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Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Windward Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC)**  
February 23, 2026, | 12:00 PM Hawaii Time  
Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at  
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

**MEMBERS:** Cherie Chu, Carol Marx, Hayley Cheyney Kane, Ella Siroskey, Dr. Miriam Chang

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**SHPDA:** John Lewin, Terry Visperas, Jonas Yee, Jason Espero

**ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>2/23/2026</b>							
Cherie Chu,	X							
Carol Marx	X							
Hayley Cheyney Kane (pending confirmation hearing)	X							
Ella Siroskey (pending confirmation hearing)	X							
Dr. Miriam Chang (pending confirmation hearing)	X							

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

Meeting Recording:

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Member Introductions Cherie Chu facilitated today's meeting:</p> <p>Administrator's Report</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Terry Visperas, SHPDA</p> <p>No minutes to approve.</p> <p>Public testimony – No one in the public room or online</p> <p><b>Cherie Chu:</b> Acute/critical care pharmacist; mother of twin boys, "My practice is at Adventist Health Castle... primarily an acute care, critical care, emergency medicine focus."</p> <p><b>Carol Marx:</b> Retired banker; MPH graduate; 30 years in Kailua.</p> <p><b>Hayley Cheyney Kane:</b> New role at Queens; former Miss Hawai'i 2024; preventive medicine educator. "Fun fact about me, I was Miss Hawaii 2024... my focus was primarily heart disease prevention for women."</p> <p><b>Ella Siroskey:</b> Hui o Hau'ula: 47-year critical care nurse; active in community programs and Meals on Wheels.</p> <p><b>Dr. Miriam Chang:</b> She was experiencing technical challenges and could not verbally share. Dr. Chang shared in a previous email - I have been practicing Family Medicine in the Kahuku-Kaneohe community for the last 24 years and recently retired from private practice at the end of January 31, 2026.</p> <p>Dr. Lewin provided an extensive briefing on SHPDA's current responsibilities and major federal grants.</p> <p><b>AHEAD Grant Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed to modernize healthcare delivery and strengthen primary care.</li> </ul>	

- Focus on value-based care, reducing avoidable ED visits, and improving coordination.
- Requires statewide data integration using the All-Payer Claims Database and Health Information Exchange.
- Implementation begins **2028**.
- The grant aspires to... increase the funding in primary care and integrate primary care across the system.”

#### **Rural Health Transformation Program**

- Hawai'i awarded **\$189M per year**. The two major focus areas... information technology... and the rural value-based initiative.
- SHPDA manages two major components:
  - **Rural Health Information Network** (quality hub, IT infrastructure)
  - **Rural Value-Based Initiative** (training providers for value-based reimbursement)

#### **Federal Funding Challenges**

- Medicare and Medicaid under-reimbursement harming Hawai'i providers.
- Anticipated federal cuts may worsen access issues.
- SHPDA will advocate for improved reimbursement.

#### **Legislative Update (provided by Jonas Yee & Jason Espero)**

- SHPDA is tracking **148 bills**; testimony submitted for **76**.
- Bills include:
  - Primary care funding
  - SHPDA statutory updates
  - Prior authorization reform
  - SAC-related bills (e.g., hearing loss bill)



Scheduling Next Meeting	friends or colleagues to provide letters of support for their nomination to the SHPDA Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.
Action Items	Council Members shared their preference for scheduling our next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mondays difficult for Hui due to Meals on Wheels.</li><li>• Tuesdays are not possible for Dr. Chang.</li><li>• Hayley is unavailable during surgery days.</li><li>• Group leaning toward late March, mid-day.</li><li>• Terry will send a Doodle poll.</li></ul>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Send bylaws, legislative materials, and role descriptions</li><li>• Circulation nomination request for Chair, Vice Chair, PDC &amp; SHCC reps</li><li>• Send Doodle poll for late March meeting</li><li>• Provide bill summaries &amp; SHPDA testimony</li><li>• SHPDA Website: <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/</a></li><li>• Members review materials and consider self-nominations</li></ul>
Announcements	Public testimony – none.
Next Meeting	None
	To be determined via doodle poll.
	The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

# BYLAWS OF THE WINDWARD SUBAREA HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

## ARTICLE I

### NAME AND BOUNDARIES

Section 1. Name. The name of this Council shall be the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as Council or Windward SAC.

