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 Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026 | 12:00 PM Hawaii Time

Virtual Zoom Meeting and Physical Location at
 The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Bob Shroder, Francine Johansen, Donna Butterfield, Rahnia Boyer, Kathleen Hagan,
MEMBERS ABSENT: none
GUESTS: Judith “Judy” Mikami (TISAC Nominee)
SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas, Jonas Yee, Jason Espero

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	2/17/23	6/23/23	11/17/23	3/15/24	6/21/24	8/9/24	9/20/24	3/14/25	8/8/2025	3/19/2026
Rahnia Boyer	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
Donna Butterfield	O	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kathleen Hagan	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
Francine Johansen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robert “Bob” Shroder*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

Meeting Recording:

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with B. Shroder, TISAC Chair presiding.	
Roll Call	Member roll call followed by staff introductions. Judith Mikami, (TISAC Nominee) introduced herself, sharing her background as a Molokai-born nurse, retired state employee, and part of Molokai Drugs’ multigenerational family business. Each member briefly introduced themselves for Ms. Mikami’s benefit.	
Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the August 8, 2025, meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. Call for public testimony – none.	
Administrator’s Report	The Administrator’s Reports was distributed and reviewed. All Administrator’s may be accessible via the State Health Planning and Development Agency’s website at https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/administrators-reports/	
State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates	<p>Dr. Lewin reviewed key bills SHPDA is tracking (over 100 in total). Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 3139 – Modernizes SHPDA statute; expands definitions of healthcare to include behavioral health, dental, long-term care. • SB 3246 – Funding for additional health data, including Medicare Advantage ingestion into the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD). • SB 2289 – Proposed CON exemptions (SHPDA opposes). • HB 2501 – Transparency in high-cost Medicare/uninsured care. • HB 1965 – Tripling primary care funding. • HB 1974 – Statewide hearing loss survey. 	

AHEAD Grant

- Runs through 2036; full implementation begins 2028.
- Focus on prevention, cost savings, and modernizing care delivery.

Rural Health Transformation Grant

- \$190M/year for 5 years.
- SHPDA oversees two major buckets:
 - **Rural Health Information Network (RIN)** – EHR upgrades, quality hubs, social needs data.
 - **Rural Value-Based Initiative (RVBI)** – \$25M/year to prepare providers for value-based care.

All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)

- Functionality is expected in summer 2026.
- Currently missing ~400,000 covered lives; work underway to ingest Medicare Advantage data.

Certificate of Need (CON) Updates

- PET-CT imaging provider (Pearl Medical) approved but slow to implement; SHPDA monitoring progress.

Environmental Health

K. Hagan raised concerns about sustainability and environmental impacts in healthcare planning. Dr. Lewin noted legislative efforts and limitations in federal funding priorities.

Member Discussion &
Concerns

Access to Specialty Care – Personal Testimony

Chair B. Shroder shared his recent cancer diagnosis and challenges accessing oncology care on Maui. He emphasized:

- Lack of continuity due to locum tenens.
- Need for telehealth expansion.
- Desire for partnerships with major cancer centers (e.g., MD Anderson). *“The Maui oncologist basically said there’s nothing he could do for me... At MD Anderson they told me to flush that down the toilet.”*

Molokai & Lanai Access Issues

J. Mikami highlighted:

- Transportation barriers.
- Limited specialist access.
- Need for rural-focused solutions. *“We have huge challenges just getting off the island.”*

Public testimony – none.

Action Items & Next Steps

- Distribute full legislative bill list to council members(Attached)
- Monitor PET-CT provider implementation progress
- Prepare deeper AHEAD Grant briefing for future meeting
- Explore telehealth expansion & specialist access models
- Consider guest speakers (e.g., Dr. Kelly Withy)

Future Agenda Items/Guest Speakers	Suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telehealth expansion strategies• MD Anderson or UH Cancer Center collaboration• Rural transportation and access solutions• Physician workforce shortage (Dr. Kelly Withy)	
Next Meeting	INPERSON MEETING not scheduled. Recommended late May 2026 after the legislative session.	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.	