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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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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 December	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpd/a/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Hawaii	Did not meet	November 18, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Honolulu	Did not meet	November 14, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Kauai	Did not meet	December 16, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Tri-Isle	December 8, 2025 On Island Education visit to Kaiser; Maui Memorial and Meet and Greet with Mayor Richard Bissen	August 8, 2025	March 19, 2026
West Oahu	Did not meet	September 18, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Windward Oahu	Did not meet	Not available	March 18, 2026

Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)

Date of SHCC Meeting/Activity in December	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	Has not been scheduled

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)

Date of PDC Meeting/Activity in December	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 December	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled
Data	Did not meet	July 22, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Keiki	Did not meet	November 1, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Kupuna	December 19, 2025	December 19, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Universal Access	Did not meet	February 10, 2025	Has not been scheduled

Health System Reform

Health system reform was greatly advanced in Hawai'i this month. Most of the SHPDA effort was focused on completing our proposal with the Governor's office to produce the Rural Health Transformation Plan (RHTP) state proposal to CMS. Funds received from CMS for RHTP will be divided up among several state agencies to be managed in "buckets" or large topic focus areas. SHPDA will be administering the portions of the proposal related the Rural Health Information Network (RHIN) for IT innovation, a statewide quality of care innovation platform, and the development of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) needed to improve care coordination and efficiency. DOH will be a partner here. We are also overseeing with partners (MQD, and others) the Rural Value-Based Initiative (RVBI). The overall state proposal was written to request \$200M a year from 2026 through 2030. The award was announced in late December to be \$189M a year for Hawai'i. This is amazing and wonderful. But a lot of planning and procurement of contracts work is ahead. Our SHPDA oversight portions of this may involve managing as much \$50M a year.

We are also reviewing various legislative bills in development. There is a SHPDA modernization bill in the Governor's package. There will also be bills focused on increasing primary care investment to reach 12% of total healthcare spending; and many other health reform related bills are in development. SHPDA is also working with insurers, consumers, and providers with our Prior Authorization (PA) Working Group which will be reporting all PA claims denials and adjudications for legislative review and streamlining PA processes in 2026 and annually thereafter. The first annual PA report from all insurers is due to us by January 31. We will compile and assess this data to report back to the Governor and the legislature by March 31, 2026. This a huge responsibility and difficult task, but we are definitely up to it.

Finally, the AHEAD grant is proceeding well. That said, it has been an amazingly busy month.

By Jack Lewin, MD

Research and Statistics

The SHPDA's annual healthcare utilization survey document for calendar year 2025 will be distributed to healthcare providers/facilities in January 2026. The healthcare providers/facilities are asked to complete the survey for calendar year 2025 by May 31, 2026.

As required by the 2025 Act 151, SHPDA will start to collect information on the prior authorization of healthcare services in January 2026. Watch out for the updates.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

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

Certificate of Need Applications

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| #25-09 | Malama Maikai Health and Wellness Alliance, LLC
Establishment of Home Health agency services at 1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1710, Honolulu, HI.
Approved December 3, 2025. |
| #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. |