

**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, Michaella 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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