



## HAWAII STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council

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### Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

1:00 PM | Hawaii Time

Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at  
Hilo Benioff Medical Center,  
1190 Waiānū Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720

MEMBERS: Tamia McKeague, Roxanne Rowe, Hannah Preston-Pita, Stacy Haumea  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Evelyn Kaneshiro, Jamie Cameros  
GUESTS: Allen Novak  
SHPDA: Jack Lewin, Terry Visperas

### ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	7/23/2024	9/17/2024	10/15/2024	11/12/2024	12/17/2024	2/18/2025	3/18/2025	4/18/2025	7/15/2025
Jamie Cameros	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stacy Haumea**	O	X	X	O	O	O	X	O	X
Evelyn Kaneshiro	O	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O
Tamia McKeague*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hannah Preston-Pita	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
Roxanne Rowe (new member as of Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with T. McKeague, Chair, HCSAC presiding.</p> <p>Member and staff roll call.</p>	
<p>Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Unanimous approval of March 18, 2025, and April 15, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p>Public testimony. None.</p>	
<p>Administrator's Report</p> <p>State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates</p>	<p>The Administrator's Report was distributed and reviewed.</p> <p>J. Lewin, Administrator, SHPDA provided an administrative report, focusing on legislative updates and SHPDA activities.</p> <p>Tobacco Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed a proposed legislative effort for 2026 that would prohibit anyone born after a certain date from ever buying cigarettes. This is described as a symbolic effort, but several other states are attempting similar legislation. It was noted that this would also apply to vaping and other nicotine products.</li> </ul> <p>EPIC Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed bringing back a plan to spend \$20–\$25 million to get all rural home providers in the state on the EPIC electronic health record system. This would improve care coordination and quality control by creating a centralized clinical data system. The previous year, the proposal failed due to a committee chair's concern that their county (Maui) was already on EPIC and would not receive any of the funding. The current finance committee chair, Chris T., is more open to the idea.</li> </ul>	

	<p>The” Big Fix” in Healthcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocated for a single, nationwide administrative system for healthcare, like a "Medicare Advantage for all" model. This would streamline administration, reduce waste, and force insurance companies to compete on price, quality, and service rather than "secret" profit-making methods. Hawaii is proposed as a potential pilot state for this program.</li></ul> <p>Dr. Men-Jean Lee's Ultrasound Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shared information about a program led by Dr. Men-Jean Lee from Hawaii Pacific Health, that uses portable ultrasound equipment in rural areas to provide care for pregnant women who lack access to obstetrical services. The ultrasounds are sent electronically to obstetricians for review. This program aims to address the high rate of women in Hawaii who don't receive prenatal care until their third trimester. The speaker offered to personally fund a lunch to bring key stakeholders together to support this initiative.</li></ul> <p>Certificate of Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed a certificate of need that was previously approved for a private company to build a cyclotron in Hilo and install PET scan machines in Hilo and Maui Memorial. The cyclotron would produce the necessary materials for PET scans, which are used to detect metastatic cancer. The project has not yet been implemented.</li></ul> <p>Staffing and Data Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacancies: Noted that a position left vacant by "Wendy" is still being filled, but there are one or two candidates.</li></ul>	
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<p>Election of Officers for the July 2024-June 2025 Term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Positions: Announced two new positions related to the Ahead grant, including a clinician-informatics. This person would be responsible for mining data from the state's all-payer claims database to identify gaps in care for diseases like cancer, heart disease, and infectious diseases.</li> </ul> <p>Data Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Envisions making this healthcare data available to the public and organizations for legitimate purposes, such as an Alzheimer's Association request to determine the number of people with Alzheimer's in Hawaii.</li> </ul> <p>Public testimony. None.</p> <p>Stacy Haumea was nominated for the position of Vice Chair for Hawaii County Subarea Planning Council. The nomination was opened for discussion, a vote was called. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita, volunteered and applied to represent Hawaii County Subarea Planning Council to the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). Her nomination was accepted by Governor's Board and Commission.</p> <p>Public Testimony: None received.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting/Agenda Items</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Next HCSAC Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 1:30PM.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.</p>	