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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
May 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)

Hawaii	Date of meeting: April 30, 2026 Reviewed Certificate of Need application from Hawaii Island Sober Living, LLC for the establishment of an 8 bed Special Treatment Facility. The Committee recommended that the application be approved. Next meeting has not been scheduled
Honolulu	No scheduled meeting Next meeting has not been scheduled
Kauai	No scheduled meeting Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Tri-Isle	No scheduled meeting Next meeting has not been scheduled
West Oahu	No scheduled meeting Next meeting scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2026
Windward Oahu	No scheduled meeting Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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<https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/public-meeting-minutes/>.*

Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)

No scheduled meeting

Next meeting has not been scheduled

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Statewide Health Coordinating Council-Plan Development Committee (PDC)

No scheduled meeting

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
Next meeting has not been scheduled

Kupuna No scheduled meeting
Next meeting has not been scheduled

Universal Access No scheduled meeting
Next meeting has not been scheduled

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Prior Authorization Working Group (PAWG)

No scheduled meeting

Next meeting has not been scheduled

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Health System Reform

Aloha. The 2026 Legislature is completed! As always, it was difficult and intense. SHPDA tracked and testified on virtually all healthcare-related bills, but also other related bills protecting immigrant rights, reproductive health, gender affirming care, pharmacy benefit managers, emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, artificial intelligence, and many other health-related topics. Over 30 of the more than 130 bills upon which we testified in support also passed. Some we thought should die, did die.

The SHPDA statutory update bill handily passed (our statute is 50 years old, and while still amazingly relevant, some important updates were needed). Thanks to DOH for making sure it was in the Governor's package. The bills expanding access to colorectal screening and continuous glucose monitors were finally successful after 4 years. Our statewide hearing loss and deafness study bill, to accurately assess numbers of patients affected among keiki, adults, and kupuna, and to identify where therapeutic gaps exist for hearing impaired persons, also passed with requested resources. The KupunAloha program to help frail or at-risk Medicare beneficiaries who lack home health and/or Medicaid support services also passed with \$2M to serve urban kupuna who want to age at home – and KupunAloha will receive additional resource for neighbor island and rural kupuna from the Rural Health Transformation Program funds. The controversial psychologist prescription bill, SB847, passed and was assigned to SHPDA to develop as a 3-year pilot project on Kauai and Hawai'i Island to include psychiatrist oversight, special training requirements, and means to create a hub-and-spoke mental health outreach program with primary care, social worker and psychologist teams to address unmet behavioral health needs. The proposal to eliminate medical debt and assist families at risk of personal bankruptcy from such debt also passed. Whew! It was productive, but glad the session is over. 😊

The AHEAD grant is making strides in attracting notably greater interest of hospitals, primary care providers, and health centers. Given it begins implementation in 18 months, that is encouraging. If all providers join, it can bring in over \$200M of new federal incentives annually to our financially troubled healthcare providers. And SHPDA's two large buckets of responsibility in the Rural Health Transformation Program, namely the Rural Health Information Networks and the Rural Value Based Initiative buckets, are almost ready to start dispersing funds.

Finally, SHPDA is asked to begin to work with the AG to consider statewide ramifications of the proposed HMSA-HPH vertical integration soon. Public hearings in that regard will be scheduled sometime this summer.

I am grateful to SHPDA's small but ultra-dynamic team for taking all these important issues on so ably. ALOHA also to all of our Advisory Council members and to the DOH's administrative supports. We have a lot for which to be thankful.

By 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. The preliminary reports for calendar years 2024 and 2025 are now available on SHPDA website.

The Hawaii Health Data Center (HHDC) Project Team

Current Data Submission Status (05/01/2026):

1. CVS Health: Q1 2026 data received
2. EUTF: Q1 2026 data received
3. Hawaii Dental Service: Q1 2026 data received
4. Kaiser Permanente: Q1 2026 data received
5. Hawaii Medical Service Association: Q1 2026 data received
6. VSP Vision Care: Q1 2026 data received

Certificate of Need Applications

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| #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. |
| #25-11 | Hawaii Island Sober Living, LLC
Establishment of 8 bed Special Treatment Facility at 73-4592 Hawaii Belt Rd., Kailua-Kona, HI.
Scheduling May reviews. |