



## HAWAII STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)**  
September 18, 2025, | 1:00 PM Hawaii Time  
Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at  
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Frederick Shaw, Eric Barsatan, Barbara Yamashita, Chis Cabingabang-Tingcang, Jaime Gagnon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas

### ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	7/18/23	11/15/23	3/20/24	5/15/24	7/17/24	9/18/24	1/22/25	8/7/2025	9/18/2025
Eric Barsatan	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	O
Beverly Inocencio	X	O	X	X	O	O	O	X	O
Fredrick Shaw	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barbara Yamashita						X	X	X	X
Chis Cabingabang-Tingcang									X
Jaime Gagnon									X

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

Meeting Recording:

[https://www.zoomgov.com/rec/share/i89ChOhj409YJPuJC\\_b5dd8aBXPYsku-Qx-RLsw\\_loqVa0t\\_dQ6dXxZPM7FNVic.NUaKTBz894jdBI5w](https://www.zoomgov.com/rec/share/i89ChOhj409YJPuJC_b5dd8aBXPYsku-Qx-RLsw_loqVa0t_dQ6dXxZPM7FNVic.NUaKTBz894jdBI5w)

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Terry Visperas, SHPDA	
Minutes	<p>Motion to defer approval of the August 7, 2025, meeting minutes until a later date, as some members who attended that meeting are not present on today's call.</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Public testimony – No one in the public room or online</p>	
Administrator's Report	<p>The Administrator's Report was reviewed. All Administrator's Reports may be accessible via the State Health Planning and Development Agency's website at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/administrators-reports/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/administrators-reports/</a></p> <p>There were no questions.</p>	
WOSAC Priorities (PowerPoint Attached)	<p>T. Visperas, SHPDA Comprehensive Health Planning Coordinator, shared the following, powerpoint that highlighted WOSAC priorities needed from members to help contribute to the to help update the State Health Services and Facilities Plan.</p> <p>The primary goal is to update the State Health Services and Facilities Plan, which has not been revised since 2009. This plan, required by statute, is essential for identifying the highest priorities for health services and resource development across the state. This update is a project of "great importance."</p> <p>Standardization and Consolidation of Health Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The process aims to standardize how health concerns are gathered and prioritized across all regions. The speaker detailed the structure for collecting input:</li> <li>• Sub-area Health Planning Councils across O'ahu (three), Big Island, Kaua'i, and the TSAC (Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i) are being engaged.</li> <li>• Council members are asked to identify a minimum of five priorities and list the community challenges, potential recommendations, and reasoning (significance, feasibility, existing solutions).</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All individual priorities will be brought back to the Sub-area Council (e.g., West O'ahu) to be collectively shared, categorized, and then submitted to the Plan Development Committee for finalization and submission to the Health and Planning Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Focus on Community Insight and Key Concern Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team is heavily relying on the "valuable insight" and experiences of the sub-area council members to identify local health issues. Key examples highlighted for consideration included:</li> <li>• Public and Mental Health Equity, especially for the underserved.</li> <li>• Access to Healthcare, noted as a steady concern across the island and state.</li> <li>• Other historical concerns included improving acute/emergency care and increasing community engagement and preventative medicine education.</li> </ul> <p><b>Members were given the "homework" to complete a spreadsheet listing their top five priorities for the next meeting. Members were encouraged to reflect on and contribute to the development of a collective goal by sharing ideas and objectives they would like to address, with the support of SHPDA.</b></p>	
<p>State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates</p>	<p>J. Lewin, SHPDA Administrator, provided the following updates:</p> <p>Reaffirming SHPDA's Coordinating Mandate and Legislative Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHPDA is pursuing its original statutory mission to become the state healthcare coordinating body, uniting various siloed state agencies (e.g., Health, MedQuest, Insurance Commissioner). A legislative bill will be submitted to secure the necessary staff and funding for this role, along with addressing access to care for the uninsured (including keiki).</li> </ul> <p>Health System Reform through Data Transparency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHPDA is actively working to simplify the burdensome prior authorization process and address conflicts of interest with Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). A key strategy for transparency involves mandating insurance companies to report comprehensive data on claim denials and challenged claims. The organization has also requested an emergency proclamation to safeguard providers administering vaccines.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Aggressive Pursuit of \$100M in Rural Health Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The agency is submitting a proposal for the federal Rural Health Transformation Fund (RHTF) to secure an estimated \$100 million over five years (Tranche 1), with proposals due in December 2025. This funding is critical to offset anticipated Medicaid cuts and will be targeted at rural areas (West O‘ahu, Neighbor Islands) for initiatives like workforce training, electronic health records, and new care technology.</li> </ul> <p>Strategic Grant Alignment and Community Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RHTF grant is being maximized to precede the AHEAD grant (All-Payer Health Efficiency and Accountable Design) community funding phase, which starts in 2028. Board members were encouraged to review the RHTF proposals and provide feedback to help establish West O‘ahu community health priorities for the upcoming legislative session.</li> </ul> <p>Public testimony – none.</p>	
Standing Committee Reports/Updates	No committee reports or updates	
Announcements	<p>Public testimony – none.</p> <p>Upcoming WOSAC meetings are scheduled for the following dates. A doodle poll will be sent to confirm date and time:</p> <p>A doodle poll will be sent out to confirm October 23, 2025, meeting time.</p> <p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <p>November 20, 2025</p>	
Next Meeting	October 23, 2025, at 2PM	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM.	