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West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

Meeting Minutes
West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)

March 4, 2026 | 12:00 PM Hawaii Time
 Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at
 The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Frederick Shaw, Eric Barsatan, Barbara Yamashita, Beverly Inocencio, Jaime Gagnon, Christine Cabingabang-Tingcang
SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	11/15/23	3/20/24	5/15/24	7/17/24	9/18/24	1/22/25	8/7/2025	9/18/2025	3/4/2026
Beverly Inocencio	O	X	X	O	O	O	X	O	X
Fredrick Shaw	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Christine Cabingabang-Tingcang					X	X	X	X	X
Jaime Gagnon					X	X	X	X	X
Barbara Yamashita					X	X	X	X	X
Michele "Chrissy" Kuahine								X	X

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

Meeting Recording:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/rec/share/CfQMzpJJTaLLRkFIKjBVjeX2faTpOuO6558pWijkjedttqrSDkmcBiQFe6ITGmqB.bdelj74l7OYcYH8i>

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Administrator's Report

- Volunteered to present at next meeting.
- Announced upcoming AI Safety workshops.

Christine Cabingabang-Tingcang

- Introduced her role and described MSNP Physician Collaborative operations.
- Raised concerns and questions about potential HMSA–HPH merger impacts and Altaeus involvement.
- Discussed challenges with SDOH resources, especially on neighbor islands.
- Requested legislative bill spreadsheet.

Fred Shaw

- Introduced himself and added comments during introductions.
- Made motion to approve August 7 meeting minutes.

Barbara Yamashita

- Introduced her background across DOH, DHS, city government, and hospital systems.
- Seconded motion to approve minutes.
- Nominated and unanimously elected as WOSAC Chair (non–health system affiliated).

Beverly (NP)

- Introduced herself and described her emergency medicine and pulmonology experience.
- Participated in voting.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Public testimony – None.

T.Visperas shared that the Administrator's Report is posted monthly on our SHPDA website. <https://health.hawaii.gov/shpda/agency-resources-and-publications/administrators-reports/> You can also find all other updates related to our AHEAD and other federal funding grant opportunities there.

State Health Planning and
Development Agency
(SHPDA) Updates

J. Lewin, MD Delivered extensive update on:

- AHEAD Grant progress and timeline shift to 2028.
- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) and funding overview.
- Role of advisory councils in federal oversight expectations.
- Financial pressures in Hawai'i healthcare due to Medicare underpayment.
- Implications of corporate consolidation and HMSA-HPH considerations.
- Data modernization needs legislative updates impacting SHPDA.
- Encouraged councils to provide ongoing feedback and ideas.

Jason Espero & Jonas Lee

- Provided federal budget revision status updates (RICA funds outstanding; others approved).
- Will distribute legislative bill spreadsheet to members.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Introductions and Welcome
 - All members introduced themselves, including new members.
2. AHEAD Grant Update (Dr. Lewin)
 - Implementation was delayed to January 2028.
 - Emphasis on primary care investment, data infrastructure, hospital/clinic engagement.
 - Potential to bring in several hundred million dollars in incentives.
3. Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
 - Hawai'i awarded approx. \$189 million per year for 5 years.
 - Funds are divided between technical assistance and IT modernization.
 - Need for community input emphasized.
 - Urgency: All FY1 funds must be encumbered by Sept. 30.
4. Impacts of Corporate Healthcare Shifts
 - HMSA-HPH partnership concerns.
 - Altaeus acquisition of Big Island Docs.
 - Data access concerns among provider groups.
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5. Legislative Updates

- SHPDA modernization bill (SB 13139).
 - Primary care investment bill.
 - Transparency requirements for high-cost cases.
 - Long-term care financing advisory commission proposal.
 - Certificate of need (CON) exemption concerns.
6. Committee Governance & Bylaws
- Requirement for Chair to be non-healthcare affiliated.
 - Nomination and unanimous election of Barbara Yamashita as WOSAC Chair.
7. Announcements
- AI Safety workshops (Chrissy).
8. Next Meeting
- Proposed dates: April 14 or 17.
 - Preferred: April 14 at same time.
 - Terry will send confirmation.

ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

- Jason/Jonas – Send legislative bill spreadsheet to WOSAC members.
- Terry – Email:
 - WOSAC bylaws
 - Link to SHPDA website
 - AI Safety workshop flyer (after Chrissy sends)
 - Doodle poll confirmation for April meeting
- Chrissy – Present at next WOSAC meeting.
- Members – Consider volunteering for:
 - State Health Coordinating Council (SHIC)
 - Planning and Development Council (PDC)
- Terry & Chrissy – Coordinate review of WOSAC priority list with new member input.

No committee reports or updates

Public testimony – none.

Standing Committee

None

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Reports/Updates Announcements		
Next Meeting	TBD will send out a doodle poll.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.	