

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 577B, Kapolei, Hawai'i

July 23, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Ku ulei Salzer-Vitale, MSW, Chair; Emily Andrade; Diana Felton, MD; Jon Fujii, MBA; Lilinoe Kauahikaua, MSW; Jawana Ready, MD.

Members Absent: Greg Tjapkes, Vice Chair; John Paul Moses III, APRN-R; Erika Vargas, LCSW.

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

Guests Present: Katherine Burke, Mapuna Lab

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1. Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 9:12 am.			
2. Introduction of New and Returning Commissioners	Chair Salzer welcomed the new Commissioners and led introductions of all Commissioners and ADAD staff.			
3. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of May 28, 2024.	Motion by Commissioner Felton and seconded by Commissioner Kauahikaua to adopt minutes from the May 28, 2024, meeting. Motion approved.	Motion approved.		
4. 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]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Burke is with the Mapuna Lab, a collection of scholars in the Hawaiian and Indigenous Health and Healing Program, at the University of Hawaii West-Oahu (UH-West Oahu). Wanted to share ongoing initiatives and obtain feedback from the HACDACS. • Mapuna Lab is working on a needs assessment and strategic plan for Hawaii Opioid Initiative (HOI) Work Group (WG) 8, Native Hawaiians. Main goal of both initiatives are to identify culturally anchored training gaps, needs, and opportunities. • A needs assessment will be sent to HOI members as well as the public within the next few months. 			

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	<p>The strategic planning process will occur concurrently. This will include interviews with various stakeholders to identify actionable items that can be accomplished by HOI and learn how HOI can be restructured and rebranded.</p> <p>Chair Salzer led the discussion on providing feedback.</p> <p>Commissioner Felton requested that the survey link be emailed to her. She will then distribute to the DOH Harm Reduction Branch, who can also help distribute the survey to various community partners. Mr. Valera also requested that the survey link be emailed to him.</p> <p>In response to questions, Ms. Burke explained that the focus of the needs assessment is workforce development and that additional information on HOI can be found at hawaiiopioid.org. She did note that the website does need updating. ADAD to provide commissioners with recent HOI evaluations.</p> <p>In response to a question, Mr. Valera relayed that the strategic plan will be one of several resources used by ADAD to revise the HOI. Some additional resources include ADAD's Substance Use State Plan and feedback provided by some HOI WGs through informal talk story sessions. He noted that there is a great need to revise the HOI as many changes have occurred since its inception. ADAD wants to see updated HOI action plans. Also views the HOI as a sounding board for community needs. Including maintaining contacts with county initiatives, such as the Big Island Fentanyl Task Force, to access their contacts and avoid duplication of services.</p> <p>Commissioner Kauahikaua shared that she is a member of both the Big Island Fentanyl Task Force and the Kauai Fentanyl Task Force. Both task forces have diverse membership.</p>			

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	<p>It was suggested to hold a one or two day in-person summit for HOI strategic planning purposes. There is strong justification to restructuring, revamping and restarting the HOI due to all the changes that have occurred in drug threats and treatment since its' inception, Chair Salzer and Commissioner Kauahikaua volunteered to help coordinate an in-person HOI summit.</p> <p>In response to a question, Mr. Valera believes that opioid settlement funds may be used to host a summit. He also shared that Grant Giventer, in addition to overseeing opioid settlement funds, also oversee the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant, and HOI.</p> <p>Commissioner Felton is aware of a DOH conference, being held in the fall, that has hired a conference coordinator. Hiring a conference coordinator should also be considered for a summit. She will provide ADAD with procurement information.</p> <p>Chair Salzer asked ADAD to provide findings of the talk story sessions and the ADAD initiated survey to HOI members to the Mapuna Lab and HACDACS</p> <p>Ms. Burke thanked HACDACS for their feedback and offer to help disseminate the survey.</p>			
<p>5. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share highlights from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMSHA) and National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD) 2024 Annual Meeting. 	<p>Mr. Valera reported on the SAMHSA and NASADAD 2024 Annual Meeting and provided an update on the 2023 SAMHSA Advisory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual meeting held in June 2024. ADAD is a NASADAD member as it is the State of Hawaii's single-state agency receiving federal monies. NASADADs goal is to foster and support the development of effective alcohol and other drug use prevention and treatment programs throughout every State. 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share highlights of the December 2023 SAMHSA Advisory on Low Barrier Models for Substance Use Disorders (2023 SAMHSA Advisory) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a number of sessions by the states and with federal agencies. State sessions focused on specific topic areas. • Spoke with Oxford House representatives and learned that their recovery homes are abstinence based. ADAD has heard that there are some recovery homes that are not abstinence based (aka harm reduction homes) in the community. ADAD is looking for information on these types of homes with the possibility of developing standards. Assuming that the community wants them. There are NIMBY (not in my back yard) concerns being raised on the west side of Oahu. • Spoke with New York and New Jersey on their mobile unit strategy for prevention and treatment. Additionally, New Jersey is developing a harm reduction strategic plan. • Learned that stigma continues to prevent a large number of people from seeking needed SUD treatment, and that the Center for Substance Use Prevention is starting a Prevention Policy academy for states. • ASAM 4 recently released with a number of changes. A crosswalk between ASAM 3 and ASAM 4 is under development. For the first time, a separate volume on adolescent care is being prepared. • The SAMHSA Advisory on Low Barrier Models for Substance Use Disorders is a resource to assist ADAD in the potential development of harm reduction housing standards. <p>Chair Salzer led the discussion on ADADs report. Mr. Valera would welcome HACDACS support in the research and development of standards for harm reduction homes. The National Association of Recovery Residences provides standards for clean and sober homes that are abstinence based. This differs</p>			

