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MEETING NOTICE

Plan Development Committee

Kupuna Advisory Council

Friday, August 14, 2026

9:00 AM Hawaii

Meeting ID: 165 386 6251

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order (**T.Visperas**) **(2 Min)**
2. Roll Call/Introductions
3. Welcome (**M. Ah Ho-Mauga**) **(5 Min)**
4. Minutes
 - a. Review and Approval of December 19, 2025, meeting minutes
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Public Testimony (3-minutes per testifier)
5. Thank previous Chair Melissa Ah Ho-Mauga, who has accepted a new position with State of Hawaii DCCA and agreed to stay on KAC as vice-chair.
6. Welcome Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes, who has graciously agreed to serve as new KAC Chair. Dr. Fernandes welcomes everyone and opens up the meeting sharing vision and goals for our council.
7. State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates, (**Dr. Lewin**) **(15 Min)**
 - a. Staffing updates: Jonas Yee; Jason Espero; Wanda Wanda Anae-Onishi
 - b. The All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Grant
 - Our SHPDA Website has a new AHEAD section with some critical updates like:
 - Steering Committee
 - Hospital Global Budget Working Group
 - Primary Care Working Group
 - c. Rural Health Transformation Grant
 - Gaps in services happening in Kula and Kohala
 - d. Legislative Updates:
 1. KupunaAloha: **(7 Min)**
 - a. **Caroline Cadirao** to highlight EOA current progress and goals of this bill
 2. HB 1804 Long Term Care Financing Strategy EOA, **(7 Min)**
[HB1804_TESTIMONY_HLT-HSH_02-04-26_.PDF](#)
 - a. **Mel Sakurai** to highlight EOA current progress and goals of this bill
 3. Kupuna Caucus Updates?
 - e. Discussion
 - f. Public Testimony (3-minutes per testifier)
8. Kupuna Advisory Council Priorities (**R. Fernandes**) **(15 Min)**
 - a. Next legislative session: Food, financing, and long-term care for Kupuna
 - b. Recruitment, currently we are Oahu Centric and would like to bring in qualified people from the neighbor island, any ideas?

- Qualified names and their CV's brought to the entire group or a select group then vetted before joining KAC?
- c. Meeting Logistics
 - a. Future Meeting & proposed dates:
 - b. Future Topics?
 - Barbara Yamashita, Innovations in other cultures and creative senior living opportunities
 - d. Announcements
 - g. Discussion
 - h. Public Testimony (3-minutes per testifier)
 - e. Adjourn

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