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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
(March 1), 2026

Report past events in (February)
Announce upcoming events (on or after March 1st)
Expected Date of Completion: (March 10), 2026

FYI:

- The Administrator's Report template will be placed in the Administrator's Report folder on SHPDA SharePoint at the beginning of each month
- Staff will fill out their section(s) of the report on SHPDA SharePoint by the 10th of the month
 - **Terry/Barbara:** Councils' sections
 - **Dr. Lewin:** Health System Reform section
 - **Dailin:** Research and Statistics section
 - **Sean of HHDC team:** Will report in March, May, August, and November
 - **Darryl:** CON application section
- Please be mindful that what we post on SHPDA website represents SHPDA as a whole
 - Each staff is the subject matter expert of his/her job and is fully responsible for the accuracy of his/her information in the Administrator's Report.
 - Dailin is only tasked with "information collection from relevant staff to produce the Administrator's monthly reports for our website (and Advisory Councils)". Though originally a voluntary act of kindness to be helpful to the office secretary and the survival of the agency since 2017 has been forced to turn into an obligation since April 2025, it does not change the fact that Dailin lacks the capability to verify the accuracy of the subject matter information from staff.

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 (February)	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled (on or after March 1st)

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Hawaii	Did not meet	November 18, 2026	March 6, 2026
Honolulu	Did not meet	November 14, 2025	March 2, 2026
Kauai	Did not meet	December 16, 2026	Has not been scheduled
Tri-Isle	Did not meet	August 8, 2025	March 19, 2026
West Oahu	Did not meet	September 18, 2025	March 4, 2026
Windward Oahu	February 23, 2026	February 23, 2026	Has not been scheduled

Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)		
Date of SHCC Meeting/Activity in (February)	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled (on or after March 1st)
Did not meet	August 20, 2025	Has not been scheduled

Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)		
Date of PDC Meeting/Activity in (February)	Date of Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Date of Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled (on or after March 1st)
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	Date of	Date of

	Advisory Council Meeting/Activity in (February)	Latest Updates Available at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/	Next Meeting/Activity Scheduled (on or after March 1st)
Data	Did not meet	July 22, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Keiki	Did not meet	November 1, 2024	Has not been scheduled
Kupuna	Did not meet	December 19, 2025	Has not been scheduled
Universal Access	Did not meet	February 10, 2025	March 11, 2026
Prior Authorization	February 9, 2026	December 17, 2025	Has not been scheduled

<u>Health System Reform</u>
<p>Health system reform has not materially changed much in the past month. But so much is happening. The key issues are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rising numbers of uninsured persons based on 2 unfortunate aspects of HR1 (the Big Beautiful Bill) involve those who will lose Medicaid coverage due to new reporting and/or work requirements (approximately 20,000-40,000 estimated to be affected according to Med-QUEST) ; and also involve those who drop coverage in the ACA Exchanges due to loss of tax credits and unaffordability of coverage costs (about half of the current 26,000 beneficiaries are expected to drop out). We are working with MQD to create strategies to offset these trends. 2. Concern in the Legislature about how to potentially cover rising numbers of newly uninsured individuals, which could number 40,000-50,000 total (hopefully not). These numbers do not include approximately 50,000 people who have been currently uninsured since the low cost SHIP program of 1990 was no longer available. They are people not eligible for Medicaid, too young for Medicare, and self-employed or ineligible for the Prepaid Healthcare Act coverage (the employer mandate unique to Hawai'i among the states). 3. SHPDA has been asked to explore means of covering these individuals in the coming years until health system reform is enacted to provide access to all. Resurrecting the 1990 (Act 378) State Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is one such idea that was entertained as an option by the Legislature (Senate Health and Human Services Committee). SHPDA has called a meeting of our Universal Access Advisory Committee (UAAC), with representatives of insurers, hospitals, providers and doctors and health policy experts. They are willing to explore options over 2026 to be reviewed in the next Legislature. 4. The AHEAD grant is moving forward in planning and pre-implementation. The ambitious goals of AHEAD will be slowed by some of the changes in reimbursement imposed by HR1. But CMS didn't propose that bill, and Dr. Oz and others there know that changes are needed to offset provisions Congress imposed that don't make good policy sense.

Nonetheless, we believe the AHEAD grant will succeed and will move forward, with implementation beginning in 2028. CMS is committed to that as well.

5. The Rural Health Transformation Program is also moving rapidly forward. SHPDA, working with the Gov's office, DOH, DHS/MQD, UH, and others are committed to its successful implementation. SHPDA has decided, with support of CMS and AHEAD leaders and the Governor to launch a new state-initiated, clinician-owned Accountable Care Organization (ACO). This will be an option among of other choices for doctors, independent practitioners, health centers, and rural hospitals to prepare for the AHEAD grant challenges, and also to improve their bottom lines while they also improve population health in smarter ways. More later! --- Mahalo, Jack Lewin, Administrator

Research and Statistics

The SHPDA's annual healthcare utilization survey document for calendar year 2025 was 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 started to collect information on the prior authorization of healthcare services in January 2026. A report of the prior authorization is expected to be available at SHPDA website in March 2026.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

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

Certificate of Need Applications

#25-10	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.
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