

**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**

**May 23, 2023**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

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

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

Staff Present: Robyn Loudermilk, AICP, Merrick Lambaco, Jr.

Guests Present: The Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA): Rico Witt and Aashish Hemrajani

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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, and March 28, 2028	<b>Motion by Commissioner Felton and seconded by Vice-Chair Tjapkes to adopt minutes from the April 25, 2023, meeting. Motion approved.</b>	<b>Motion approved.</b>		
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 were present to offer input.  Chair Salzer led the group discussion on encouraging community input. Commissioner Fujii also sits on the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) and will continue to follow up with SCMH support staff on methods used to publicize meetings.			
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.	Ms. Loudermilk reported on behalf of Mr. Valera.  <u>Legislative Session 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Session has ended.</li> <li>• SB671 SD1 HD1 is with the Governor for signature. Deadline for Governor action is July 11, 2023. ADAD will continue to monitor final action.</li> <li>• HB378 HD2 SD2 died in committee.</li> </ul> <u>Request for Information (RFI)</u>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses have been received and are currently being reviewed for the following RFIs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional prevention services such as tutoring.</li> <li>• Establish mobile units to treat opioid use disorder.</li> <li>• Identify service provider(s) in response to an Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) grant application to the Centers for Disease Control.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Anticipate issuing a second RFI for all three areas.</li> </ul> <p><u>Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Planning Session scheduled on June 1, 2023.</li> </ul> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue recruiting to fill positions. Will be interviewing for Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee positions.</li> </ul>			
5. Advocacy: Legislative Testimony	<p>Chair Salzer led the group discussion on HACDACS submitting legislative testimony. Will continue further discussion to identify options and strategize on moving forward for the next legislative session.</p> <p>Commissioner Fujii shared experiences from the SCM.</p>			
6. Planning meeting topics and presentations for upcoming Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) meetings:  Update on meeting topics and presentations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 2023</li> <li>• July2023</li> </ul>	<p>Chair Salzer led the group discussion on planning, scheduling, or topics that the group would like to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 2023 – Office of Wellness and Resilience</li> </ul>	Contact Tia Roberts Hartsock, Director Office of Wellness and Resilience.	ADAD confirmed with Office of Wellness and Resilience.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 2023</li> <li>• September 2023</li> </ul> Brainstorming ideas for future topics and speakers.  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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 2023 – Recovery Communities (National)</li> <li>• August 2023 – Recovery Communities (Local)</li> <li>• September 2023 – Cannabis Task force Update and Legislative Report</li> <li>• October 2023 – Legislative Report</li> <li>• November 2023 – Legislative Report</li> </ul> Potential presentation on vaping at either the July 2023 or August 2023 meeting.	Contact Faces and Voices of Recovery. Contact Aunty Shari from Ka Hale Pomaikai  Contact Cannabis Taskforce.	Commissioner Kauahikaua  ADAD  Commissioner Felton.	
7. Hawaii Opioid Initiative (HOI) Report:  Updates and progress from the Hawaii Opioid Initiative workgroups where HACDACS members are currently serving.	Chair Salzer led the discussion on workgroup updates.  Workgroup 1-Treatment Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting.</li> </ul> Workgroup 2 – Prescriber Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update.</li> </ul> Workgroup 3 – Data Informed Decision Making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update.</li> </ul> Workgroup 4 – Prevention & Public Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to discuss goals &amp; objectives.</li> </ul> Workgroup 6 – Law Enforcement & First Responders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has yet to reconvene.</li> </ul> Workgroup 8 – Native Hawaiian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update.</li> </ul>			
8. Presentation by the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hawaii HIDTA and Overdose Response Strategy (Public health/Public Safety Partnership) with HIDTA and CDC.</li> <li>• Provided an overview on drug overdose death in the United States (U.S.). The magnitude of drug overdose deaths is unique to the U.S. Over the past 20 years, there has been a sharp rise in deaths from drugs, alcohol, and suicides in</li> </ul>			

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	<p>the U.S. The Deaths of Despair concept postulates that this sharp rise is linked to economic despair and less opportunities available than the previous generations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 2000, there have been over 1 million overdose deaths in the U.S.</li> <li>• In 2021, there were over 107,000 fatal opioid overdose deaths in the U.S. In comparison, approximately 55,220 U.S. deaths occurred in the Vietnam War.</li> <li>• Three waves: 1) over prescription of opioids, 2) obtain from the street if cut off from prescription opioids, and 3) illicit drug supply tainted with other synthetics. Beginning of a fourth wave: poly substance uses with psychostimulants.</li> <li>• In Hawaii an estimated \$28.5M worth of drugs; including methamphetamine (Meth), cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl; were seized.</li> <li>• Meth continues to be the greatest threat to the State and the leading cause of death from 2017 to 2021. Mexico is the main source of meth in Hawaii. pure concentration. The price of and profit is greater in Hawaii than in California. Seizures in Hawaii continue to increase. Hawaii has become a Trans-shipment area within the past few years. An increase in Meth Poly Drug. Purity level up to 99%.</li> <li>• Fentanyl related deaths continue to rise in Hawaii with 79 deaths in 2022. there were 79 deaths: uneven mixing driving the increase in overdoses. However, also an increase in poly drug use.</li> <li>• From 2021-2022 Naloxone provided by bystanders and 1<sup>st</sup> responders to EMS patients with fentanyl or heroin.</li> <li>• Xylazine: new threat powder made in China and India (US only ampule).</li> <li>• Marijuana: no longer law enforcement priority. Issue is with the cannabis concentrates: % of THC, impacting kids and brain growth.</li> </ul>			
<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 members present for open forum discussion.</p> <p>Commissioner Jon Fujii provided an update on the current Medicaid redetermination process for the approximately 460,000 Hawaii members. This process was suspended under the public health emergency declaration issued for the pandemic. With the ending of the public health emergency declaration on May 11, 2023, the redetermination process has resumed. Loss of coverage to begin after May 31, 2023.</p>			
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am</p>			

**Next Meeting:            June 27, 2023**  
**9:00 am to 11:00 am**  
**Zoom Meeting**