

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 22, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Ku ulei Salzer-Vitale, MSW, Co-Chair; Lilinoe Kauahikaua, MSW, Co-Chair; Diana Felton, MD, Vice Chair; Emily Andrade; John Paul Moses III, APRN-R; Greg Tjapkes

Members Absent: Jon Fujii, MBA; Jawana Ready, MD; Erika Vargas, LCSW

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

Guests Present: Bree Kipilii

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/ CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am.			
2. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of September 24, 2024.	Motion by Vice-Chair Felton and seconded by Commissioner Moses to adopt meeting minutes for the September 24, 2024, meeting. Motion approved.	Motion Approved.		
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 input provided.			
4. Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) Report. • Announcing the Launch of the Hawaii Overdose Initiative	Mr. Valera reported on the launch of the Hawaii Overdose Initiative. • A two-day gathering of statewide stakeholders to reinvigorate and launch the expansion of the Hawaii Opioid Initiative to respond to changes in drug threats in Hawaii. Since 2018, there has been continued growth of illicit fentanyl use; rise in psychostimulant and polysubstance deaths; and growing prevalence of co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions.			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will review public health data to understand the current situation, changes in overdoses over time, re-look at structure to make the initiative nimbler while also facilitating a cross-sector collaboration, and develop goals for an updated strategic plan. • Scheduled for January 8 and 9, 2025 at the DOH Developmental Disability Division facilities on Waimano Home Road in Pearl City. • Currently working on the agenda and will send out invitations soon. <p>Co-Chair Salzer led the discussion on ADADs report. Co-Chair Kauahikaua commented that she is very excited about the event and asked if it would be helpful to have HACDACS assist in the event planning.</p> <p>Mr. Valera responded that they need all the help that they can get. And can provide an update at the HACDACS November meeting.</p> <p>Co-Chair Kauahikaua commented that this would be a good time to decide where to put culture in the structure. Will it be in its own category? Will it be a foundational aspect of the relaunch?</p> <p>Mr. Valera responded that the culture and overall themes will be revisited, and can be reaffirmed. Then can begin the discussion on structure once themes are finalized. He also shared that feedback from the survey noted that after the initial big meeting only met in small groups. And that these small groups did not come back together into the larger group.</p>			
<p>5. Update on meeting topics and presentations for upcoming HACDACS meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2024 	<p>Co-Chairs led the group discussion on meeting topics and presentations for future meetings. No presentations for November.</p>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2025 • February 2025 <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>For 2025, harm reduction will be the theme. Proposed topics identified are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2025: Harm Reduction Overview and Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center • February 2025: Hawaii Opioid Settlement Program • March 2025: Findings from the Hawaii Opioid Initiative Needs Assessment Conducted by the Mapuna Lab • April 2025: Infectious Disease Reduction, Hepatitis C, with the Syringe Services Program in Hawaii. • May 2025: Primary Prevention Strategic Plan • June 2025: Harm Reduction Counseling • July 2025: Oahu Fentanyl Taskforce Development 	<p>Contact Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center</p> <p>Contact ADAD Hawaii Opioid Settlement Program</p> <p>Contact Mapuna Lab</p> <p>Contact DOH Harm Reduction Services Branch</p> <p>Contact ADAD</p> <p>Contact Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center</p> <p>Contact Oahu Fentanyl Taskforce</p>	<p>Commissioner Moses.</p> <p>ADAD</p> <p>ADAD</p> <p>Commissioner Felton</p> <p>ADAD</p> <p>Co-Chair Salzer</p> <p>ADAD</p>	
<p>6. Discussion on HACDACS annual report to the Legislature covering the Hawaii Opioid Settlement, Hawaii CARES, local recovery support communities, medical cannabis, and opioid prevention centers.</p>	<p>Co-Chair Salzer led the group discussion on the preparation of the annual report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will use Google Doc to compile potential recommendations. Link to Google Doc provided. • A number of potential recommendations were identified and discussed for Hawaii Opioid Settlement, Hawaii CARES, cannabis, overdose prevention centers, and Ka Hale Pomaikai. 	<p>Complete respective sections of the draft report by COB November 19, 2024.</p> <p>Vice-Chair Felton to send email with links to documents.</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete respective sections of the draft report by COB November 19, 2024. Vice-Chair Felton to email links to the draft recommendations document and the draft report document. 			
<p>7. Open Forum:</p> <p>Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration of Board's agenda at the next meeting.</p>	No community comments provided.			
8. Adjournment	10:34 a.m.			

Next Meeting: November 26, 2024
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Zoom Meeting