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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
November 2025**

Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs)

Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC)

Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC)

Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council (KCSAC)

Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (TISAC)

West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)

Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC)

SACs	Date of SAC Meeting/Activity in October	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Hawaii	October 21, 2025	October 21, 2025	November 18, 2025
Honolulu	Scheduled meeting on October 27, 2025 was cancelled due to unforeseen situation	September 12, 2025	November 14, 2025
Kauai	Did not meet	December 16, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Tri-Isle	Did not meet	August 8, 2025	December 8, 2025
West Oahu	Scheduled meeting on October 23, 2025 was cancelled	September 18, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Windward Oahu	Did not meet	Not available	Has not been scheduled

Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)

Date of SHCC Meeting/Activity in October	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Did not meet	August 20, 2025	November 26, 2025

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)

Date of PDC Meeting/Activity in October	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Did not meet	November 18, 2024	Has not been scheduled

Advisory Councils

Health Data Advisory Council
Keiki Advisory Council
Kupuna Advisory Council
Universal Access Advisory Council

Advisory Councils	Date of Advisory Council Meeting/Activity in October	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Health Data	Did not meet	July 22, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Keiki	Did not meet	November 1, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Kupuna	October 31, 2025	March 11, 2025 (Update pending for October meeting)	November 20, 2025
Universal Access	Did not meet	February 10, 2025	Has not been scheduled

Health System Reform

Health system reform remains a top-of-agenda issue nationally as the contentious issue causing the national federal shut-down crisis continues to be debated. The tax credits that would be eliminated in the Affordable Care Act exchanges because of the provisions in the “Big (so-called) Beautiful Bill, HR 1”, are the root of the controversy in Congress.

As you know, HR 1 also cuts \$1 trillion over the next decade from Medicaid nationally. Because of Hawaii's unique Prepaid Health Care Act (PHCA), which guarantees that all workers who work more than 19 hours per week and their families have guaranteed health insurance, many more workers in Hawai'i have insurance by law than in any other state. We thus had a much smaller number of uninsured individuals who needed the ACA exchange here for coverage. However, gig workers, those working on commission like realtors and some construction workers, many students, and others are not eligible for PHCA insurance and must use the exchange to get affordable coverage.

They number about 24,000 people here. So, fixing the proposed tax credit cut would protect us from a possible massive increase in uninsured persons of perhaps 14,000 people or more. Here that would be only 1% of our population. In other states it will be a much higher percentage. That said, it would be a large economic hit even here to our healthcare providers and hospitals.

However, the Medicaid cuts are also looming and could add 10% of our population to the ranks of the uninsured. SHPDA has proposed therefore the KūpunAloha program to extend primary care services into the homes of Medicare beneficiaries, who are generally not eligible for home care services, by having trained, supervised, vetted volunteers adopt frail and high-risk patients in communities statewide and become a new “front line” for primary care providers and their rural patients and home-bound high-risk patients.

The volunteers could be students or early retirees recruited from churches, social clubs, colleges, and/or community associations and will be armed with iPads connected by telemedicine to always-available APRNs and MSWs to provide advice and service recommendations to the volunteers. The volunteers could also be paid CHWs, where available, and the volunteers could elect to be trained as a CHW. The volunteers and network will also keep the primary care providers of patients fully informed and connected. However, current Medicaid beneficiaries at risk of losing their coverage because of work requirements could also elect to become these volunteers, be trained up as CHWs, get paid, and NOT lose their benefits.

We are also working on various other health system reform projects, including obviously the AHEAD grant. In that regard we are working closely with our partners in Med-QUEST Division of DHS (MQD) to prepare to take advantage of those new resources starting in 2028, and to prepare for the new funding coming from the Rural Health Transformation Plan funding coming in early 2026 to make significant inroads in rural health. In this regard,

Health System Reform (continued)

SHPDA will be partnering with DOH, MQD, HHSC, and the entire health sector here. It's very exciting, despite the frustrating federal proposals we are also dealing with at this time.

(By Jack Lewin)

Research and Statistics

No report

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

Current Data Submission Status as of 11/04/2025:

1. CVS Health: Q3 2025 data received.
2. EUTF: Q3 2025 data received.
3. Hawaii Dental Service: Q3 2025 data received.
4. Kaiser: Q3 2025 data received.
5. Hawaii Medical Service Association: Q1 and Q3 2025 data received.
6. VSP Vision Care: Q3 2025 data received.

Certificate of Need Applications

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| #25-02A | Maui Medical Building LLC
Establishment of Radiation Therapy services and Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) services at 214 Kupuohi St., Lahaina, HI.
Application disapproved October 30, 2025. |
| #25-09 | Malama Maikai Health and Wellness Alliance, LLC
Establishment of Home Health agency services at 1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1710, Honolulu, HI.
Oahuwide Certificate of Need Review Committee meeting scheduled for November 12, 2025. |

Certificate of Need Applications (continued)

#25-10 Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC
Establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography
(PET/CT) scanner services at 800 Kamaaha Avenue, Unit #6 and #7,
Kapolei, HI.
Scheduling advisory council reviews for November/December.