



HAWAII STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2025, | 1:00 PM Hawaii Time

Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Tori Abe Carapelho, Katherine Finn Davis, Wesley Sumida, Jodi Hashimoto, Trisha Kajimura, Charlene Takeno, Creighton Liu

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	8/8/2024	10/10/2024	11/14/2024	1/23/2025	2/20/2025	3/18/2025	5/15/2025	7/18/2025	8/8/2025
Tori Abe Carapelho*	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Katherine Finn Davis**	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	X	X
Trisha Kajimura	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	X	X
Wesley Sumida	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlene Takeno	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	X
Creighton Liu				X	0	X	0	0	X
Jodi Hashimoto				X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend: X=Present; 0=Absent; /=No Meeting, *-Chair, **-Vice Chair

Meeting Recording: https://www.zoomgov.com/rec/share/gdSHYVvK3sE0sLUXcW7ypwoQhKSPDBX78oyi0kzpdS1tpr8jDhD1ykxfW4803-Fup_o-mZlqQ7DFz-gCI
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Tori Abe Carapelho, Chairperson, presiding.	
Minutes	Motion to accept the minutes from the July 18, 2025, meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried. Public testimony – None.	
State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates	<p>J. Lewin, SHPDA Administrator, provided the following updates:</p> <p>2024 Legislative Recap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bill for \$25 million to provide electronic health records for rural healthcare providers did not pass but will be reintroduced. A significant win was the passage of HB 250, the Prior Authorization Bill, which is now law. <p>Prior Authorization Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This new law requires insurance companies to report all denied claims and their outcomes. This provides much-needed transparency and leads to a bigger solution that the working group convened by SHPDA will come up with. <p>HR 1 ("The Big, Beautiful Bill"):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criticized the federal bill for its potential negative impact on healthcare in Hawaii. The bill will likely increase the number of uninsured residents by reducing subsidies for the Affordable Care Act and imposing new requirements on the Medicaid program. It also caps Med-QUEST reimbursement at the Medicare rate, which is the lowest in the nation for Hawaii. <p>KupunaAloha Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed a new program aimed at helping seniors not eligible for home and community-based services. This program would use vetted volunteers to act as companions and observers, preventing unnecessary emergency room visits and hospital admissions. 	

	<p>Future Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHPDA plans to create a new, low-cost insurance product for the state's growing uninsured population. • The agency is also focused on raising the Medicare benchmark for Hawaii to at least the national average. • A "rural health fund" was added to HR 1, which could provide Hawaii with \$100 million annually for five years to address these cuts. Another \$25 billion will be available to states that apply, which SHPDA plans to do in hopes of securing an additional \$200–\$300 million. • SHPDA is working to complete its facilities and services plan, which has not been updated in since 2009, and will incorporate the council's priorities. • Dr. Lewin expressed a commitment to including legislators in future meetings. <p>Public testimony – none.</p>	
<p>HONSAC Priorities</p> <p>Standing Committee Reports/Updates</p> <p>Announcements</p>	<p>T. Abe Carapelho thanked the HONSAC members for completing the priorities and no other changes were noted. Priorities will be forwarded to the Plan Development Committee.</p> <p>Standing Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed that the membership committee was the only one that was semi-active, and she opened the floor for discussion about recruiting new members. • Asked the members to think about the types of people they would like to recruit based on the committee's priorities and direction. <p>Public testimony – none.</p> <p>No committee reports, updates of announcements</p> <p>Next Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, September 12th, 12PM-1PM • Friday, October 10th, 1PM-2PM • Friday, November 14th, 1PM-2PM • Friday, December 12th, 1PM-2PM 	
Meeting Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:03PM.	