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	<p>from harm reduction homes which are not abstinence based. Many of Hawaii’s clean and sober homes are run by Oxford House.</p> <p>Commissioner Andrade offered to provide info on harm reduction models in use at the Los Angeles, California homeless shelter program. She also noted that work is being done to develop new terminology for harm reduction as this term scares people. Commissioner Kauahikaua volunteered to reach out to potential speakers on harm reduction houses.</p> <p>In response to a question, Mr. Valera relayed that the tech panel presentation at the annual meeting did not talk about the use of AI (artificial intelligence). Rather the focus was on data standards. Can see AI being helpful to streamline some of the administrative burden on the substance use workforce.</p>			
6. Commissioner Orientation.	<p>Chair Salzer conducted the orientation covering the following areas: an overview of HACDACS/2024-2025 meeting calendar, by-laws, annual report to the Legislature, the Sunshine Law, and the State Ethics Code.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview – Established as an advisory board on matters related to substance use. Meeting dates listed in 2024-2025 meeting calendar. If members are not able to attend the monthly meeting, please inform the Chair and/or ADAD. Members who miss more than five meetings in one calendar year may be asked to step down. • By-Laws – They are 30 years old and should be updated. In response to a question, Ms. Loudermilk relayed that state laws governing operations of boards and commissions, in general, have evolved. And that the current by-laws may not be consistent with existing state laws. • Annual Report - Presentations to HACDACS provides the bases for the annual report. Presentations to date by the Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, Hawaii Cares, Inc., and Aloha United Way. Upcoming presentations from Ka Hale Pomaika’i in August and the Office of Medical Cannabis Control in September. Think about potential themes for this year’s report. The theme of last year’s report focused on Recovery. Also think about potential speakers. Commissioner Ready volunteered to finds speakers representing the active military and veterans’ population. Also provide background on the military health system and encourage members to email her with topics/areas for speakers. • Sunshine Law – HACDACS is subject to this law administered by the State Office of Information Practices. HACDACS meetings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday. They are a hybrid format, held both online and in person. The Sunshine Law identifies three types of meetings: public, executive, and permanent interaction groups (PIGS). HACDACS monthly meetings are public meeting. Commissioners should forward suggested meeting agenda 			

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	<p>items to the Chair and/or ADAD. There is a two week lead in to develop a meeting agenda, with the final agenda required to be posted six calendar days prior to meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Ethics Code – HACDACS members are subject to the State Ethics code administered by the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. Passed out and went through “The State Ethic Codes – A Quick Guide for New Employees and Board/Commission Members. 			
<p>7. Update on meeting topics and presentations for HACDACS meetings in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2024 September 2024 <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 related to planning and any schedules or topics that the group would like to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2024 – Local Recovery Communities September 2024 – Office on Medical Cannabis Control Regulation Activities 	<p>Contact Aunty Shari Lynn, Ka Hale Pomaika`i</p> <p>Contact Office on Medical Cannabis Control Registration (OMCCR).</p>	<p>ADAD Confirmed.</p> <p>ADAD Confirmed.</p>	
<p>8. Identification of Areas of Focus for the Next Twelve Months.</p>		<p>Deferred.</p>		
<p>9. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson</p>	<p>Chair Salzer briefly described the roles of these positions.</p>	<p>Deferred.</p>		
<p>10. 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>11. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.</p>			

Next Meeting: August 27, 2024

9:00 am to 11:00 am
Zoom Meeting