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Health Data Advisory Council - Plan Development Committee

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Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025 | 1:00 PM Hawaii Time Virtually
via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

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MEMBERS: Francis Chan, Lance Ching, David Dobbs, Alfred Herrera, Robert Hirokawa*, Glenn Hiyashida, Haley Hsieh, James Lin**, Tonya Lowery St John, Rahul Maitra, Harold Moscho, Greg Shimomura, Deborah Taira, Cristina Vocalan,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ranjani Starr, Kelley Withy, Rebecca Cai, Greg Carlson, Derek Vale

GUESTS: Wendy Nihoa, Shu Liang, Department of Health, Maternal & Child Health

SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF MEMBERS

Date	2/7/24	2/20/24	3/5/24	5/14/24	7/9/24	9/4/24	11/6/24	12/20/24	1/21/25	7/22/25
Rebecca Cai	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	0
Greg Carlson	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	0
Francis Chan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lance Ching	O	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	X	X
David Dobbs	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
Alfred Herrera	X	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X	X
Robert Hirokawa*	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Glenn Hiyashida	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	X
Haley Hsieh	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
James Lin**	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rahul Maitra	/	/	/	/	/	/	X	X	X	X
Harold Moscho	/	/	/	/	X	O	O	O	O	X
Greg Shimomura	/	/	/	/	O	X	X	O	X	X
Ranjani Starr	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	0
Deborah Taira	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Derek Vale	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
Cristina Vocalan	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	O	X
Kelley Withy	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	0

Legend: X=Present; O=Absent; /=Not a member; *=Chair, **=Vice Chair

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Robert Hirokawa, Chairperson, Health Data Advisory Council (HDAC) presiding.	
Roll Call	Member roll call.	
	Guests: Wendy Nihoa & Shu Liang, Department of Health, Maternal & Child Health	
Minutes	<p>Motion to accept the minutes from the January 21, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.</p> <p>Call for public testimony – none.</p>	
State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)	<p>J. Lewin, Administrator, SHPDA, provided the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislative Activity & Prior Authorization (PA): J. Lewin apologized for the delay in meetings, attributing it to intense legislative activity. He highlighted the passage of House Bill 250, which mandates health insurers in Hawaii to report all prior authorization (PA) related data to SHPDA. This includes denied claims, challenged denied claims, and reversed challenged claims. Data collection will begin later this year and continue annually until the PA issue is resolved. This initiative places Hawaii at the forefront of a national issue regarding PA, aiming to address it as a significant consumer problem. 2. Prior Authorization Working Group: The bill also establishes a working group comprising insurers, hospitals, physicians, providers, the Insurance Commissioner, and the Department of Health to propose solutions for prior authorization in Hawaii. The goal is to automate the process to alleviate the burden on healthcare providers and patients. Dr. Lewin emphasized the need for input from the committee's health information leadership. 3. Funding for Rural Health Clinics (EPIC Implementation): A proposal for over \$20 million to help rural health clinics and providers adopt EPIC or EPIC-compatible services was discussed. Despite strong support and no opposition through various committees, the Finance Committee ultimately blocked the bill. The intent was to improve care coordination, data exchange, and quality of care, as 80% of Hawaii's providers already use EPIC. SHPDA plans to reintroduce this initiative next year. 	

4. All-Payer Claims Database (APCD): The APCD is moving forward, with an expected go-live date in summer 2026. Testing with "AHEAD" (All-Payer Health Efficiency Approaches and Development) is planned for next summer. This database will enable the state to generate crucial reports on health outcomes (e.g., cancer, heart disease) and identify gaps in care.
5. AHEAD Grant (All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development):
 - a. This is a significant grant that has survived cuts. The "equity" component has been refocused to "efficiency."
 - b. SHPDA has requested a delay in some grant requirements, including hospital global budgets, potentially pushing the deadline to January 2028 due to recent legislative changes (HR 1 bill). This delay provides more flexibility for implementation.
 - c. The new administration has introduced "chomp" (choice and competition) elements, requiring states to select at least one choice and one competition item from a provided menu. This has caused some annoyance among states already progressing with their plans, but SHPDA's decision to delay finalizing the state agreement until the last moment is beneficial, allowing for thorough data analysis with hospitals.
 - d. The grant includes ten different incentive programs. SHPDA plans to work closely with individual hospitals to provide precise data on the financial impact of participation before they commit.
6. Impact of HR 1 (Affordable Care Act Changes):
 - a. The HR 1 bill could lead to a significant financial hit to Hawaii's Medicaid program, estimated at a minimum of \$100 million annually. Initially, projections were as high as \$300 million.
 - b. A provision that would have changed the State-Federal Medicaid match (FMAP) for new Affordable Care Act enrollees from 90/10 to Hawaii's standard 60/40 was removed due to legal challenges, which is positive for Hawaii.
 - c. MedQuest's 1115 waiver, secured before the previous presidential election, remains intact.
 - d. Subsidies for health exchanges have been stripped, potentially making insurance unaffordable for approximately half of the 26,000 people currently on the exchange in Hawaii. This is expected to increase the number of uninsured individuals, necessitating a redo of previous uninsured reports.
 - e. These changes will begin implementation in one year, and the committee's help will be needed to analyze the impact.