Section 2. Boundaries. Windward SAC's area is bounded on the north and east by the sea, and on the south and west by the Koolau mountain range. The area covers census tracts 101 through 113. '

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Council is to ensure public participation in health planning and to provide a permanent vehicle for consumer and provider input into the State of Hawaii's health planning process, so that the total health planning program of the State will be based on informed decision-making.

Section 2. Functions.

- a. The functions of the Council are specified in Chapter 323D-22 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The functions shall be amended automatically to conform with any amendments and/or new laws passed by the State Legislature.
- b. In the furtherance of its purpose, the Council shall:
  - (1) Actively seek input from the community on health problems and concerns.
  - (2) Plan for and recommend to the State Health Planning and Development Agency, health service needs identified by Windward SAC residents.
  - (3) Provide input to the Health Services and Facilities Plan for the State of Hawaii based on objective analysis and study of long-range health problems in the community.
  - (4) Inform the community of the activities and policies of the Council.

- (5) Identify health service provider and consumer agencies, organizations and individuals in Windward SAC's area and offer linkages between these parties and health policy makers.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Council shall be broadly representative of the geographical area covered by the Council, including, but not limited to, a mixture of consumers, providers, age, sex, and ethnic backgrounds.

Section 2. The Appointed members of the Subarea Health Planning Council shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to Section 26-34. Nominations for appointment shall be solicited from health-related and other interested organizations, and agencies, including health planning councils, providers of health care within the appropriate subarea, and other interested persons. The members of the subarea health planning council shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses necessary to the performance of their function. [Hawaii Revised Statutes (Chapter 323D-23)]

- a. The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum to do business shall consist of a majority of all appointed members who have accepted nomination to the Council, and have been confirmed and qualified as members of the council. When a quorum is in attendance, the concurrence of a majority of the members in attendance shall make any action of the Council valid. Hawaii Revised Statutes [(Chapter 323D-22(b))]
- b. The chairperson of the subarea health planning council shall not be employed by or married to a health care provider.

Section 3. Interim appointed members are appointed by the Governor and function as appointed members. Confirmation by the Senate is done in the subsequent legislative session.

Section 4. Associate/Interested Persons. Any consumer or health service provider or agency, organization or individuals, located in the Windward area may become an Associate member of the Council by registering with the Agency staff assigned to the SAC.

Associate/Interested Persons shall be entitled to receive meeting notices, minutes of the meetings which they attend, have access to important Council publications and participate in Council meetings.

Section 5. SAC Representative to the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council. [Hawaii Revised Statutes, (Chapter 323D-22(8))]

- a. The Council shall, in accordance with Article III, Section 6, Selection Process, of these bylaws submit a list of nominees to the Governor for his consideration of appointment of an appointed Windward SAC member to be its representative on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council (HSHCC).

Section 6. Selection Process.

- a. The Council shall solicit members for its Council from various community organizations---voluntary, public and private, and facilities concerned with health.
- b. The Council shall recommend annually a slate of nominees to the Governor, for his consideration for appointment to the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council.

Section 7. Vacancies. The Council shall submit to the Governor, nominee(s) to fill vacancies.

Section 8. Attendance. The minutes of the Council will reflect members' attendance or non-attendance. The minutes shall show the number of meetings an appointed member has been present or absent. After three consecutive absences, the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council Chairperson shall notify the member, the State Health Planning and Development Agency Administrator, and the the Governor by letter of the Council's concern regarding nonattendance. If the member continues to be absent, the chairperson shall initiate action, through proper channels, to have the member removed from the Council.

Section 9. Resignation. A member may resign by giving written notice to the Governor.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### OFFICERS

Section 1. Number of Officers. There shall be two officers: a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among the appointed members of the Council.

Section 2. Selection of Officers.

- a. This selection shall be determined from a slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee and additional nominations may be made from the floor.

- b. Election shall be in accordance with provisions of Article VI, "Voting".
- c. The Nominating Committee shall notify the appointed membership of the proposed slate no later than ten days prior to the election. This same information shall be circulated to the associate members for their information.

Section 3. Term of Office. (a) The officers will be elected annually for a one-year term. (b) The term of office will begin July 1 and end June 30. (c) Officers should not serve more than two consecutive years in the same office.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by election of an appointed member to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 5. Duties of the Chairperson. It shall be the Chairperson's responsibility to:

- a. perform all such duties as are incident to his office and such other duties as may be required by law, by these rules, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Council.
- b. preside at meetings of the Council.
- c. appoint all committees and committee chairpersons subject to the approval of the Council, except as otherwise provided in these rules.
- d. serve as a member of all standing and ad hoc committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- e. present at the first regular meeting of each fiscal year, a statement of plans for the coming year.
- f. have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Council.

