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Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council

Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2025 | 2:30 PM Hawaii Time
Virtual Zoom Meeting and Physical Location at
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Francine Johansen, Bob Shroder, Donna Butterfield, Rahnia Boyer
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Hagan
GUESTS: None
SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	12/2/22	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
Donna Butterfield	X	O	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X
Kathleen Hagan*	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O
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
Rahnia Boyer	-	-	-	-	-	-	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 2:33 p.m. with B. Shroder, Chair, TISAC presiding.	
Roll Call	Member roll call followed by staff introductions.	
Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the March 14, 2025, meeting was 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>J. Lewin, SHPDA Administrator, provided the following updates:</p> <p>Hospital 250:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that this bill, now law, requires all insurers to report to SHPDA on every denied claim, including the results of any challenges. <p>Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced a new working group launching in September to hold insurers accountable for reducing the burdens of prior authorization. <p>Future Legislation (2026):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed a new, low-cost insurance program for the uninsured, with a focus on prevention and primary care. Expressed concern about the potential increase in the number of uninsured residents due to the "Big Beautiful Bill," especially for those on Affordable Care Act exchanges. 	

Kupuna Loha Program:

- Unveiled a proposal for a volunteer-based program to support high-risk kupuna (elders) who live alone. The program would:
 - Create a registry of vetted and trained volunteers.
 - Connect volunteers with patients in their local community.
 - Utilize technology (iPads) to link volunteers with nurses, social workers, and doctors.

Health Equity Grant (AHEAD):

- The grant is moving forward but may be postponed for a year, which could be beneficial for hospitals to prepare.
- The name was changed from "equity" to "efficiency" to make it a more bipartisan effort.
- The project steering committee is comprised of 15 members, representing various constituencies.
- All public meetings and information are available on the SHPDA's website.

New Staff:

- Introduced new SHPDA's staff members, including a new secretary, Paula, and Barbara Yamashita, a former DOH and DHS executive.

Rural Health Fund:

- Discussed a \$50 billion addition to the "Big Beautiful Bill" for rural health, dispersed in two \$25 billion tranches.
- \$25 billion to be disbursed equally to all 50 states over five years (2026-2030), with Hawaii expected to receive approximately \$100 million per year.
- An additional \$25 billion will be dispersed from 2026-2030, with amounts determined by CMS based on criteria and proposals submitted by the states.
- J. Lewin stated that Hawaii would aim to get another \$200 million from this Federal funds.

	Public testimony – none.	
Announcements	Chair B. Shroder asked to please continue to recruit people who may want to serve on the TISAC as a member. Also, please calendar and attend the updated 2025 quarterly meeting dates: August 8th & November 21st.	
Next Meeting	INPERSON MEETING Wednesday, October 8 2025, Time TBA (9AM – 2:30PM)	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.	