7. Rural Health Funding Opportunity: HR 1 includes a \$50 billion allocation (\$10 billion annually from 2026-2030) to offset damage to rural health areas caused by the bill's cuts.
 - a. \$25 billion will be awarded equally to states, meaning Hawaii will receive the same amount as larger states like New York or California, totaling \$100 million. This money needs to be spent and administered wisely with measurable success.
 - b. The remaining \$25 billion is at the discretion of the CMS administrator (Dr. Oz, referred to as "the Wizard"). Dr. Lewin believes presenting brilliant ideas could secure a larger share for Hawaii, significantly offsetting the bill's negative impacts.
8. SHPDA Staffing: SHPDA is hiring two new positions with AHEAD grant money. Paula Doan has been hired as secretary, and Barbara Yamashita has joined as a SHPDA, filling in for Wendy's previous role. Recruitment is ongoing for Wendy's position.

Key Initiatives and Requests for The Health Data Council Members:

1. AHEAD Grant Implementation: SHPDA is preparing six large procurements to implement the AHEAD grant, focusing on primary care and hospital global budgets.
2. Innovating Kupuna Care: SHPDA is developing a program called KupunaAloha to help Medicare-eligible Kupuna (elders) age at home, as Medicare does not cover non-medical home health services (e.g., chore services, transportation). This program will likely utilize trained volunteers and telemedicine to extend the reach of limited healthcare professionals, aiming to reduce emergency room visits and hospital admissions.
3. Increasing Primary Care Funding: The goal is to increase primary care funding from an estimated 6% of current spend to 12% under the AHEAD grant. This is expected to reduce unnecessary ER and hospitalization use and improve population health but requires active participation from payers.
4. Estimating Uninsured Keiki: The Legislature has specifically asked this group to estimate the number of uninsured Keiki (children) aged 0-18, particularly in East Hawaii and Maui. The current estimate is around 20,000 uninsured children statewide. This data is crucial to justify funding for a program that guarantees health insurance for every child.

J. Lewin appealed for assistance, particularly from Deb and Haley, to crunch these numbers, acknowledging that the APCD is not yet

	<p>operational. Currently, any eligible children might not be enrolled in MedQuest due to lack of awareness or application.</p> <p>Public testimony. None.</p> <p>Laulima Data Alliance (Laulima): H. Hsieh presented an overview of the Keiki Universal Coverage Initiative (HR34) Attached.</p>	
Subgroup Formation or Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)	<p>Chair Hirokawa called for a motion made to form a second PIG to estimate the number of characteristics of uninsured children in Hawaii., D. Taira made the motion, F. Chan seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.</p> <p>J. Lewin mentioned needing the help of previous PIG members, D. Taira and H. Hsieh names were mentioned. C. Hirokawa agreed that a poll will be sent out to see who would be interested in serving on this second PIG and ask for meeting dates and times.</p>	
Announcements	<p>Chair Hirokawa, announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year.</p> <p>Dr. James Lin currently serves as the vice chair of the council will be the backup. We will entertain other nominations for vice chair.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be determined via poll by T. Visperas.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.</p>	

**Hawaii State Health Planning and Development Agency
Data Advisory Council – Keiki Universal Coverage Initiative (HR34)**

Analysis

- Uninsured keiki (age 0 – 18) who are residents on Hawaii Island or Maui County and were treated and released in the ED or were admitted and discharged during CY 2024.

