

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

March 28, 2023

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Ku'u lei Salzer-Vitale, MSW, Chair; Greg Tjapkes, Vice Chair; Kathi Calles (Fujii); Diana Felton, MD; Lilinoe Kauahikaua, MSW John Paul Moses, III, APRN-R;

Members Absent: John Fujii, MBA, Adam Gratz, DO; Erika Vargas, LCSW

Staff Present: John Valera, AICP; Robyn Loudermilk, AICP, Merrick

Guests Present: Jessica Kaneakua, A`ali` Alliance, Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita, Big Island Substance Abuse Council & Papa Ola Lokahi Culture & Addictions Advisory Council, and Kanoelani Davis, Ho`aka Mana & Papa Ola Lokahi Culture & Addictions Advisory Council

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| 1. Call to Order: | The meeting was called to order at 9:00. | | | |
| 2. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of February 28, 2023. | Deferred to April 25, 2023, Meeting | Deferred | | |
| 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 members present to offer input. | | | |
| 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. | <u>Staffing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Valera has been appointed as ADAD's Administrator ADAD is making headway to fill some positions. <u>SAMHSA Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADAD received a letter from SAMHSA on updates to training requirements for prescribers of | | | |

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| | <p>medication to treat substance misuse. Letter can be found on SAMHSA website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADAD also received a SAMHSA letter on Xylazine mixed with opioids, like fentanyl. It is an animal tranquilizer. <p><u>Legislative Session 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Loudermilk provided an update on cannabis bills and bills being tracked by ADAD. • All cannabis bills are dead for this session. • Bills being monitored by ADAD are HB378 HD1 SD1, HB573 SD1, HB883 HD1 and SB671 SD1. • HB378 HD1 SD1 has morphed. Language referencing the 750' restriction for SUD clinics has been removed. An additional factor to be considered during review has been added. Requires the establishment of a working group to provide recommendations balancing the needs of the public and those receiving SUD treatment. • HB573 SD1 has been amended by inserting the broader definition of what type of testing products are exempted as drug paraphernalia, including fentanyl test strips. • HB883 HD1 provides a blank appropriation to the Departments for mobile clinics. • SB671 SD1 HD1 has been amended by inserting the narrower definition, that only exempts fentanyl test strips as drug paraphernalia. • Commissioners can email staff if there are other bills that we should be following. | | | |
| 5. Advocacy: Legislative Testimony | <p>Chair Salzar led the group discussion on HACDACS submitting legislative testimony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Information Practices (OIP) has issued guidance on this issue through their publication <i>QUICK REVIEW: Sunshine Law Options to Address State Legislative Issues and</i> | | | |

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| | <p><i>Measures (Revised August 2022).</i> Of the options provided, Chair Salzar recommends the option delegating two Commissioners the authority to prepare and submit legislative testimony and that she will be the lead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Loudermilk relayed that the OIP document was provided by the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD). They support the State Council on Mental Health who, over the past few years, have been working on how to submit testimony. | | | |
| <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"> April 2023 May 2023 June 2023 July 2023 August 2023 September 2023 <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</p> | <p>Chair Salzar led the group discussion on planning, scheduling or topics that the group would like to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2023 – The University of Hawaii Mapuna Lab May 2023 – Law Enforcement Perspective on Fentanyl June 2023 – Office of Wellness and Resilience July 2023 – Recovery Communities (National) August 2023 – Recovery Communities (Local) September 2023 – Cannabis Task force Update and Legislative Report October 2023 – Legislative Report | <p>Kat Burke from Mapuna Lab.</p> <p>Contact Gary Yabuta, Executive Director of Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)</p> <p>Contact Tia Roberts Hartsock, Director Office of Wellness and Resilience.</p> <p>Contact Faces and Voices of Recovery. Contact Aunty Shari from Ka Hale Pomaikai Contact Cannabis Taskforce.</p> | <p>Commissioner Kauahikaua confirmed.</p> <p>Commissioner Calles to follow up with Gary Yabuta.</p> <p>ADAD to contact Office of Wellness and Resilience.</p> <p>Commissioner Kauahikaua to contact both organizations. ADAD to contact Cannabis Taskforce.</p> | |

