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Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Windward Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC)**  
February 23, 2026, | 12:00 PM Hawaii Time  
Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at  
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

**MEMBERS:** Cherie Chu, Carol Marx, Hayley Cheyney Kane, Ella Siroskey, Dr. Miriam Chang

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**SHPDA:** John Lewin, Terry Visperas, Jonas Yee, Jason Espero

**ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS**

<b>Date</b>	2/23/2026							
Cherie Chu,	X							
Carol Marx	X							
Hayley Cheyney Kane	X							
Ella Siroskey	X							
Dr. Miriam Chang	X							

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

**Meeting Recording:**

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Member Introductions Cherie Chu facilitated today's meeting:</p> <p>Administrator's Report</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Terry Visperas, SHPDA</p> <p>No minutes to approve.</p> <p>Public testimony – No one in the public room or online</p> <p><b>Cherie Chu:</b> Acute/critical care pharmacist; mother of twin boys, "My practice is at Adventist Health Castle... primarily an acute care, critical care, emergency medicine focus."</p> <p><b>Carol Marx:</b> Retired banker; MPH graduate; 30 years in Kailua.</p> <p><b>Hayley Cheyney Kane:</b> New role at Queens; former Miss Hawai'i 2024; preventive medicine educator. "Fun fact about me, I was Miss Hawaii 2024... my focus was primarily heart disease prevention for women."</p> <p><b>Ella Siroskey:</b> Hui o Hau'ula: 47-year critical care nurse; active in community programs and Meals on Wheels.</p> <p><b>Dr. Miriam Chang:</b> She was experiencing technical challenges and could not verbally share. Dr. Chang shared in a previous email - I have been practicing Family Medicine in the Kahuku-Kaneohe community for the last 24 years and recently retired from private practice at the end of January 31, 2026.</p> <p>Dr. Lewin provided an extensive briefing on SHPDA's current responsibilities and major federal grants.</p> <p><b>AHEAD Grant Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed to modernize healthcare delivery and strengthen primary care.</li> <li>• Focus on value-based care, reducing avoidable ED visits, and improving coordination.</li> <li>• Requires statewide data integration using the All-Payer Claims Database and Health Information Exchange.</li> <li>• Implementation begins <b>2028</b>.</li> </ul>	

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#### **Rural Health Transformation Program**

- Hawai'i awarded **\$189M per year**. The two major focus areas... information technology... and the rural value-based initiative.
- SHPDA manages two major components:
  - **Rural Health Information Network** (quality hub, IT infrastructure)
  - **Rural Value-Based Initiative** (training providers for value-based reimbursement)

#### **Federal Funding Challenges**

- Medicare and Medicaid under-reimbursement harming Hawai'i providers.
- Anticipated federal cuts may worsen access issues.
- SHPDA will advocate for improved reimbursement.

#### **Legislative Update (provided by Jonas Yee & Jason Espero)**

- SHPDA is tracking **148 bills**; testimony submitted for **76**.
- Bills include:
  - Primary care funding
  - SHPDA statutory updates
  - Prior authorization reform
  - SAC-related bills (e.g., hearing loss bill)

*Members requested copies of bill summaries and SHPDA testimony is attached to this meeting minutes.*

All Administrator's Reports 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/>

Council Business

T. Visperas, SHPDA Comprehensive Health Planning Coordinator, shared the following,

<p>WISAC positions we will need nominations for</p>	<p>The council must vote at the next meeting on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair</li><li>• Vice Chair</li><li>• Representative to Plan Development Committee (PDC)</li><li>• Representative to Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)</li></ul> <p>Documents Attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Windward Sub-Area Council bylaws (Role descriptions for required positions included)</li><li>• Legislative materials</li></ul>	
<p>Boards and Commissions Process</p>	<p>New members will soon receive notice of their confirmation hearings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members should be prepared to respond to the written questions that will be sent to them by the Senate Nominations Committee via email. After they submit their responses, they will be notified of a hearing date, at which time they will be asked to appear either in person or virtually.</li><li>• SHPDA will submit a letter of support for the hearing and will be present in person to support your nomination. We also encourage council members to ask friends or colleagues to provide letters of support for their nomination to the SHPDA Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.</li></ul>	
<p>Scheduling Next Meeting</p>	<p>Council Members shared their preference for scheduling our next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mondays difficult for Hui due to Meals on Wheels.</li><li>• Tuesdays are not possible for Dr. Chang.</li><li>• Hayley is unavailable during surgery days.</li><li>• Group leaning toward late March, mid-day.</li></ul>	

Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terry will send a Doodle poll.</li><li>• Send bylaws, legislative materials, and role descriptions</li><li>• Circulation nomination request for Chair, Vice Chair, PDC &amp; SHCC reps</li><li>• Send Doodle poll for late March meeting</li><li>• Provide bill summaries &amp; SHPDA testimony</li><li>• SHPDA Website: <a href="https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/">https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/</a></li><li>• Members review materials and consider self-nominations</li></ul>	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare for officer elections at the next meeting.</li><li>• Review legislative bills and consider submitting testimony.</li><li>• Identify potential community presentations for future agendas.</li></ul>	
Announcements	Public testimony – none.	
Next Meeting	None	
	To be determined via doodle poll.	
	The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.	

