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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**April 2026**

**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>Hawaii</b>	Date of meeting: March 6, 2026 Meeting update: <a href="#">HCSAC-Daft-Meeting-Minutes-March-6-2026.pdf</a> Next meeting has not been scheduled
<b>Honolulu</b>	Date of meeting: March 2, 2026 Meeting update: <a href="#">HONSAC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-March-2-2026.pdf</a> Next meeting has not been scheduled
<b>Kauai</b>	No scheduled meeting/Did not meet Next meeting has not been scheduled
<b>Tri-Isle</b>	Date of meeting: March 19, 2026 Meeting update: <a href="#">TISAC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-March-19-2026.pdf</a> Next meeting has not been scheduled
<b>West Oahu</b>	Date of meeting: March 4, 2026 Meeting update: <a href="#">WOSAC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-March-4-2026.pdf</a> Next meeting has not been scheduled
<b>Windward Oahu</b>	No scheduled meeting/Did not meet Next meeting has not been scheduled

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### **Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)**

No scheduled meeting/Did not meet

Next meeting has not been scheduled

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

No scheduled meeting/Did not meet

Next meeting has not been scheduled

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### **Advisory Councils**

Health Data Advisory Council

Keiki Advisory Council (Discontinued)

Kupuna Advisory Council

Universal Access Advisory Council

**Data** No scheduled meeting/Did not meet  
Next meeting has not been scheduled

**Kupuna** No scheduled meeting/Did not meet  
Next meeting has not been scheduled

**Universal Access** Date of meeting: March 11, 2026  
Meeting update: [UAAC-Draft-Meeting-Minutes-March-11-2026-3.pdf](#)  
Next meeting has not been scheduled

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### **Prior Authorization Working Group (PAWG)**

Scheduled meeting on March 9, 2026 was cancelled

Next meeting has not been scheduled

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## **Health System Reform**

Health System Reform was a key topic in the 2026 Legislature, with several bills focusing on covering uninsured individuals, and several bills promoting mandating benefits that have insurance access barriers.

SB2087 (companion HB1546) which would provide pilot program to subsidize health insurance deductibles for individuals losing coverage due to HR1 (the Big 'not so-Beautiful' Bill). SCR50 creates a working group organized by SHPDA to explore resuscitating the State Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) of 1990, which provided low-cost coverage of prevention services and primary care (with limited inpatient and drug coverage) to uninsured individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, or the Prepaid Health Care Act. This may be an important interim step to dealing with the increased numbers of uninsured that will result from federal budget cuts.

Several bills proposing to mandate coverage for continuous glucose monitors (for insulin-dependent diabetic persons); to mandate cognitive assessments for persons with suspected early dementia symptoms; and to mandate biomarker access for cancer and Alzheimer's disease and other conditions requiring biomarkers for diagnosis or access to therapeutics. We testified in strong support for all of these, which have been proposed in the past four legislative sessions without success. SB847 proposed expanding scope of practice for psychologists to be able to prescribe a limited formulary with pharmaceutical training and psychiatrist supervision – it is highly controversial to the physician community and may turn into a SHPDA-managed pilot project on Kauai (where Mayor Kawakami strongly supports this). Many other healthcare bills are moving along, and we are tracking all of them.

Our AHEAD grant planning efforts are also moving steadily forward. We have developed strong evidence that hospital bottom lines will be significantly increased by the hospital global budget (HGB) aspect of AHEAD, as will primary care salaries and practice viability.

Rural Health Transformation Program planning is also moving forward rapidly. SHPDA is managing over \$70M in RHTP funds. The \$45M Rural Health Information Network (RHIN) bucket is focused on expanding interoperability of health care IT and creating new data hubs and networks around improving quality of care, accessing health related social needs, and other infotech advancements. We are also managing the \$25M Rural Value Based Initiative (RVBI) bucket which will prepare hospitals, health centers, and clinician practices prepare for the AHEAD grant. One innovative part of RVBI is the creation of a new statewide Accountable Care Organization (ACO) focused on returning an attractive and higher percentage of quality and care coordination savings achieved back to the providers who created the savings. CMS is considering allowing a couple of states to experiment with expansion of ACO coverage from just Medicare to include Medicaid as well. We want to be ready to apply for that needed innovation. We also want this ACO to enable increasing primary care incomes and practice viability; and we will include interested rural hospitals and health centers as well.

There is a lot going on; but the growing SHPDA team is ready to take on all these challenges, and more.

By Jack Lewin, MD

### **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. The preliminary reports for 2024 and 2025 are now available on SHPDA website.

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

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

### **Certificate of Need Applications**

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| #25-10 | Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC<br>Establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner services at 800 Kamaaha Avenue, Unit #6 and #7, Kapolei, HI.<br>Waiting for applicant to submit amendments. |
| #25-11 | Hawaii Island Sober Living, LLC<br>Establishment of 8 bed Special Treatment Facility at 73-4592 Hawaii Belt Rd., Kailua-Kona, HI.<br>Scheduling April/May reviews.   |