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West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes

West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)

July 16, 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, Beverly Inocencio, Jaime Gagnon, Christine Cabingabang-Tingcang
SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas, Wanda Anae-Onishi, Jason Espero
Guests: Hawaii State Representative Daisy Hartsfield (District 36-Waipahu)

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	7/16/2026
Beverly Inocencio	X	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	X
Fredrick Shaw	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Christine Cabingabang-Tingcang				X	X	X	X	X	X
Jaime Gagnon				X	X	X	X	X	X
Barbara Yamashita				X	X	X	X	X	X
Michele "Crissy" Kuahine							X	X	O

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 9:04 p.m. by SHPDA Comprehensive Health Planning Coordinator	
Minutes	B. Yamashita conducted roll call & facilitated approval of May 22, 2026, minutes. No changes were requested. Minutes were accepted as distributed.	
Administrator's Report State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates	Dr. Lewin provided a comprehensive overview of current statewide health initiatives, recent legislative outcomes, and major federal funding programs that will impact Hawaii's healthcare system and SHPDA's role over the coming years. Legislative & Policy Overview - Reported that SHPDA tracked 135 health-related bills during the recent legislative session, with approximately 30 bills passing. - Highlighted SHPDA's statutory modernization, updating the agency's 50-year-old statute to reflect contemporary health planning priorities and strengthen coordination across DOH, DHS/Med-QUEST, HHSC, DCCA, and other departments. - Emphasized the statewide goal of reducing siloed decision-making and building unified health system planning. AHEAD Grant – Statewide Value-Based Care Transformation - Provided an overview of the AHEAD All-Payer Health Efficiency & Design Grant, which will introduce more than \$200 million in additional annual federal financing to Hawaii.	

- Explained that the grant will shift hospitals, clinics, and medical practices from fee-for-service reimbursement toward value-based care focused on population health and cost containment.
- Discussed Hawaii's severely low Medicare reimbursement benchmark and SHPDA's contract with UC Berkeley economists to develop a report to SHPDA regarding reimbursement rates.
- Noted that H.R. 1's phased reduction of Medicaid reimbursement (from 130% to 100% of Medicare) poses additional financial pressure for Hawaii providers.

Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)

- Summarized Hawaii's award of approximately \$190 million per year through the federal Rural Health Transformation Program.
- Funding areas include workforce incentives (up to \$200,000 for rural provider retention), respite housing, statewide telehealth infrastructure, EMS modernization, and multiple SHPDA-led initiatives.
- Detailed SHPDA's initiative of the Rural Health Information Networks (RHIN) to expand and upgrade EHR systems statewide, improve connectivity.
- Highlighted the Rural Value-Based Initiative, which will create a statewide Clinically Integrated Network (CIN), establish a Management Services Organization (MSO), and support practices transitioning into value-based care and the AHEAD model.
- Noted that federal requirements formally designate SHPDA Subarea Councils, including WOSAC, as part of the consumer feedback mechanism for federal grant oversight.

Member Questions and Discussion

- Council and MSNP representatives raised concerns about provider shortages, limited specialty care access, EHR and billing resource gaps, and challenges related to participation in multiple ACO or Medicare programs.

Guest Presentation:
Representative Daisy
Hartsfield (Waipahu)

- Dr. Lewin responded with updates on enhanced rural provider incentives, expanded reimbursement opportunities under Advanced Primary Care Management, practice support available through the CIN and MSO, and long-term plans to develop accountable care structures that return more savings to clinicians and strengthen the viability of independent practice.

Rep. Hartsfield provided an extensive, clear breakdown of Hawaii's legislative process, including:

- Bill drafting
- Committee hearings
- House/Senate path
- Crossover
- Conference committees
- Floor votes
- Deferrals and strategies
- Impact of public testimony ("I read every testimony I receive")

Representative Hartsfield expressed that future legislation will likely focus on:

- Healthcare access and affordability,
- Ensuring Hawai'i remains healthy without imposing excessive medical costs, and
- Minor consent laws, given national legal shifts that might impact teens' ability to access medical or mental health care.
- She encourages the council and public to reach out with questions or concerns.

WOSAC Elections

B. Yamashita opened the agenda item regarding elections on 2026-2027 year. C. Cabingabang-Tingcang and J. Gagnon reminded the group that during the previous WOSAC meeting on May 22, 2026, nominations and selections had already been completed.

- Terry invited members to share educational opportunities or topics for future agendas.

Member and Community Updates	No new announcements were presented at this time.	
Discussion and or Questions:	Christine raised concerns regarding: - Shortages of primary care physicians and specialists. - Insufficient care coordination resources. - EHR and billing support gaps. - Challenges for practices already participating in MSSP, LEAD, CPC+, and Medicare Advantage models. Dr. Lewin responded with an overview of strategies underway: Rural Health Transformation Initiatives - Expansion of Electronic Health Records across rural-designated regions (including West O’ahu). - Development of a Clinically Integrated Network (CIN). - Contracting a Management Services Organization (MSO) for: - Care coordination support - Billing services - Practice financial optimization - Preparing practices for AHEAD transition	
Standing Committee Reports/Updates	No committee reports or updates	
	Public testimony – none.	
Announcements	None	
Future meeting and Agenda items	Members encouraged to submit any additional questions via email to SHPDA staff or Dr. Lewin.	

	Members may propose future agenda topics related to provider support, rural health, or AHEAD implementation.	
Next Meeting	Friday, September 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.	