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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)

- Hawaii** The updates from the latest Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC) meeting on November 12, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [HCSAC-Draft-Minutes-11.12.2024.pdf](#). The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2024.
- Honolulu** The updates from the latest Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC) meeting on November 14, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [HONSAC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-November-14th-2024.-DRAFT-3.pdf](#). The next meeting will be in January 2025.
- Kauai** The updates from the latest Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council (KCSAC) meeting, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/files/2024/04/KCSAC-Draft-Mtnq-Mins-April-20-2024_Final.pdf. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024.
- Tri-Isle** The updates from the latest Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (TISAC) meeting, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [TISAC-DRAFT-Meeting-Minutes-November-21-2024.pdf](#). The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2025.
- West Oahu** The West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC) did not meet.

Windward Oahu The Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC) did not meet.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

The updates from the latest SHCC meeting on July 30, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/files/2024/09/SHCC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-July-302024_final.pdf. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee

The updates from the latest PDC meeting on November 18, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [PDC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-November-18-2024_Binder.pdf](#). The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Advisory Councils

Health Data The updates from the latest Health Advisory Council meeting on November 6, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [HDAC-Draft-Mtng-Mins-Nov-6-2024_Binder.final_.pdf](#). The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Keiki The updates from the latest Keiki Advisory Council meeting on November 1, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [Keiki-Council-Draft-Mtng-Mins-Nov-1-2024_final_BINDER.pdf](#). The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Kupuna The updates from the latest Kupuna Advisory Council meeting on October 23, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [Binder1.Kupua-AC-Draft-Mtng-Mins-Oct-23-2024.final_.pdf](#). The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Universal Access The updates from the latest Universal Access Advisory Council meeting on October 14, 2024, can be found in the meeting minutes available on the SHPDA website. Navigate to "Resources & Publications" and then "Public Meeting Minutes," or use this link [Binder1.UAAC-draft-Mtng-Mins-Oct-23-2024 final.pdf](#). The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2024.

Health System Reform

SHPDA and Med-QUEST are continuing with the onboarding process of the AHEAD grant. We are creating a subrecipient federal fund mechanism to have AHEAD funds pass through DHS/MQD to DOH/SHPDA. It will require B&F and both departmental directors to sign off on the related MOU and E2 form submissions. We are also redesigning the categories of AHEAD budget narrative amendments to be considered as we learn more about how to plan better for the Pre-Implementation period through Jan1, 2027 and prepare for operational full implementation thereafter through 2035.

SHPDA is also charged with creating a legislative strategy to require health insurer data submission around the status, causes, and issues surrounding prior authorization (PA) practices in Hawai'i. The proposed legislation would also create a short-term (1-2 year) task force or commission representing insurers, physicians, hospitals, other providers, and consumers to develop and adopt means to expedite and automate PA determinations by applying best scientific and clinical standards, guidelines, or appropriate use criteria to most common causes of PA requirement statewide as determined by federal DHHS agencies, and/or academic and professional society peer-reviewed recommendations. If this can be accomplished for all insurers in Hawai'i, the PA process can then be automated easily and PA determinations can be expedited to the benefit of all participants in health care, including the insurers, who currently spend large sums of money contracting out PA decision-making to for-profit mainland corporations.

SHPDA is also determining on behalf of the Governor and Legislature more precise data about the numbers and causes of uninsured persons here (see HHDC section for details).

By J. Lewin, MD

Research and Statistics

The research statistician is working on the SHPDA's annual healthcare utilization survey document for calendar year 2024. The survey document will be distributed to healthcare providers/facilities in January 2025. The healthcare providers/facilities will be asked to complete the survey for calendar year 2024 by May 31, 2025.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

The HHDC met in November and reviewed its progress on identifying the numbers of uninsured persons across the state using the latest Census Survey data, and data collected by Laulima (HAH) after evaluating other sources. The numbers indicate that there are about 3-4 % uninsured persons statewide, with very few keiki (around 2%), but with a surprising high rate of uninsured in Hilo, Hawai'i Island of more than twice the statewide expected numbers. We are researching why that is, and if the numbers are accurate. It may be that there are a large number of Pahoa/Puna families that have incomes higher than Medicaid eligibility who are not applying for coverage. A more complete report will be issued in January and will be shared with the Legislature and state agencies.

By J. Lewin, MD

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.
Application dismissed.
- #24-02 Shalom Hospice LLC
Establishment of hospice services at 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI.
Application conditionally approved November 12, 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.
Application approved November 27, 2024.

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.
Statewide Health Coordinating Council review scheduled for December 9, 2024.
- #24-10A PSH LM, LLC
Addition of 140 SNF/ICF beds and conversion of 33 SNF beds to 33 SNF/ICF beds at 91-1360 Karayan Street, Ewa Beach, HI.
Application approved November 18, 2024.
- #24-11A Tyler Kimura Agency, LLC
Establishment of home health agency services at 1001 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 317, Honolulu, HI.
Application approved November 18, 2024.
- #24-12A Pacific Quest Corp.
Establishment of 30 bed Special Treatment Facility at 301 Kalaniana'ole Street, Hilo, HI.
Public noticed November 22, 2024.
- #24-13A Pacific Quest Corp.
Establishment of 8 bed Special Treatment Facility at 15-1903 26th Avenue, Keaau, HI.
Public noticed November 22, 2024.