

**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**

**November 28, 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.

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

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

Guests Present:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/ CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
1. Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 9:03.			
2. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of October 24, 2023.	<b>Motion by Commissioner Felton and seconded by Commissioner Fujii to adopt minutes from the October 24, 2023, meeting.</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 comments provided.  In a response to a question, Ms. Loudermilk relayed that a copy of the meeting agenda and packet is available for review at ADAD's office at least six days prior to a meeting.			
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.  <u>Overdose to Action State (OD2A-S) Grant</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passed technical review and waiting to hear back from the CDC. Previous grant administered by the Adult Mental Health Division.</li> <li>• Grant focus is on data collection and collaborations.</li> <li>• Received Governor's approval to establish OD2A-S Grant Coordinator Position.</li> </ul>			

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	<p><u>Hawai'i Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (HOSAC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HOSAC is receiving much attention.</li> <li>• They continues to review a number of spending requests for use of the State share of Settlement funds.</li> <li>• Settlement funds distribution: 85% to the State and 15% to the Counties.</li> <li>• Legislature wants the funds to be spent quickly.</li> <li>• Working on a number of procurements to possibly braid some of the funds.</li> <li>• Conducted interview for State Opioid Settlement Coordinator.</li> </ul> <p><u>Rate Study</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being finalized and anticipates that it will be available the middle of next month.</li> </ul> <p>ADAD is currently wrapping up a number of annual reports.</p> <p>In a response to a question, Mr. Valera relayed that no Settlement money has gone to the Drug Court as to date, they have not submitted a request to the HOSAC. ADAD would like to be connected to someone. ADAD currently has a contract with the Drug Court, however, it does not use settlement funds.</p> <p>In response to a question, Mr. Valera relayed that the rate study results will be shared at a providers meeting and be posted on ADAD's webpage. This is the second year of a five year contract. In addition to the rate study, the consultant will also conduct a study on value based purchasing.</p>			
5. Advocacy: Legislative Report	Chair Salzer led the group discussion on the review and approval of the annual report to the Legislature.			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overarching theme of the report’s recommendations follow the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Working Definition of Recovery Guiding Principles.</li> <li>• Reviewed and finalized each section of the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medicated Assisted Treatment</li> <li>○ Native Hawaiian Community and Cultural Healing</li> <li>○ Mapuna Lab</li> <li>○ Hawai’i High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)</li> <li>○ Office of Wellness and Resilience</li> <li>○ Recovery Community Organizations and Recovery Services</li> <li>○ Cannabis Use Task Force</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chair Salzer thanked the members for their time to prepare this report.</li> <li>• <b>Motion by Vice Chair Tjapkes and seconded by Commissioner Felton to approve the 2024 HACDACS Legislative Report.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion approved.</b></p>		
<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"> <li>• December 2023</li> <li>• January 2024</li> <li>• February 2024</li> </ul> <p>Brainstorming ideas for future topics and speakers.</p>	<p>Chair Salzer led the group discussion on brainstorming ideas for future topics. Future topics identified are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance coverage for off label use of medications.</li> <li>• Aunty Shari Lynn of Ka Hala Pomaikai</li> <li>• Post legislature review on adult use cannabis bill</li> <li>• Examples of harm reduction programs inside and outside of Hawai’i</li> <li>• Vaping targeting adolescents</li> <li>• Alcohol Policy Alliance</li> <li>• Overdose to Action – States (OD2A-S)</li> <li>• Opioid Settlement Director</li> </ul>			

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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>Update on Hawaii CARES</li> </ul>			
7. Open Forum:  Public comments on issues not on the agenda, for consideration for Commissions agenda at its next meeting.	No community comments provided.			
8. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am			

**Next Meeting:            January 23, 2024**  
**9:00 am to 11:00 am**  
**Zoom Meeting**