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| criminal justice system. New topic ideas are encouraged. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2023 – Legislative Report | | | |
| <p>7. Hawaii Opioid Initiative (HOI) Report:</p> <p>Updates and progress from the Hawaii Opioid Initiative workgroups where HACDACS members are currently serving.</p> | <p>Workgroup 1-Treatment Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update. <p>Workgroup 2 – Prescriber Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update. <p>Workgroup 4 – Prevention & Public Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update. <p>Workgroup 6 – Law Enforcement & First Responders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group has not met in a while. <p>Workgroup 8 – Native Hawaiian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently met to set goals to move forward. Also, had a presentation by Mapuna Lab. Meeting scheduled every 2nd Friday from 11-12. | | | |
| <p>8. Presentation by Jessica Kaneakua, `A`ali`i Alliance; Dr, Hannah Preston-Pita, Executive Director – Big Island Substance Abuse Council; and Kaneolani Davis, Ho`aka Mana.</p> | <p>Jessica Kaneakua’s presentation on the Findings from Community Listening Session on Substance Use in Native Hawaiian Communities & Cultural Healing conducted by Papa Ola Lohaki covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Papa Ola Lokahi (POL); Description of the listening sessions; and Recommendations. <p>Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita and Kanoelani Davis then shared their thoughts participating in the community listening sessions as members of POL Culture and Addictions Advisory Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> POL provides administrative oversight for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act in the State of Hawaii and the continental United State. They support five Native Hawaiian Health Care System that provide direct health care services. The community listening sessions are a continuation of previous work addressing the health needs of the Native Hawaiians in general as well as substance use and mental health. The community listening sessions were conducted in two phases: Phase I focused on the existing continuum of care while Phase II focused on what the continuum of care should look like. Sessions were held on Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui, Lanai, and the Big Island. | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance provided through the lens of an ahupua`a model, to describe and unpack what Native Hawaiian culture looks like across the continuum of care in substance services. Where and how are we able to provide support within the continuum of care “ahapua`a. • Phase 1 occurred in 2021 through virtual meetings. The resulting reports for each island identified: top concerns, strengths, available healing spaces, need & gaps, and professional development. • Phase 2 occurred in 2022 through in-person meetings. Went back to the community to hear what the continuum of care should look like by defining cultural factors and walking through the continuum of care: prevention treatment, recovery, and harm reduction. • Cultural factors defined are responsiveness, safety, foundations, awareness, and resonance. • Based upon the defined cultural factors the community was asked, what does this look like, sound like, feel like within each continuum of care from the perspective of client, ohana, community, provider, and system as a whole. • This resulted in six recommendations to POL: 1) support peer specialist & mentors, 2) Act as a hub, 3) Build political power of stakeholders, 4) Develop a Hawaiian-based 12-step recovery program, 5) Assess current capacity across systems, and Build capacity across system of care. • Both Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita and Kanoelani Davis shared that the listening sessions provided an opportunity for Native Hawaiian service providers to meet and share; hear from individuals who have gone through programs, network, and strengthen cultural healing curriculum. They also identified barriers such as the need to develop evidence-based curriculum and recognition by insurance providers that culture is an effective intervention. • Chair Salzar led the discussion on what recommendation(s) can HACDACS advocate for? Areas identified for advocacy include diversified funding, reimagining what “credential” and “qualified” mean, integration of cultural practitioners, policy changes, and the inclusion of peer specialist and mentors at all stages of development of drafting legislation and policy briefs. • This work is based upon Senate Concurrent Resolution 103, 2019. | | | |
| <p>9. Open Forum:</p> <p>Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration of Board’s agenda at the next meeting.</p> | <p>No community members present for open forum discussion.</p> | | | |
| <p>9. Adjournment</p> | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am</p> | | | |

**Next Meeting: April 25, 2023
 9:00 am to 11:00 am
 Zoom Meeting**