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Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes
Windward Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC)
May 20, 2026, | 1:300 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

Date	2/23/2026	5/20/2026					
Cherie Chu,	X	X					
Carol Marx	X	X					
Hayley Cheyney Kane	X	X					
Ella Siroskey	X	X					
Dr. Miriam Chang	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 1:34 p.m. by Terry Visperas, SHPDA	
Roll Call/Member Introductions	<p>Public testimony – No one in the public room or online</p> <p>Cherie Chu: Associate Professor, UH Hilo College of Pharmacy</p> <p>Carol Marx: City & County of Honolulu, Dept. of Community Services</p> <p>Hayley Cheyney Kane: Oculoplastic Center / Queens; former Waimānalo Health Center</p> <p>Ella Siroskey: Hau'ula Community Center, Kupuna Navigator</p> <p>Dr. Miriam Chang: Retired physician, Hau'ula Community Association</p>	
Review and Approval of March 6, 2026	<p>Motion to Approve: Cherie Chu</p> <p>Second: Ella Siroskey</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous Approval</p> <p>Minutes approved with no changes</p>	
SHPDA Updates	<p>Dr. Lewin provided a comprehensive update on the recent legislative session, noting SHPDA tracked 130 bills, with 30 passing. Key highlights:</p> <p>Major Bills Passed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorectal Cancer Screening Access Mandates coverage for individuals lacking access. • Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) Coverage Requires insurers to cover CGMs for insulin-dependent diabetics. <i>Dr. Lewin shared a personal story of a staff member who died after being denied a CGM twice.</i> • Statewide Hearing Loss & Deafness Assessment Inspired by council member Tori Coravajo's personal experience with sudden deafness. Will identify gaps in services for keiki, adults, and kupuna. • Kupuna Aloha Program Funding Supports at-risk Medicare beneficiaries lacking Medicaid or home health access. Includes both rural and urban funding streams. 	

- **Psychologist Prescriptive Authority Pilot** Highly regulated; requires master's in pharmacology, physician supervision, and 3-year training.
- **Medical Debt Relief for Low-Income Families** Addresses rising medical bankruptcy rates.

Federal Grants Overview, Dr. Lewin, presented two major federal initiatives:

A. AHEAD Grant (All-Payer Health Equity Approaches & Development)

- **\$12M planning grant** for statewide transition to value-based care
- Requires **doubling or tripling primary care investment**
- Could bring **\$200M/year** in incentives to Hawaii providers
- Implementation begins **2028**
- SHPDA Advisory Councils designated as **consumer feedback mechanism** for federal oversight

B. Rural Health Transformation Program

A \$50B national program; Hawaii receives **\$189M per year for 5 years**.

SHPDA's Allocation

- **\$70M/year** administered by SHPDA
- Focus areas include:
 - Electronic health record upgrades
 - Interoperability
 - Quality-of-care networks
 - Social needs infrastructure
 - Dual-eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) care improvements

Other State Allocations

- **\$50M** – University of Hawaii (training programs)
- **\$35–40M** – Department of Health (EMS modernization, innovative care models)
- **Pili Ola Telehealth Backbone** – Statewide telemedicine infrastructure

Rural Value-Based Initiative

- **\$25M/year** to help rural providers prepare for value-based care
- Funds can support:
 - Care coordinators

Council Discussion &
Community Concerns

- Population health staff
- Prevention programs
- Cannot be used for:
 - Provider salaries
 - Construction

Urgent Timeline

- All Year 1 funds must be **encumbered by September 30.**

A. Hearing Loss Legislation

- Terry asked Dr. Lewin to elaborate on Tori Abe Carapelho advocacy journey.
- Dr. Lewin described her sudden deafness, eventual cochlear implant, and creation of the nonprofit **Hear for Health.**

B. CGM Access Issues

- Ella shared concerns about mainland insurers denying CGMs to non-insulin-dependent diabetics with severe complications.
- Dr. Lewin emphasized Hawaii's new mandate and the need for broader national reform.

C. Assisted Living Access for Under-60 Disabled Adults

- Ella raised concerns about clients under 60 being denied assisted living placement.
- Dr. Lewin recommended referral to **Department of Human Services** for clarification.

