who are the remaining uninsured people in Hawai'i and then designing and implementing a means to assure their health insurance coverage in the future.

- Understanding the causes of medical debt in Hawai'i and designing means to eliminate it over time.
- Measuring and tracking total health care spending in the state and working on a strategy to keep health care affordable for all here. The AHEAD grant could be a major benefit in these regards if we receive it.
- Working with CMS and our insurance payers in the state to move toward alternative payment models through promote value (better outcomes at lower cost and improved population health and equity) without destabilizing further our workforce shortages.
- Working with UH, the Healthcare Association, HMA, and others on improving our workforce shortages, and using technology and other innovative means to help leverage the reach of our existing workforce while we train and recruit more needed professionals.
- Helping our Congressional Delegation with data and advocacy in their efforts to improve the Medicare benchmark (per capita Medicare payment) and GPCI (geographic physician and provider payment increases), which are underfunding Hawai'i by well over \$1 billion a year.
- Redesigning and submitting a new updated version of SB 2285 that will secure passage for necessary staff and funding to fulfill our expanded mission with regards to all points above for improving both health care and long-term care.
- Using health care data to improve population health and health outcomes, and to measure progress in doing so.
- Getting the AHEAD grant!
- Working with the legislature and the all the health sector participants in improving and streamlining the Prior Authorization processes that have become very divisive here and across the entire nation.

(Mahalo, by Jack Lewin MD, Administrator, SHPDA)

Research and Statistics

SHPDA's annual Health Care Utilization Survey for calenda year 2023 was due on May 31, 2024. Several rounds of reminders were sent to health care facilities/providers prior to the deadline. As of May 31, 2024, the response rate was at 85.2%. The Research Statistician would follow up with the health care facilities/providers which/who had not returned their surveys by the deadline. The review of survey data is ongoing.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

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

Certificate of Need Applications

- #23-06A 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.
- #24-02 Shalom Hospice LLC
Establishment of hospice services at 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI.
Scheduled for May/June reviews.
- #24-04A Hawaii Health Systems Corporation-Oahu Region
Acquisition of SNF/ICF services at 91-1204 Kealanani Avenue, Kapolei, HI.
Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #24-05A Kokua Healthcare LLC
Establishment of Home Health Agency at 3-3178 Kuhio Highway, Suite D2,
Lihue, HI
Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.