Section 6. Duties of the Vice Chairperson. It shall be the Vice Chairperson's responsibility to:

- a. assist the Chairperson in the performance of duties and have all the powers of the Chairperson in the absence or disability of the Chairperson.

Section 7. Compensation. Officers and appointed members shall serve without compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses necessary to the performance of their function.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS

Section 1. Council meetings shall be held at least quarterly, or as often as the membership deems necessary.

Section 2. All meetings shall be open to the public and guided by the State of Hawaii "Sunshine Law", Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

Section 3. Attendance at all meetings shall be recorded.

#### Section 4. Notice of Meetings

- a. The notice of a regular meeting shall be guided by the State's "Sunshine Law", Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.
- b. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and circulated to Council members and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Section 5. Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently revised, shall be the reference document for the conduct of Council business, except as these are superceded by provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

## ARTICLE VI

### VOTING

Section 1. Every appointed member shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 2. The presence of a simple majority of the appointed members of the Windward SAC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Concurrence of a simple majority of all appointed members present shall be necessary to make any action valid.

Section 4. Voting shall be by a recorded show of hands. Upon request, a secret ballot can be cast for the election of Council officers.

Section 5. Associate members shall be granted voting privileges as members of Standing Committees or Ad Hoc Committees of the Council.

Section 6. An Advisory vote may be taken of Associate members for purposes of providing consensus or community opinion to the appointed members.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMITTEES

Section 1. Establishment of Committees. The Council may establish committees and task forces as needed to assist in carrying out its responsibilities.

#### Section 2. Committee Membership.

- a. Members of the committees shall not be required to be appointed members of the Council, but shall include consumers and providers within the area of concern.
- b. No person providing staff support shall serve as a member of the committee.
- c. The Chairperson of all Council committees shall be an appointed member of the Council.

#### Section 3. Standing Committees.

- a. Executive Committee: There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of officers of the Council and the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.
- b. Review Committee: This committee shall have responsibilities pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 323D-22(4), Certificate of Need review program. The primary responsibility shall be the review and recommended approval/disapproval of CON applications to the Council.
- c. Plan Development Committee: This committee shall have responsibilities pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 323D-22(1), (2), and (3). The primary responsibility is to provide subarea input into the planning process of the State.
- d. Nominations/Communications Committee: This committee shall have the following responsibilities:
  - (1) to submit a slate of nominees, for appointed membership on the Council, to be submitted to and approved by the Council, carrying out this process pursuant to Article III, Section 6, "Selection

Process".

- (2) prepare a slate of nominees for the officers of the Council.
  - (3) submit a list of nominees for membership to the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council subject to the approval of the Council pursuant to Article III, Section 6, "Selection Process".
  - (4) plan and implement Council outreach activities.
- e. Continuing Educating Committee: This committee shall develop, coordinate and monitor an overall continuing education program for the Council.
- f. Oahuwide Certificate of Need Review Committee: The Council shall send two representatives with full authority to vote on behalf of the Council, using their best knowledge and judgment. The representatives will present a report to the Council at its next regular meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the appointed members present, provided that all the appointed members have received a written notice of the proposed amendments, not less than ten working days before adoption. Amendments shall not be in conflict with the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Section 2. No member shall vote on a question in which he/she is in conflict of interest. Criteria for conflicts of interest, as established by the State Ethics Commission (Hawaii Revised Statutes 84-14), shall be followed.

Section 3. Staff Personnel. State Health Planning and Development Agency shall provide staff personnel who will serve for the Council as provided for in Section 323D-12(a)(2).

#### Section 4. Definitions.

- a. Consumer is an individual not employed by or not married to a health care provider.
- b. Health care provider is an individual who is a direct provider of health care (including a physician, dentist, nurse, podiatrist, optometrist, physician assistant, or ancillary personnel employed under the supervision of a

physician) in that the individual's primary current activity is the provision of health care to individuals or the administration of facilities or institutions (including hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities, outpatient facilities, and health maintenance organizations) in which such care is provided and, when required by State law, the individual has received professional training in the provision of such care or in such administration and is licensed or certified for such provision or administration.