D. Housing & Social Determinants of Health

Recurring themes across multiple speakers:

- **Housing instability directly impacts health outcomes.**
- Concerns raised about:
 - Lack of affordable housing
 - High cost of living
 - Barriers for healthcare workers
 - Need for respite housing

Future Meeting Schedule
and Recommendations for
Presentations

Announcements

- Developer accountability
- Dr. Lewin acknowledged housing as a **top statewide crisis**, though grant funds cannot be used for construction.

E. Healthcare Access & Workforce

- Cherie emphasized expanding **pharmacy-led medication management** and outreach services.
- Dr. Lewin confirmed rural health centers (including Waimānalo) will receive significant funding.

F. Extended Clinic Hours & Mobile Clinics

- Carol raised concerns about limited clinic hours and dental access.
- Dr. Lewin confirmed extended hours **can** be funded under the grant.

Public Testimony – None

Next Meeting Dates Terry proposed **bi-monthly meetings** on Wednesdays:

- **July 15**
- **September 16**
- **November 18**

Calendar invites to be sent.

Leadership Roles Needed

For next meeting, volunteers/nominations requested for:

- **Chair**
- **Vice Chair**
- **SHPDA Statewide Council Representative (SAC)**
- **PDC Representative**

Bylaws will be circulated for review.

Next Meeting	<p>Recruitment for New Members</p> <p>Members encouraged to recommend community leaders interested in serving on the Windward AHPC.</p> <p>Public testimony – none.</p> <p>July 15, 2026</p> <p>Doodle poll will be sent out to confirm.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.</p>	
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2026 Legislative Highlights

191 total bills tracked
33 bills or 17% passed

Bill Name	Summary
HB 1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a one-year KupunAloha Pilot Program within the SHPDA.• Provide in-home health care and support services for people who do not qualify for existing government programs• Appropriation amount of \$2,000,000
HB 1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHPDA to develop and publish a comprehensive state plan on hearing loss• Appropriation amount of \$100,000
HB 2319	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend the functions and responsibilities of the SHPDA.• Add a new definition of "health care" for the purposes of health planning and resource development and health care cost control.• Increase the certificate of need exemption threshold for bed changes to up to thirty percent of existing licensed beds.• Exempt health care facilities or services operated by the Department of Health from certificate of need requirements
HB 1853	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create the Hānai Memory Network Program to improve dementia care and support.• It would help with early detection, care coordination, public education, and long-term support for people with dementia and their caregivers.• Appropriation amount of \$3,000,000
HB 1804	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require the Executive Office on Aging to plan a study on how Hawai'i could pay for long-term care services and supports• Appropriation amount of \$100,000
SB 3045	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require health plans, including Medicaid managed care plans, to cover continuous glucose monitors and related supplies for eligible patients.
SB 847	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a three-year pilot program on Kaua'i allowing certain trained psychologists, under psychiatrist supervision, to prescribe some mental health medications for adults ages 18 to 65• Require employers involved in the pilot program to report information to SHPDA, including patient outcomes, adverse events, and when cases need to be escalated for higher-level care.

Community Voice

Legislative Session Ended Strong For Kūpuna-Related Bills

They include a measure to temporarily provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants.

By Kevin Y. Kawamoto

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About the Author



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Despite working with a lean state budget, Hawai'i legislators passed a handful of kūpuna-related bills this year that should help enhance the well-being of older adults in a state where their life expectancy, on average, surpasses the rest of the nation. More than 20% of the total population of Hawai'i is age 65 and over, and that number is expected to climb in the coming years.

Three of the five bills submitted as part of the **Kūpuna Caucus** package passed final reading and were transmitted to the governor's office. **House Bill 1973** establishes a one-year pilot program within the Department of Health called KupunAloha that will provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants who do not otherwise qualify for government assistance for these services. An appropriation of \$2 million is being made for the pilot year.

House Bill 1974 requires the state Health Planning and Development Agency to develop a comprehensive state plan on hearing loss. The plan will be focused on improving access, affordability, awareness, and *early detection of hearing loss in collaboration with community*

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"Office on Aging" to develop the framework and scope of work for a proposed study - a one-year pilot program - plan will be focused on...

joseph - 2 days ago

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<https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/05/legislative-session-ended-strong-for-kupuna-related-bills/>

BYLAWS OF THE WINDWARD SUBAREA HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

ARTICLE I

NAME AND BOUNDARIES

Section 1. Name. The name of this Council shall be the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as Council or Windward SAC.

