

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (HACDACS)

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), Department of Health (DOH), State of Hawai'i

Kākuhihewa Building, 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 360, Kapolei, Hawai'i

January 23, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Ku ulei Salzer-Vitale, MSW, Chair, Greg Tjapkes, Vice Chair; Diana Felton, MD

Members Absent: Jon Fujii, MBA; Adam Gratz, DO; Lilinoe Kauahikaua, MSW; Erika Vargas, LCSW.

Staff Present: John Valera, AICP; Robyn Loudermilk, AICP; Merrick Lambaco, Jr., Brenda Wong

Guests Present:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/ CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
1. Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 9:03.			
2. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of November 24, 2023.		No action due to lack of quorum.		
3. Community Input: [Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, all interested persons will have three (3) minutes to speak, i.e., per person, per item, or written testimony can be submitted on agenda items]	No community comments provided. .			
4. Update from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) including but not limited to: the State Plan Revision Project, 2023 Legislative Session, and Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee.	Mr. Valera provided a number of updates. <u>Request for Proposals (RFPs)</u> Working on two (2) RFP's to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase a new information technology (IT) system. • Hire a validation and verification contractor, a state requirement for all complex IT procurements/projects, to ensure that each phase is implemented successfully. <u>Legislature</u>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at bills related to Clean & Sober Homes (HB2750 and SB2642); emergency scheduling of xylazine as part of the Controlled Substances Act (HB2086 and SB2456), and the addition of a public interest requirements as part of the Department of Law Enforcement's criteria for registration of clinics. Also following bills related to homelessness. • Bills that died last year are alive this year. ADAD continues to monitor those bills. <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Opioid Settlement Coordinator Position has been filled. Currently in the process of hiring the Overdose to Action-State (OD2A-S) Coordinator <p>In response to questions Mr. Valera relayed that ADAD is following the legalization of recreational marijuana bill that has been introduced. And that the AG asked ADAD and other programs for comments on the bill.</p>			
5. Advocacy: Legislative Report	<p>Chair Salzer led the group discussion on HACDACS options for submitting testimony in compliance with the Sunshine Law. Proposed options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have two members prepare, route, and submit testimony. • Establish Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) <p>Discussion focused on positions of testimonies; i.e for, against, provide comments. As a state board, HACDACS can take positions, however, there are nuances to be considered such as not disagreeing with a position of another Executive Branch department.</p> <p>Will continue discussion at our next meeting. Chair will meet with ADAD Staff to further discuss legislative testimony process.</p>	No action due to lack of quorum.		

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<p>6. Planning meeting topics and presentations for upcoming Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) meetings:</p> <p>Update on meeting topics and presentations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2024 • March 2024 • April 2024 <p>Brainstorming ideas for future topics and speakers.</p> <p>Potential topics include medical cannabis safety and testing policies; harm reduction review based on substance use; status of residential treatment programs and their trends and needs, prevention initiatives, medication assisted treatment for methamphetamine use disorder, the intersection of substance use treatment and the criminal justice system. New topic ideas are encouraged.</p>	<p>Chair Salzer led the group discussion on brainstorming ideas for future topics. Future topics identified are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaping targeting adolescents (tentative February) • Update on Hawaii CARES (tentative March) • Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (tentative April) <p>Ms. Loudermilk relayed that the HACDACS March 26, 2024, meeting date falls on a state holiday, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day. Chair Salzer to send out a poll to members to identify an alternate meeting date during the last two weeks of March.</p>	<p>Contact Hawaii Public Health Institute to present on vaping.</p> <p>Contact Hawaii CARES to provide update.</p> <p>Contact Grant Giventer from HOSACD to present.</p>	<p>Commissioner Tjapkes</p> <p>ADAD</p> <p>ADAD</p>	
<p>7. Conduct an In Person Commission Orientation at the July 23, 2024, Meeting</p>	<p>Chair Salzer led group discussion on the in-person meeting. The meeting will be held in Kapolei, where ADAD's office is located. Will also discuss transition in leadership. Everyone is encouraged to attend in person, however, will accommodate those who cannot attend in person.</p>			
<p>8. Commission Recruitment.</p>	<p>Chair Salzer led group discussion on current openings by sector.</p>			

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	<p>In response to questions Ms. Loudermilk and Mr. Valera provided an update on openings by sector and clarified that all Governor nominees are required to go through the Advice and Consent process with the Senate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current openings by sector are Corrections, Community and Business Affairs, Education, Law Enforcement, Medical, Pharmacological, and dual appointment with State Council on Mental Health. 			
<p>9. Open Forum:</p> <p>Public comments on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commissions agenda at its next meeting.</p>	<p>No community comments provided.</p>			
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am</p>			

Next Meeting: February 27, 2024
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Zoom Meeting