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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)

- Hawaii** The Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC) met on July 23, 2024. The members are working to identify HCSAC priorities for 2024 and beyond. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024.
- Honolulu** The Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC) meeting scheduled for July 11, 2024, was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2024.
- Kauai** The Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in July. The next meet is scheduled for August 6, 2024.
- Tri-Isle** The Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (TISAC) did not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2024.
- West Oahu** The West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council met on July 17, 2024. The members initiated the process to identify WOSAC priorities for 2024 and beyond. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024.
- Windward Oahu** The Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council did not meet in June. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council met on July 30, 2024 to appoint its standing committees' members and officers. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee

The Plan Development Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2024.

Advisory Councils

Data The Data Advisory Council (DAC) met on July 9, 2024. The meeting focused on the DAC's priorities, and the formation of subgroups to address these priorities was proposed. SHPDA updated the DAC on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) grant. Hawaii was awarded the AHEAD grant, contingent upon meeting specific requirements by July 31, 2024. Other states awarded the AHEAD grant include Maryland, Vermont, and Connecticut. The date for the next meeting has yet to be determined.

Keiki The Keiki Advisory Council did not meet in July. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

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

Universal Access The Universal Access Advisory Council did not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024.

Health System Reform

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AHEAD will be a huge stimulus for increasing access, improving population health, reducing inequities across disenfranchised and at-risk parts of the community, and keeping health care affordable. There is a two-year pre-implementation period to the grant to enable bringing all participants in the health sector together to prepare for the grant implementation between 2027 and 2035. AHEAD brings \$12 million to the state for planning, actuarial support, data analytics and data acquisition, contracts, and staffing for the first 5 years of the grant. During 8 years of implementation AHEAD will directly fund hospitals, health centers, physicians, nurses, behavioral health professionals, social workers, and other providers with up to \$50-60 million annually to improve access, population health, and health care affordability.

In addition, SHPDA has been asked to work with health insurers, physicians, hospitals, other providers, consumers and community leaders to effectively improve and expedite the prior authorization (PA) evaluations with potential legislation and also explore tech innovation to connect the best medical guidelines, standards, and science to the PA determination process.

Finally, we will be gathering better data on the numbers of remaining uninsured persons and to understand why they have not been able to obtain adequate coverage. All of this is focused on achieving the Governor's vision of "Hawai'i the Health State" vision.

(Reported by Jack Lewin MD, Administrator)

Research and Statistics

As of July 31, 2024, the response rate for SHPDA's annual health care utilization survey for calendar year 2023 was at 92.6%. The Research Statistician are working to process the survey data for the creation of the 2023 Health Care Utilization Report while continues to contact health care facilities/providers that/who had yet to respond to the survey.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

Current Data Submission Status (07/31/2024):

1. CVS Health: Q2 2024 data received.
2. EUTF: Current through August 2024.
3. Hawaii Dental Service: Pending Q2 2024 submission. Expected to receive in August 2024.
4. Kaiser: Pending Q2 2023 to Q2 2024 submissions; working with Kaiser to address reported data issues.
5. Hawaii Medical Service Association: Q2 2024 data received.
6. VSP Vision Care: Q2 2024 data received.

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.
Scheduling for July/August reviews.
- #24-06A Specialty Surgical Suites, LLC
Addition of cardiac surgical procedures at 1401 S. Beretania Street, Suite
600, Honolulu, HI.
Public notice scheduled for August 1, 2024.
- #24-07 Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC
Establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography
(PET/CT) scanner services at 53 S. Puunene Ave., Kahului, HI.
Scheduling for September reviews.

Certificate of Need Applications (con't)

- #24-08 Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC
Establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner services at 250 Kinoole Street, Hilo, HI.
Scheduling for September reviews.
- #24-09A The Queen's Medical Center
Acquisition and renovation of the hospital located at 91-2301 Old Fort Weaver Rd, Ewa Beach, HI.
Public notice scheduled for August 14, 2024.