Section 2. Boundaries. Windward SAC's area is bounded on the north and east by the sea, and on the south and west by the Koolau mountain range. The area covers census tracts 101 through 113. '

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Council is to ensure public participation in health planning and to provide a permanent vehicle for consumer and provider input into the State of Hawaii's health planning process, so that the total health planning program of the State will be based on informed decision-making.

Section 2. Functions.

- a. The functions of the Council are specified in Chapter 323D-22 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The functions shall be amended automatically to conform with any amendments and/or new laws passed by the State Legislature.
- b. In the furtherance of its purpose, the Council shall:
 - (1) Actively seek input from the community on health problems and concerns.
 - (2) Plan for and recommend to the State Health Planning and Development Agency, health service needs identified by Windward SAC residents.
 - (3) Provide input to the Health Services and Facilities Plan for the State of Hawaii based on objective analysis and study of long-range health problems in the community.
 - (4) Inform the community of the activities and policies of the Council.

- (5) Identify health service provider and consumer agencies, organizations and individuals in Windward SAC's area and offer linkages between these parties and health policy makers.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Council shall be broadly representative of the geographical area covered by the Council, including, but not limited to, a mixture of consumers, providers, age, sex, and ethnic backgrounds.

Section 2. The Appointed members of the Subarea Health Planning Council shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to Section 26-34. Nominations for appointment shall be solicited from health-related and other interested organizations, and agencies, including health planning councils, providers of health care within the appropriate subarea, and other interested persons. The members of the subarea health planning council shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses necessary to the performance of their function. [Hawaii Revised Statutes (Chapter 323D-23)]

- a. The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum to do business shall consist of a majority of all appointed members who have accepted nomination to the Council, and have been confirmed and qualified as members of the council. When a quorum is in attendance, the concurrence of a majority of the members in attendance shall make any action of the Council valid. Hawaii Revised Statutes [(Chapter 323D-22(b))]
- b. The chairperson of the subarea health planning council shall not be employed by or married to a health care provider.

Section 3. Interim appointed members are appointed by the Governor and function as appointed members. Confirmation by the Senate is done in the subsequent legislative session.

Section 4. Associate/Interested Persons. Any consumer or health service provider or agency, organization or individuals, located in the Windward area may become an Associate member of the Council by registering with the Agency staff assigned to the SAC.

Associate/Interested Persons shall be entitled to receive meeting notices, minutes of the meetings which they attend, have access to important Council publications and participate in Council meetings.

Section 5. SAC Representative to the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council. [Hawaii Revised Statutes, (Chapter 323D-22(8))]

- a. The Council shall, in accordance with Article III, Section 6, Selection Process, of these bylaws submit a list of nominees to the Governor for his consideration of appointment of an appointed Windward SAC member to be its representative on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council (HSHCC).

Section 6. Selection Process.

- a. The Council shall solicit members for its Council from various community organizations---voluntary, public and private, and facilities concerned with health.
- b. The Council shall recommend annually a slate of nominees to the Governor, for his consideration for appointment to the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council.

Section 7. Vacancies. The Council shall submit to the Governor, nominee(s) to fill vacancies.

Section 8. Attendance. The minutes of the Council will reflect members' attendance or non-attendance. The minutes shall show the number of meetings an appointed member has been present or absent. After three consecutive absences, the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council Chairperson shall notify the member, the State Health Planning and Development Agency Administrator, and the the Governor by letter of the Council's concern regarding nonattendance. If the member continues to be absent, the chairperson shall initiate action, through proper channels, to have the member removed from the Council.

Section 9. Resignation. A member may resign by giving written notice to the Governor.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Number of Officers. There shall be two officers: a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among the appointed members of the Council.

Section 2. Selection of Officers.

- a. This selection shall be determined from a slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee and additional nominations may be made from the floor.

- b. Election shall be in accordance with provisions of Article VI, "Voting".
- c. The Nominating Committee shall notify the appointed membership of the proposed slate no later than ten days prior to the election. This same information shall be circulated to the associate members for their information.

