

**MEETING MINUTES
HAWAII OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 13, 2025

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

I. Introductions/in attendance

HOSAC Representatives: Grant Giventer (DOH, Chair), Ian Santee (Deputy Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Dept), Jill Rohan (Department of Education), Miki Kiyokawa (UH, JABSOM), Romey Glidewell (Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), Lee Buenconsejo-Lum (UH, JABSOM), Yoshiaki Otake (Hawaii Island Office of the Mayor), Shelly C. De Mattos (Maui Prosecutor's Office), Benjamin Kilinski (Department of Education)

Department of Health: Robyn Loudermilk, Janet Picciarelli, Tanye Moriwaki, Scott Calantoc, Christine Laoan, Sophia Santucci, Merrick Lambaco, Michaela Abitz, Trevor Lee

Presenters: Timothy McCormick, Sophia Gralapp, Heather Lusk, Aaron Ruddick, Diana Felton

Absent: Erin Samura (Hawaii Island Office of the Mayor, Michael Miranda (County of Kauai), Andrew Martin (Maui Prosecutor's Office)

Introductory Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm by Grant Giventer.

- The meeting started with a welcome to the meeting.
- HOSAC voting members were identified by name and accounted for.
- All voting members were present.

II. Quorum present?

Yes, six out of eight voting members or proxies are present.

- Voting procedures were discussed as follows on the agenda.
- Voting will be conducted verbally.
- Voting with reservations allows for questions and adjustments to be noted before approving any voting matters.

III. First Order of Business: Review Agenda

- Grant Giventer facilitated the first order of business.
- The group reviewed the meeting agenda together. Grant confirmed the members had thoroughly reviewed the agenda before moving to approve the agenda.
- Grant moved to approve the meeting agenda, and Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum verbally motioned to pass the meeting agenda.
- All voting members unanimously approved the agenda.

IV. Second Order of Business: Summarize September HOSAC Meeting

- All members reviewed the Meeting Minutes from the 9/8/25 HOSAC meeting.
- Jill Rohan verbally motioned to approve the minutes.
- Voting members unanimously voted to approve the 9/8/25 meeting minutes.

V. Third Order of Business: Opioid Settlement Trust Fiscal Updates

- The current balance in the trust is \$39,477,954.45 as of 10/01/2025.
- Trust funds currently receiving interest beginning in October 2024 – Total received \$290,411.26
 - October \$45,877.99
 - November \$34,942.38
 - February \$45,275.37
 - May \$164,351.52
 - Interest rate for fiscal year 2022 was 1.15%, 2023 was 2.8%, 2024 was 4%
- Deposited payments August 2025:
 - CVS \$88,755.87
- County share updates
 - Oahu – MOA is with the DOH director for signature
 - Hawaii – No updates as check was already received
 - Maui – Once MOA is finalized, ideally a few weeks until first check is received, then second check during December
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- ADAD has purchased 17,455 Narcan kits for \$583,965.41 and 25,404 Padagis kits for \$661,850.98 through SOR funds (as of Sept 2025 for current calendar year)
 - Increase in numbers due to purchases of naloxone for the naloxone distribution boxes
 - All funds used have been SOR funds
- ADAD has purchased 25,000 fentanyl test strips for \$15,000.00 through SOR funds (as of August 2025 for current calendar year)

VI. Fourth Order of Business: DOH Updates

- ADAD entered new contract to maintain OSP staffing level
- Treatment goals and efforts:
 - JABSOM Programs
 - Hoping to launch next month depending on staffing. OSP has been meeting with Maui EMS and other Maui partners; progress is ongoing
 - Clean and Sober Homes RFP is in progress
 - Perinatal efforts ongoing

SOR Updates

- SOR 4 Y2 Award received for \$4 million
- Supplemental Award received for \$500k for recovery housing for young adults
- New Presidential Executive Orders: Cannot use federal funds for "harm reduction" such as syringe exchange and safe use sites, but overdose prevention (eg, naloxone, education, training, etc.) and infectious disease prevention (eg. Hep C/HIV testing, treatment, education) are still allowable
- SOR 4 Y2 continue to fund treatment, recovery, overdose prevention, infectious disease prevention, primary prevention, workforce development and education, data collection, and perinatal SUD workgroup
- Harm reduction efforts
 - Naloxone distribution boxes
 - All 156 boxes have landed in Hawai'i