# SHPDA Legislative Update: (as of 2/23/26)

**148** total bills tracking  
**62%** or **76** total testimony submitted

Bill name: House	Committee Status	SHPDA's stance
<a href="#">HB 2319</a> (companion SB 3139)	HLT heard. CPC needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> because it modernizes the statutory definition of “health care” and updates SHPDA’s mission to promote universal access to high-quality, equitable, affordable care with a shared statewide vision. The bill adds no new regulatory powers to SHPDA (DCCA regulates insurers) and SHPDA supports the bill’s modest Certificate of Need housekeeping changes.
<a href="#">HB 2501</a>	HLT/CPC heard. FIN needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> because its a practical step to improve transparency and fairness in how hospitals’ high-cost Medicare and uninsured care is documented and used to guide state financial assistance more equitably. Reporting may draw hospital pushback, but argues auditor-certified, standardized data and audits will strengthen accountability and also bolster Hawai’i’s case for higher federal Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement.
<a href="#">HB 1804</a> (companion SB 2554 dead)	HLT heard. Re-referred to HLT. FIN needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> backing the creation of a joint legislative Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission to drive a comprehensive, data-driven evaluation of sustainable long-term care financing options for Hawai’i.
<a href="#">HB1974</a>	HLT/HSH heard. FIN needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> because developing a comprehensive state plan on hearing loss a will help identify resources and gaps and better allocate limited resources, but emphasizes that dedicated funding/resources are needed and it is open to DOH leading the effort or SHPDA serving as lead/participant
<a href="#">HB 1869</a> (dead)	No hearings scheduled by HLT, CPC, FIN.	<b>Just tracking.</b> Establishes a statewide system for collecting, auditing, and publicly releasing of de-identified hospital discharge data. Requires the State Health Planning and Development Agency to convene a working group. Appropriates funds.
<a href="#">HB 1965</a> (companion SB2690)	HLT/HSH, CPC heard. FIN needs to hear.	<b>Comments only</b> to urge immediate action to increase primary care investment and provider compensation to 12% of total healthcare spending (not including administrative costs). Note: bill turned into a working group managed by SHPDA of insurers, providers, and consumers.
<a href="#">HB 1546</a> (companion SB 2087)	HSH, CPC heard. FIN needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> because it is important to protect universal access to equitable, affordable care by helping people who lose Medicaid coverage maintain health insurance through a Health Coverage Continuity Program.

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<a href="#">SB 3246</a>	HHS heard. WAM needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> strongly backing the goal of making timely, comprehensive statewide de-identified hospital and ED discharge data available because it would directly strengthen AHEAD implementation and help plan services (especially for neighbor islands).
<a href="#">SB 2289</a>	HHS heard. WAM needs to hear.	<b>Supports the intent</b> agreeing with streamlining the Certificate of Need (CON) program but opposing several proposed exemptions that it says could undermine hospital financial viability and patient access. Specifically objects to exempting surgical centers, certain services in medically underserved rural areas, substance abuse treatment facilities (as drafted), and NICU/pediatric beds, while not opposing the bill’s other exemptions.
<a href="#">SB 3175</a> (dead)	No hearings scheduled by HHS/CPN/GVO, WAM/JDC	<b>Just tracking.</b> Establishes a state oversight framework for material health care mergers, acquisitions, and other consolidation transactions. Requires advance notice and public interest review by the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Requires legislative approval, by concurrent resolution, of certain vertically integrated health care transactions that meet specified market share and pricing impact thresholds.
<a href="#">SB 2690</a> (companion HB1965)	HHS, CPN heard. CPN deferred.	<b>Comments only</b> to urge immediate action to increase primary care investment and provider compensation to 12% of total healthcare spending (not including administrative costs). Note: bill turned into a working group managed by SHPDA of insurers, providers, and consumers.
<a href="#">SB 2087</a> (companion HB1546)	HHS heard. CPN/WAM needs to hear.	<b>Supports</b> because it is important to protect universal access to equitable, affordable care by helping people who lose Medicaid coverage maintain health insurance through a Health Coverage Continuity Program.