Section 3. Term of Office. (a) The officers will be elected annually for a one-year term. (b) The term of office will begin July 1 and end June 30. (c) Officers should not serve more than two consecutive years in the same office.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by election of an appointed member to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 5. Duties of the Chairperson. It shall be the Chairperson's responsibility to:

- a. perform all such duties as are incident to his office and such other duties as may be required by law, by these rules, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Council.
- b. preside at meetings of the Council.
- c. appoint all committees and committee chairpersons subject to the approval of the Council, except as otherwise provided in these rules.
- d. serve as a member of all standing and ad hoc committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- e. present at the first regular meeting of each fiscal year, a statement of plans for the coming year.
- f. have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Council.

Section 6. Duties of the Vice Chairperson. It shall be the Vice Chairperson's responsibility to:

- a. assist the Chairperson in the performance of duties and have all the powers of the Chairperson in the absence or disability of the Chairperson.

Section 7. Compensation. Officers and appointed members shall serve without compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses necessary to the performance of their function.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. Council meetings shall be held at least quarterly, or as often as the membership deems necessary.

Section 2. All meetings shall be open to the public and guided by the State of Hawaii "Sunshine Law", Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

Section 3. Attendance at all meetings shall be recorded.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings

- a. The notice of a regular meeting shall be guided by the State's "Sunshine Law", Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.
- b. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and circulated to Council members and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Section 5. Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently revised, shall be the reference document for the conduct of Council business, except as these are superceded by provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING

Section 1. Every appointed member shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 2. The presence of a simple majority of the appointed members of the Windward SAC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Concurrence of a simple majority of all appointed members present shall be necessary to make any action valid.

Section 4. Voting shall be by a recorded show of hands. Upon request, a secret ballot can be cast for the election of Council officers.

Section 5. Associate members shall be granted voting privileges as members of Standing Committees or Ad Hoc Committees of the Council.

Section 6. An Advisory vote may be taken of Associate members for purposes of providing consensus or community opinion to the appointed members.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Establishment of Committees. The Council may establish committees and task forces as needed to assist in carrying out its responsibilities.

Section 2. Committee Membership.

- a. Members of the committees shall not be required to be appointed members of the Council, but shall include consumers and providers within the area of concern.
- b. No person providing staff support shall serve as a member of the committee.
- c. The Chairperson of all Council committees shall be an appointed member of the Council.

Section 3. Standing Committees.

- a. Executive Committee: There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of officers of the Council and the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.
- b. Review Committee: This committee shall have responsibilities pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 323D-22(4), Certificate of Need review program. The primary responsibility shall be the review and recommended approval/disapproval of CON applications to the Council.
- c. Plan Development Committee: This committee shall have responsibilities pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 323D-22(1), (2), and (3). The primary responsibility is to provide subarea input into the planning process of the State.
- d. Nominations/Communications Committee: This committee shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (1) to submit a slate of nominees, for appointed membership on the Council, to be submitted to and approved by the Council, carrying out this process pursuant to Article III, Section 6, "Selection

Process".

- (2) prepare a slate of nominees for the officers of the Council.
 - (3) submit a list of nominees for membership to the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council subject to the approval of the Council pursuant to Article III, Section 6, "Selection Process".
 - (4) plan and implement Council outreach activities.
- e. Continuing Educating Committee: This committee shall develop, coordinate and monitor an overall continuing education program for the Council.
- f. Oahuwide Certificate of Need Review Committee: The Council shall send two representatives with full authority to vote on behalf of the Council, using their best knowledge and judgment. The representatives will present a report to the Council at its next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the appointed members present, provided that all the appointed members have received a written notice of the proposed amendments, not less than ten working days before adoption. Amendments shall not be in conflict with the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Section 2. No member shall vote on a question in which he/she is in conflict of interest. Criteria for conflicts of interest, as established by the State Ethics Commission (Hawaii Revised Statutes 84-14), shall be followed.

Section 3. Staff Personnel. State Health Planning and Development Agency shall provide staff personnel who will serve for the Council as provided for in Section 323D-12(a)(2).

Section 4. Definitions.

- a. Consumer is an individual not employed by or not married to a health care provider.
- b. Health care provider is an individual who is a direct provider of health care (including a physician, dentist, nurse, podiatrist, optometrist, physician assistant, or ancillary personnel employed under the supervision of a

physician) in that the individual's primary current activity is the provision of health care to individuals or the administration of facilities or institutions (including hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities, outpatient facilities, and health maintenance organizations) in which such care is provided and, when required by State law, the individual has received professional training in the provision of such care or in such administration and is licensed or certified for such provision or administration.