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 Universal Access Advisory Council - Plan Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2024 | 10:00 PM Hawaii Time
 Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at The
 Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Marc Alexander, Rick Bruno, Jonathan Ching, Jenn Diesman, Victoria Fan, Beth Giesting, John McComas, Gary Okamoto, Michael Robinson, Linda Rosen, Melvin Sakurai, Marilyn Seeley, Paul Roeder, Rae Seitz, Nadine Tenn Salle, Charlene Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sheri Daniels, Lawrence Nitz

GUESTS:

SHPDA: John Lewin, Wendy Nihoa

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF MEMBERS

Date	11/16/23	12/20/23	1/19/24	1/22/24	1/30/24	2/7/24	2/23/24	3/12/24	6/6/24	TBD
Marc Alexander	X	X	X	X	O	/	/	X	X	
Rick Bruno	X	O	X	O	O	/	/	O	X	
Jonathan Ching	O	X	X	X	X	/	/	O	X	
Sheri Daniels	O	O	O	O	O	/	/	O	O	
Jenn Diesman	X	O	X	O	X	/	/	X	X	
Victoria Fan	X	X	O	O	O	/	/	O	X	
Beth Giesting	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	
John McComas	X	X	O	X	X	/	/	O	X	
Lawrence Nitz	X	X	X	O	X	/	/	O	O	
Gary Okamoto	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	O	X	
Michael Robinson	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	
Paul Roeder*	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	
Linda Rosen	X	O	X	O	X	/	/	X	X	
Melvin Sakurai	X	X	X	X	X	/	/	X	X	
Marilyn Seeley	X	X	X	O	X	/	/	O	X	
Rae Seitz	X	X	O	O	X	/	/	X	X	
Nadine Tenn Salle	X	X	O	O	O	/	/	O	X	
Charlene Young	/	/	/	/	X	/	/	X	X	

Legend: X=Present; O=Absent; /=No Meeting/Cancellation | *-Chair, **-Vice Chair

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	<p>A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by P. Roeder Chairperson, Universal Access Advisory Council (UAAC) presiding.</p> <p>P. Roeder welcomed members and guests.</p>	
Roll Call	<p>Member roll call.</p>	
Minutes	<p>Approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2024.</p> <p>Motion to accept the minutes from the dates noted above.</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.</p> <p>Public Testimony - none.</p>	
The Universal Access Advisory Council (UAAC)	<p>P. Roeder, Chair, summarized the initial purpose of the UAAC 1) Evaluating the benchmarks for the Certificate of Need and 2) to assist the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) create a bill to create a healthcare task force. However, the first couple of meetings focused on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development “AHEAD” grant. P. Roeder suggested utilizing time to refocus on original purpose and discuss short- and long-term goals of the UAAC.</p> <p>J. Lewin, Administrator, SHPDA. Presented possible tentative priorities for SHPDA in 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uninsured. Number of and strategies to provide 100% coverage. • Medical Debt. Explore why medical debt exists. Develop strategies to decrease or rid medical debt May include consumer education about healthcare coverage. • Healthcare Workforce. A multifaceted issue, UAAC may focus on understanding the situation and how to resolve. While retention is related, it is another problem. Current efforts are amazing. • Rising Healthcare Cost. Needs to be on the forefront. It was suggested UAAC focus on treatments (new therapeutics, biological drugs, and genetic therapies) for rare diseases. The All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development Grant focuses on the rising cost of healthcare. • Federal Funding Equity Gap. Hawaii’s benchmark for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates are the lowest in the nation. Focus on increasing reimbursement rates. Data is needed to support the case. • Healthcare Performance and utilizing health care data to improve population health and health outcomes. National Cardiovascular Data Registry example cited. SHPDA to provide 	

	<p>healthcare providers (i.e.: hospitals) performance data. Data will be proprietary for healthcare providers only. Providers can use data to improve performance.</p> <p>A discussion followed. Members suggested the formation of subcommittees to focus on specific subjects and tasks and develop tangible next steps; and suggested the following additional priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate of Need. Reviewing and updating Thresholds and Suboptimization Clause.• 2025 Legislative Session. Assist SHPDA to create a joint healthcare task force bill. <p>P. Roeder. Regarding UAAC membership-good time to review your commitment and involvement with the UAAC. Acknowledged members may decide to leave, if deciding to do so, encouraged members to suggest a replacement. Members were requested to make recommendations for additional new members</p> <p>Public testimony. None.</p>	
Vice Chair	<p>P. Roeder, call for re-vote due to lack of quorum at the March 12, 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Motion to nominate M. Robinson as Vice Chair of the UAAC.</p> <p>Vote: 15 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion carried.</p> <p>Public Testimony - none.</p>	
Updates on the All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant	<p>J. Lewin. Reported the decision to apply for the AHEAD grant was partially a response to rising health care costs and affordability of health insurance coverage. Received several queries from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) over the past month or so. Award determination in the next two weeks. The UAAC will be sought to provide advice about how to proceed – there are some elements of the grant that are controversial.</p> <p>Public Testimony – none.</p>	
Update on 2024 Legislative bills related to the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)	<p>J. Lewin noted Senate Bill 2285 (description below) was deferred. Plan to consult with members of the UAAC to craft a bill for the 2025 Legislative session.</p> <p>SB 2285 Description. Amends the functions and duties of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Clarifies the definition of “health care”. Establishes a task force known as Hui Ho’omana. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds.</p> <p>Public Testimony – none.</p>	
Announcements	<p>None.</p>	

Next Meeting	Date/time and agenda items to be determined. W. Nihoa, Comprehensive Health Planning Coordinator, SHPDA, will poll members for next meeting date/time.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.	