# SHPDA Legislative Update: SENATE (as of 3/4/26)

Bill name: Senate	Committee Status	SHPDA's stance
<a href="#">SB 3139</a> (companion HB2319) <i>Relating to SHPDA</i>	The committee(s) on WAM recommend(s) that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , UNAMENDED. Passed on 03/02/2026	<u>Supports</u> because it <b>modernizes</b> the statutory <b>definition</b> of “ <b>health care</b> ” and <b>updates SHPDA’s mission</b> to promote universal access to high-quality, equitable, affordable care with a shared statewide vision. The bill adds no new regulatory powers to SHPDA (DCCA regulates insurers) and SHPDA supports the bill’s modest Certificate of Need housekeeping changes.
<a href="#">SB 3246</a> <i>Relating to Hospital Discharge Data</i>	The committee(s) on WAM recommend(s) that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , WITH AMENDMENTS. Passed on 03/03/2026	<u>Supports</u> strongly backing the goal of <b>making</b> timely, comprehensive statewide <b>de-identified hospital</b> and <b>ED discharge data available</b> because it would directly strengthen AHEAD implementation and help plan services (especially for neighbor islands).
<a href="#">SB 2289</a> <i>Relating to Cert of Need</i>	Report adopted; <b>PASSED</b> , Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. Passed on 02/17/2026	<u>Supports the intent</u> which would <b>update</b> the Certificate of Need ( <b>CON</b> ) program <b>but opposing several proposed exemptions</b> : organized ambulatory health care facilities that operate as surgical centers; facilities and services offered at facilities located in federally designated medically underserved rural areas; facilities offering substance abuse treatment programs that employ health care providers or certified substance abuse counselors, SHPDA opposes exempting neonatal intensive care unit and pediatric beds and services.
<a href="#">SB 2087</a> (companion HB1546) <i>relating to Health Insurance</i>	The committee(s) on WAM recommend(s) that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , WITH AMENDMENTS. Passed on 03/03/2026	<u>Supports</u> because it is important to protect universal access to equitable, affordable care by <b>helping people who lose Medicaid coverage</b> maintain health insurance through a Health Coverage Continuity Program.
<a href="#">SB 3175</a> (dead) <i>relating to Health Care Market Oversight</i>	<b>No hearings scheduled</b> by HHS/CPN/GVO, WAM/JDC	<u>Just tracking.</u> <b>Establishes</b> a state <b>oversight framework</b> for material <b>health care mergers, acquisitions</b> , and other consolidation transactions. <b>Requires</b> advance notice and public interest <b>review by SHPDA</b> . Requires legislative approval, by concurrent resolution, of certain vertically integrated health care transactions that meet specified market share and pricing impact thresholds.

# SHPDA Legislative Update: HOUSE (as of 3/4/26)

Bill name: House	Committee Status	SHPDA's stance
<a href="#">HB 2501</a> <i>relating to hospitals to submit annual certified reports regarding costs associated with Medicare and uninsured patients to DOH</i>	The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , UNAMENDED. Passed on 02/27/2026	<u>Supports</u> because it's a practical step to <b>improve transparency and fairness in how hospitals' high-cost Medicare and uninsured care is documented</b> and used to guide state financial assistance more equitably. Reporting may draw hospital pushback, but argues auditor-certified, standardized data and audits will strengthen accountability and also bolster Hawai'i's case for higher federal Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement.
<a href="#">HB 1804</a> <b>(companion SB 2554 dead)</b> <i>relating to Long-term Care Financing</i>	The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , UNAMENDED. Passed on 03/03/2026	<u>Supports</u> backing the <b>creation of</b> a joint legislative <b>Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission</b> to drive a comprehensive, data-driven evaluation of sustainable long-term care financing options for Hawai'i.
<a href="#">HB 1974</a> <i>relating to Health</i>	The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , UNAMENDED. Passed on 02/27/2026	<u>Supports</u> because <b>developing</b> a comprehensive state <b>plan on hearing loss</b> a will help identify resources and gaps and better allocate limited resources, but emphasizes that dedicated funding/resources are needed and it is open to DOH leading the effort or <b>SHPDA serving as lead</b>
<a href="#">HB 1965</a> <b>(companion SB 2690 dead)</b> <i>relating to Primary Care</i>	The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be <b>PASSED</b> , UNAMENDED.	<u>Comments only</u> to urge immediate action to <b>increase primary care investment</b> and provider compensation <b>to 12%</b> of total healthcare spending (not including administrative costs). Note: bill <b>turned into a working group</b> managed by SHPDA of insurers, providers, and consumers.

*162 total bills tracking  
59% or 80 testimonies submitted*