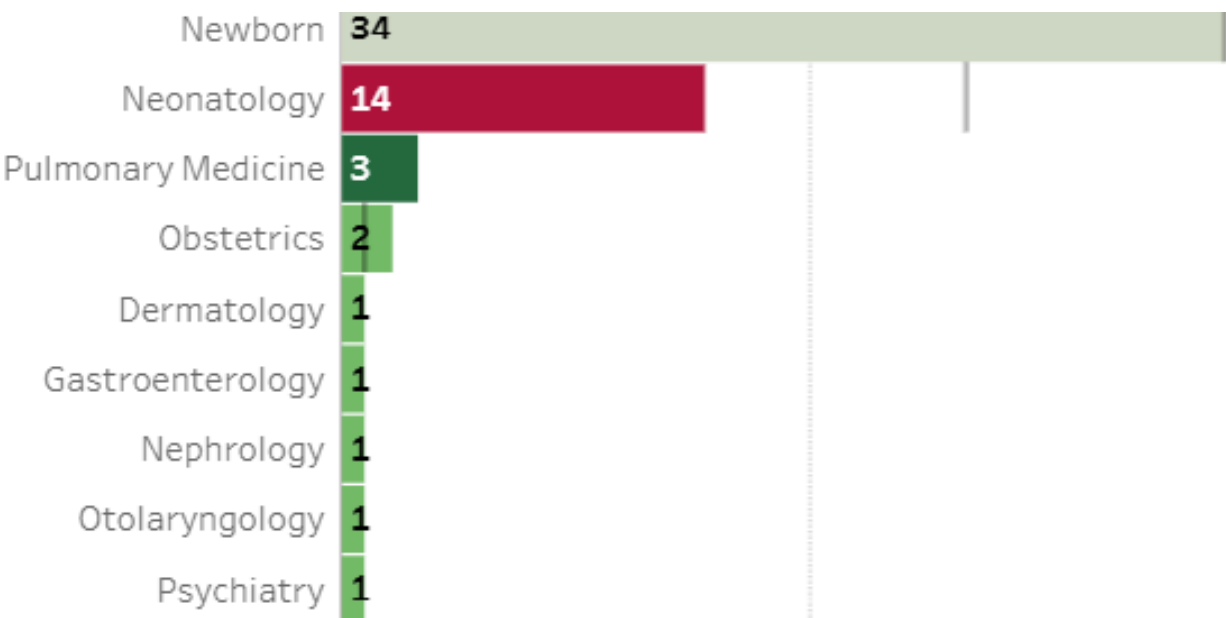
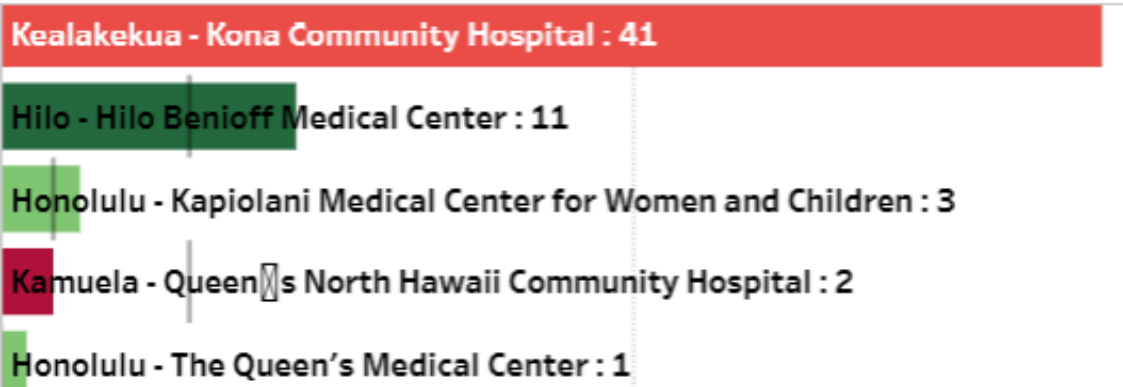
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Hawaii Island: Uninsured Age 0 -18

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Inpatient Discharges: 58

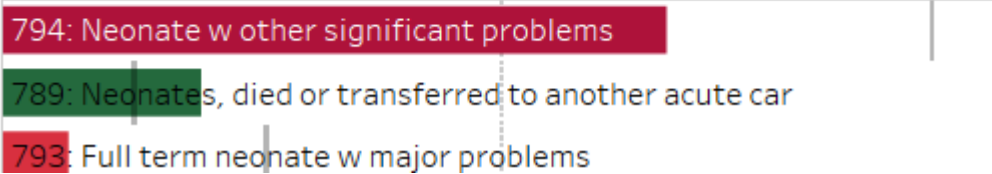
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Neonatology

Current Period: January 2024 to December 2024: 14
Prior Period: January 2023 to December 2023: 24
Change in Visits: -10 (-41.7%)

Top MSDRG's



Hawaii Island: Uninsured Age 0 -18

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Hilo - Hilo Benioff Medical Center : 273

