

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 26, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Ku ulei Salzer-Vitale, MSW, Co-Chair; Lilinoe Kauahikaua, MSW, Co-Chair; Emily Andrade; Jawana Ready, MD; Greg Tjapkes

Members Absent: Diana Felton, MD, Vice Chair; Jon Fujii, MBA; John Paul Moses III, APRN-R; Erika Vargas, LCSW

Staff Present: John Valera, AICP; Robyn Loudermilk, AICP, Billie-Ann Bruce

Guests Present:

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1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:24 am.			
2. Consideration and approval of meeting minutes of October 22, 2024.	Deferred.	Deferred.		
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the Launch of the Hawaii Overdose Initiative 	Mr. Valera provided an update on the launch of the Hawaii Overdose Initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a lot of interest. Over 40 people have signed up, including participants from the Neighbor Islands. Next steps are to finalize agenda, prepare meeting packet, send out reminder emails providing targeted messaging and/or information, and meeting with facilitators. Anticipate distributing agenda and packet in December 2024. 			

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	<p>Co-Chairs led the group discussion on ADADs report.</p> <p>In response to a question, Ms. Bruce provided guidance on how to register for the event. Registration for the event is by invitation only that also includes a link or QR code. Another option is to email her directly. The deadline to RSVP is December 2, 2024. Depending on space availability, a second round of invitations will then be emailed to individuals. Co-Chair Kauahikaua and Commissioner Tjapkes have signed up.</p> <p>Co-Chair Kauahikaua is interested in how stakeholder data is collected by ADAD and ADAD contractors being incorporated. Want to make sure that cultural aspects get considered and built into the HOI rather than trying to be sprinkled in later. For example, the needs assessment conducted by Mapuna Labs that was shared at the July HACDACS meeting by Kat Burke.</p> <p>Mr. Valera will follow up with the Mapuna Lab to see what information from the needs assessment can be made available. Feedback on where the HOI should be going provided to ADAD from focus groups held with HOI members and those with lived experience. He also thanked the commission for the discussion and their support.</p> <p>Commissioner Tjapkes commented that some structural elements worked well and hopes that a complete rebuild is not required. Elements that worked well are similar structure to goals and objectives, similar reports, and the annual review.</p> <p>Mr. Valera relayed that a December 2023 stakeholder survey conducted by ADAD captured a lot of structural input. Such as not having so many work</p>			

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	<p>groups, increasing the number of big group gatherings, and opening up structure to be more project based, rather than topic based. The results of this survey will be included in one of the reminder emails. After seeing survey results, can then look back at the prior history.</p> <p>Co-Chair Salzer-Vitale commented that she is looking forward to the meeting. Followed up on Co-Chair Kauahikaua point of culture being an afterthought and how that becomes part of generation trauma. Suggested the theme of the meeting be ingrained with Aloha. To understand the essence of Aloha and that is what drives us collectively in these initiatives. And that generational knowledge, from all cultures, provided by kupuna can help perpetuate one community. Perhaps include the Aloha Spirit law to the handouts.</p>			
<p>5. Update on meeting topics and presentations for upcoming HACDACS meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2025 • February 2025 • March 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</p>	<p>Co-Chairs led the group discussion on meeting topics and presentations for future meetings. There are no presentations for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>Harm Reduction will be the theme for presentations in 2025. 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: To be determined • 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. 	<p>Contact Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center</p> <p>Contact Mapuna Lab</p> <p>Contact DOH Harm Reduction Services Branch</p>	<p>Commissioner Moses Confirmed.</p> <p>ADAD</p> <p>Commissioner Felton</p>	

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system. New topic ideas are encouraged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2025: Primary Prevention Strategic Plan • June 2025: Harm Reduction Counseling • July 2025: Oahu Fentanyl Taskforce Development 	<p>Contact ADAD</p> <p>Contact Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center</p> <p>Contact Oahu Fentanyl Taskforce</p>	<p>ADAD</p> <p>Co-Chair Salzer</p> <p>ADAD</p>	
6. Discussion and adoption of the HACDACS annual report to the Legislature covering the Hawaii Opioid Settlement, Hawaii CARES/988, Ka Hale Pomaikai, cannabis, and overdose prevention centers.	<p>Co-Chair Salzer-Vitale led the group discussion on the review and adoption of the annual report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overarching theme of the report is Prevention. • Reviewed and finalized each section of the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee ○ Hawaii CARES/988 ○ Ka Hale Pomaikai ○ Cannabis ○ Overdose Prevention Centers • For the Ka Hale Pomaikai Section, Co-Chair Kauahikaua recommended replacement of the third HACDACS recommendation on page 8 with the following: “HACDACS recommends developing peer-led support networks with livable wages, recognizing peer support as a cornerstone of the recovery process. While private insurance reimbursement for peer specialist (e.g. Medicaid at \$15.19 per 15-minute session as outlined by the Peer Recovery Center of Excellence) is one pathway to sustain these networks, it also poses a burden on many smaller healing centers. We propose emphasizing the inclusion of Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) funding in funding applications. Such 			

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	<p>funding should reflect livable wages and prioritize equitable financial support for remote and rural communities. These communities heavily depend on the cultural expertise and lived experiences of recovering peers, who serve as mentors and outreach providers. By pursuing funding over insurance billing, we can ensure more equitable access and culturally grounded services in areas where they are most needed.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Cannabis Section, Commissioner Tjpakes recommended the following amendments to the second paragraph on page 9: “For example, cannabis continues to be the number one substance, <u>and increasing yearly</u>, for the Department of Health’s Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) funded adolescent substance abuse treatment admissions at [64.7%].<u>76%</u> with alcohol a distant second place at [18.6%] <u>21%</u>.” • Members also noted a number of spelling, grammatical, and formatting changes required for clarity and consistency. • Commissioner Ready commented that the report was an excellent read and the material very educational. It is written in such a way that makes the information accessible to everyone. • Co-Chairs thanked members for their time to prepare the report. • Motion by Commissioner Tjpakes and seconded by Co-Chair Kauahikaua to accept the report with the recommended changes. Motion approved unanimously. 	<p>Motion approved.</p>		
7. Open Forum:	No community comments provided.			

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Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration of Board's agenda at the next meeting.				
8. Adjournment	10:10 a.m.			

**Next Meeting: January 28, 2025
 9:00 am to 11:00 am
 Zoom Meeting**