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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**December 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)

<b>SACs</b>	<b>Date of SAC Meeting/Activity in November</b>	<b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	November 18, 2025	November 18, 2025	Has not been scheduled
<b>Honolulu</b>	November 14, 2025	November 14, 2025	Has not been scheduled
<b>Kauai</b>	Did not meet	December 16, 2024	Has not been scheduled
<b>Tri-Isle</b>	Did not meet	August 8, 2025	Educational Visit, December 8, 2025
<b>West Oahu</b>	Did not meet	September 18, 2025	Has not been scheduled
<b>Windward Oahu</b>	Did not meet	Not available	Has not been scheduled

**Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)**

<b>Date of SHCC Meeting/Activity in November</b>	<b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b>
Scheduled meeting on November 26, 2025 was cancelled	August 20, 2025	Has not been scheduled

**Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)**

<b>Date of PDC Meeting/Activity in November</b>	<b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b>
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

<b>Advisory Councils</b>	<b>Date of Advisory Council Meeting/Activity in November</b>	<b>Date of Latest Updates Available at <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/</a></b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled</b>
<b>Data</b>	Did not meet	July 22, 2025	Has not been scheduled
<b>Keiki</b>	Did not meet	November 1, 2024	Has not been scheduled
<b>Kupuna</b>	Did not meet	October 31, 2025	December 19, 2025
<b>Universal Access</b>	Did not meet	February 10, 2025	Has not been scheduled

**Health System Reform**

There has been significant discussion about health system reform in November regarding the AHEAD grant's progress; the Rural Health Transformation Project (RHTP) state application; and the passage of HR 1 (so-called Big Beautiful Bill).

AHEAD continues to be supported by the new Administration in DC, including CMS' interest in promoting spending of RHTP funds, if desired by states, to help hospitals, doctors, other clinicians, and clinics prepare for value-based reimbursement models which CMS strongly favors. This would include helping AHEAD grantee states like Hawai'i help these providers with technical assistance (TA) to get ready to participate in the AHEAD model. This is good

### **Health System Reform (continued)**

because we have limited funds for this kind of TA with AHEAD funds; and Hawai'i did include such a funding request in our RHTP proposal. Working closely with DOH, Med-QUEST, UH and HAH, SHPDA was centrally engaged in getting Hawaii's proposal ready with the governor's office. A monumental task, it was completed on time in November; and now we wait for CMS' response, due before December 31.

Other major foci of funding requests for the RHTP include workforce development, EHR access and interoperability statewide, rural quality improvement initiatives including kupuna home care services and community hubs for service coordination, healthcare transportation and EMS improvements, and care innovation and chronic disease management. The \$1 trillion cut in Medicaid funding by HR 1 over the next 10 years alarmed red states, where a majority of voters across rural areas could lose their coverage by virtue of the bill's provisions. The \$50 Billion RHTP was born out of that concern. It is important to reflect, however, and even though the rural health opportunity is welcomed and will provide great value, that \$50 B is only 5% of the \$1 Trillion cut to Medicaid the act created.

Finally, Congress' disagreement about the provisions of HR 1 that sunset the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare or ACA) beneficiary tax incentives was the major cause of the longest-ever government shutdown. This is also a health system reform issue. The ACA tax incentives allowed small business owners, gig workers, and other people who earned too much to be Medicaid eligible, but not enough to purchase their own insurance on the "individual" market, to get affordable coverage on the ACA exchanges. If the tax incentives are not restored, most of these folks could again become uninsured, causing a huge burden on hospitals and healthcare providers. The effects could be economically disastrous. In ending the shutdown, Congress members promised to take up this divisive issue immediately and resolve it. We shall see.

By Jack Lewin, MD

### **Research and Statistics**

No report

### **The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team**

(Updates will be provided in the February, May, August, and November reports.)

**Certificate of Need Applications**

- #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.  
Decision pending.
- #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.  
Waiting for applicant to submit amendments.