Kealahou - Kona Community Hospital : 83

Pahala - Kau Hospital : 50

Kamuela - Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital : 25

Honokaa - Honokaa Hospital and Skilled Nursing : 8

Honolulu - Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children : 2

Kula - Kula Hospital : 2

ED Treat and Release: 446

Injury, Poisoning, Certain Consequences of Ext Causes: 122

Diseases of the Respiratory System: 87

Symptoms, Signs, Abnormal Clinical Lab Findings: 55

Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue: 29

Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases: 27

Diseases of the Digestive System: 27

Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process: 16

Diseases of the Nervous System: 16

Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa: 14

Invalid PDX: 13

Diseases of the Genitourinary System: 10

Mental, Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental Disorders: 9

Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System, Connective Tissue: 7

Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period: 6

Diseases of the Circulatory System: 5

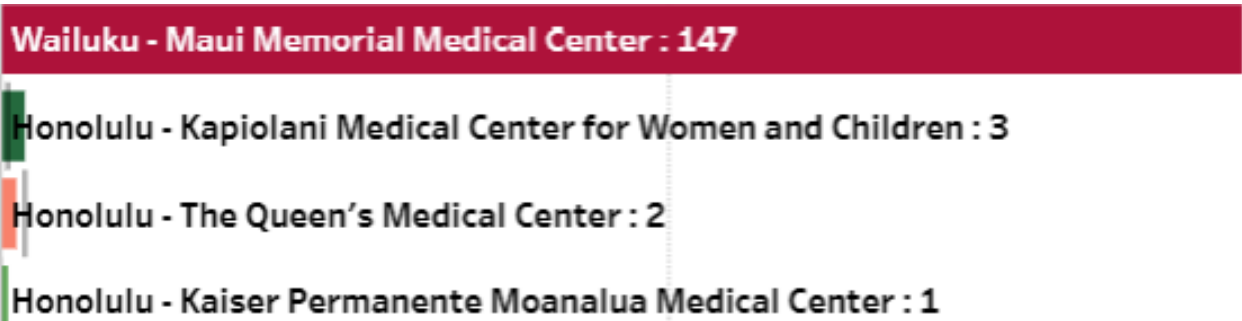
Factors Influencing Health Status, Contact w Health Services: 3

Maui County: Uninsured Age 0 -18

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Inpatient Discharges: 153

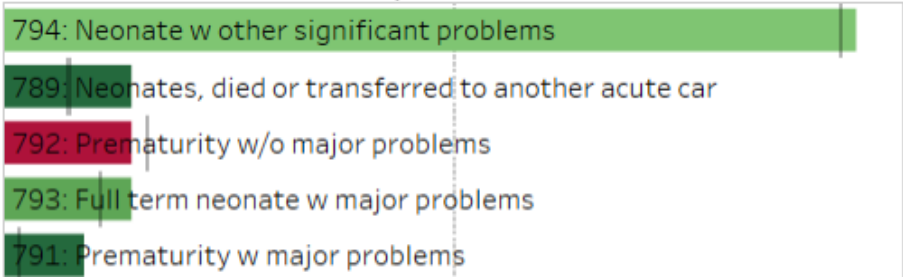
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Neonatology

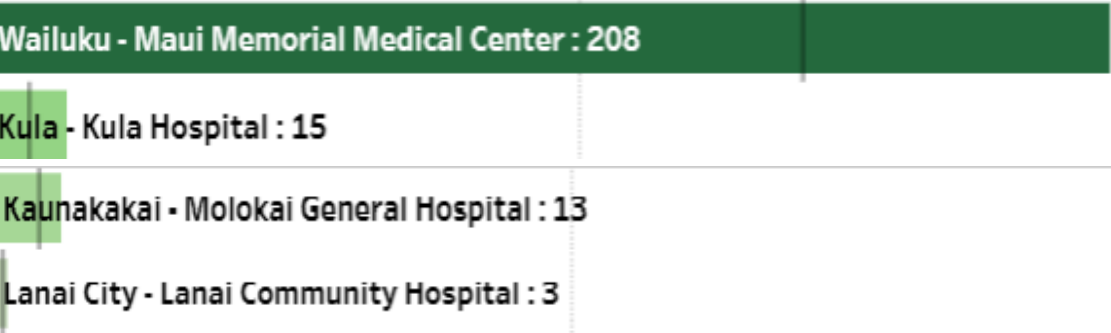
Current Period: January 2024 to December 2024: 82
Prior Period: February 2023 to December 2023: 72
Change in Visits: 10 (13.9%)

Top MSDRG's



Maui County: Uninsured Age 0 -18

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024



ED Treat and Release: 239

