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 Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes
West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)
 May 22, 2026 | 9:00 AM Hawaii Time
 Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at
 The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Frederick Shaw, Barbara Yamashita, Chis Cabingabang-Tingcang, Jaime Gagnon, Beverly Inocencio, Chrissy Kauhine
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
GUESTS: None
SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas, Jonas Yee, Jason Espero

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

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

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

Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)

- \$70M must be contracted by September 30 on EHR upgrades, telehealth infrastructure, EMS improvements, respite housing, and value-based care preparation.
- SHPDA will distribute funds to hospitals, FQHCs, and independent physicians to prepare for AHEAD participation.

All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)

- Reports expected to begin this summer after years of data preparation.
- Will allow analysis of cancer rates, prenatal care, cost trends, and community-level comparisons.

Legislative Session Outcomes

- SHPDA tracked ~130 significant bills; 30 passed.
- Wins include:
 - Hearing impairment assessment bill
 - Kupuna Aloha home support program
 - Updates to SHPDA's 50-year-old statute to include dental care, long term care, and statewide vision coordination

HMSA-HPH Partnership

- SHPDA must review under Section 7 (change of ownership/governance).
- Public hearings will be scheduled once the full proposal is submitted.
- SHPDA's decision must be based on the best interest of Hawai'i's people and providers.

Discussion and Questions:

Chrissy Kuahine

- Requested spreadsheet of passed bills.
- Asked about APCD timeline and telehealth data capabilities.

Elections of Officers

- Raised concerns about data analytics staffing and privacy.
- Asked how RHT funds will expand HHIE services (e.g., ADT feeds, broader data access).

Christine Cabingabang-Tingcang

- Asked about One Health Hawai'i and how WOSAC can prepare for community feedback.
- Asked about AHEAD education for providers.
- Asked about Lynn Barr's role; Dr. Lewin explained she is a national ACO expert advising SHPDA.

Positions Needed

- Vice Chair
- Plan Development Committee Representative
- SHCC Representative (already filled)

Outcome

- Vice Chair: Chrissy Kuahine (approved by consensus).
- Plan Development Committee: Fred Shaw.

Member and Community Updates

Chrissy Kuahine, shared several major initiatives:

Announcements

- New EMT Training Program in partnership with KCC/LCC; 19 West O'ahu students + 1 from Moloka'i.
- Seeking sustainable funding for future cohorts (equipment, uniforms, stethoscopes).
- Exploring Earn-and-Learn EMT model with AMR due to statewide EMT/paramedic shortages.
- Advocated for AI education and ethics training for youth, referencing recent legislative discussions.
- Announced upcoming Wai'anae Community Summit in July.

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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Kevin Y. Kawamoto, MSW, Ph.D., is gerontological social worker. He currently works at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Aging.

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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