- MOAs will be forwarded to counties and other partners upon final approval by AG
 - Naloxone for rollout of all NDBs has been delivered
 - Installation supplies have been tested and continue to be purchased
 - OSP continues to finalize placement with the counties, UH campuses, Judiciary, local hospitals and clinics, and other entities.
- Prevention Strategies
 - Statewide youth content PSA awareness effort through Olelo's XY Contest is moving forward. Expected launch date is November 2025
 - Fentanyl/Naloxone Awareness and Meth Awareness Flyers
 - HIDTA Fentanyl Summit
 - Under DOH Review

V. Fifth Order of Business: New Business

- County Microgrants
 - Make funds available to smaller entities on the islands
 - Kauai has already indicated interest and Big Island sent a proposal
 - Oahu is open to it, Maui will discuss internally
 - Will coordinate a meeting with counties to have further discussions
- Harm Reduction Branch Proposal
 - Requests funding at \$1,090,000 per year for two additional years (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028) to sustain ongoing syringe exchange program (SEP)
 - Breakdown
 - OUD Treatment Services \$350,000
 - HCV Treatment Services \$380,000
 - Syringe Exchange Expansion \$360,000
 - In early 2024, HOSAC approved \$2.18 million (FY 2024–2026) to expand the SEP statewide, supporting:
 - Low-threshold opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment
 - Low-threshold hepatitis C (HCV) treatment
 - Expansion of syringe exchange services
 - Year One Outcomes (July 2024 – June 2025)
 - \$739,985 (68%) of Year 1 funds were expended; operations reached full capacity by Q4.
 - Funding represented a 163% increase in SEP resources, enabling substantial expansion across Hawai'i Island, Maui, and Kaua'i.
 - Service outcomes:
 - HCV testing increased by 91% statewide.
 - 11 individuals identified with active HCV and referred to care.
 - 21 participants initiated MOUD; 20 remained in treatment at year's end.
 - MOUD and HCV testing/treatment now available statewide via in-person and telehealth services.
 - Requested Continuation (FY 2026–2028)

- Funds will continue supporting the same three service areas:
 - Low-threshold OUD treatment
 - Substance abuse counselor and peer support at SEP sites
 - Help with treatment navigation
 - Rapid telehealth access to buprenorphine (Suboxone) prescribers
 - Low-threshold HCV treatment
 - Education, on-site testing, and treatment navigation
 - Access to HCV clinicians for curative therapy
 - Expansion of syringe exchange
 - Increased outreach staffing
 - Broader access and harm reduction coverage statewide

VIII. Sixth Order of Business: Agency Updates

- **Honolulu City and County**
 - No updates
- **County of Hawai'i Island**
 - RFI was closed in September and now in internal review. 2026 summit confirmed for Wednesday April 29th at Mana Christian Church in Waimea. Pop-ups and community events ongoing and scheduled throughout the year. The task force is working with liquor commission and do a training for naloxone. Fiscal year 25-26 the task force distributed 15,000 naloxone kits
- **Maui County**
 - No updates
- **County of Kauai**
 - Absent
- **Department of Correction and Rehabilitation**
 - Nov 1st, the acute withdrawal unit will launch
- **Department of Education**
 - No updates
- **UH JABSOM**
 - Data analysis from the hospital shows that there is an increase in elderly populations using substances. UH JABSOM may be getting another individual in their fellowship program.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

No questions at this time

VOTING

X. Voting Matters Raised by Members

- Harm Reduction Branch - \$1,090,000 per year for 2 years for syringe exchange program
 - Committee would like to move to vote once more information is obtained

A majority of members of the Committee present at any called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The continued presence of a quorum is required before any formal action is recommended. A quorum is present when the majority (5 out of 8) of voting members or identified proxies are present and available to vote on action items.

Next Meeting

Monday, November 10th, 2025, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm on Microsoft Teams