

**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**

**October 24, 2023**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Members Present: Ku ulei Salzer-Vitale, MSW, Chair, Greg Tjapkes, Vice Chair; Diana Felton, MD; Jon Fujii, MBA; Lilinoe Kauahikaua, MSW.

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

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

Guests Present: None

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| 1. Call to Order:  | The meeting was called to order at 9:11.   |   |                          |          |
| 2. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of September 26, 2023.  | <b>Motion by Commissioner Felton and seconded by Commissioner Fujii to adopt minutes from the September 26, 2023, meeting.</b>   | <b>Motion approved.</b>                     |                          |          |
| 3. Community Input:<br><br>[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.<br><br><u>Staffing</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trevor Lee, the new Treatment and Recovery Branch Manager, began work last week. Katia Worley is the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Project Director. Looking to fill the SOR Grant Project Coordinator position. Brenda Wong is the new Division Secretary.</li> </ul> |   |                          |          |

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|  | <p><u>Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (HOSAC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date approximately \$17M has been received.</li> </ul> <p><u>Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADAD is currently preparing a response to the Technical Review of the recently awarded Overdose to Action (OD2A) State Grant. The Technical Review identified weaknesses in the grant application and made recommendations.</li> </ul> <p><u>DOH 2024 Legislative Package</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOH 2024 legislative package is currently under review. ADAD is requesting an Epidemiologist position.</li> </ul> |   |                          |          |
| 5. Advocacy: Legislative Report Update   | <p>Chair Salzer led the group discussion on the preparation of the annual report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When providing recommendations, take into consideration how HACDACS can follow up and support with legislative testimony.</li> <li>Will use Google Doc to compile all of the writeups. Link to Google Doc provided.</li> <li>Complete respective sections of the draft report by COB November 17, 2023. Allowing time for Commissioners to review draft report prior to November 28, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Felton to email reminder that will also have the Google Doc link.</li> </ul>  | <p>Complete respective sections of the draft report-up by COB November 17, 2023.</p> <p>Commissioner Felton to send email reminder.</p> |                          |          |
| 6. Planning meeting topics and presentations for upcoming Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) meetings:<br><br>Update on meeting topics and presentations for: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2023 meeting: ADAD Legislative Report</li> </ul>  |   |                          |          |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 2023</li> <li>• December 2023</li> <li>• January 2024</li> </ul> <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>7. Open Forum:</p> <p>Public comments on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commissions agenda at its next meeting.</p>   | No community comments provided.       |   |                          |          |
| 8. Adjournment  | The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am |   |                          |          |

**Next Meeting:            November 28, 2023**  
**9:00 am to 11:00 am**  
**Zoom Meeting**