



FALL 2023

# HAWAII PHARMACY DIGEST

*Bridging Pharmacy Professionals Across Islands*

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPhA) is the only professional 501(c)(6) pharmacy association in Hawaii.

**Vision:** HPhA is dedicated to the promotion of health and to the optimal use of medication to benefit the people of Hawaii and the Pacific.

**Mission:** HPhA strives to advance and support the practice of pharmacy by improving the quality of care throughout the healthcare continuum in collaboration with our patients and members of the healthcare team.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Through the collaboration and experiences of our members we can achieve our mission to advance pharmacy practice in Hawaii.



Help shape the future of HPhA. Consider volunteering your time and expertise on one of our many committees.

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**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

*Mahalo to the Programs Committee for going above and beyond to make the Annual Meeting a success!*

Akio Yanagisawa (co-chair)  
Janelle Oshiro (co-chair)

- Aryn Meguro
- Bryce Fukunaga
- Corrie Sanders
- Crystal Tsuda
- Dillion Solliday
- Jasmine Nguyen
- Kelli Aoki
- Kylie Bungcayo
- Nicholas Tsoi
- Rizamari Pascual
- Ronel Jordan Quebral

**PHARMACY LICENSURE FEE PROPOSED INCREASE**

Hawaii pharmacists have some of the lowest licensing fees in the country. We hope to increase licensure fees by \$70-90/year to create the Hawaii State Center for Pharmacy.

Once we have one full time position to focus on state pharmacy initiatives year-round, the center for pharmacy can prioritize embedding themselves in the legislature, secure grants for the profession, conduct and organize research, provide a consistent voice for pharmacy on healthcare related state discussions and create an infrastructure broaden opportunities for pharmacists in the state

**2023 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**

The Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPhA) Annual meeting was held at the Oahu Country Club on April 8, 2023. Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists gathered for a day of learning, poster presentations, networking, and delicious food. Continuing education credits were provided to those in attendance with speakers from various areas of focus.

The Hawaii State Narcotic Enforcement Chief, Jared Redulla, addressed topics such as opioid addiction, prescription fraud, and provided an overview of the efforts to combat these nationwide issues. Dr. Jennifer Mbutia, an allergists-immunologist at the Queen's Medical Center, discussed types of true immune-mediated drug hypersensitivity reactions, and the potential negative impact of incorrect or inaccurate penicillin drug allergy documentation in the electronic health record. The Executive Director of the Partnership for Safe Medicines, Shabbir Safdar, advocated for patient safety and shared the dangers of counterfeit medications. Invitae Medical Affairs Director, Kristina Ashcraft, shared how pharmacogenomics has the potential to become the standard of care for patients to optimize medications for certain conditions.



(Top row) Jared Redulla, Narcotics Enforcement Chief; (2nd row - left) Dr. Jennifer Mbutia, Allergy and Immunology, Clinical Informatics, Pediatrics; (2nd row - right) Kristine Ashcraft, Invitae Medical Affairs Director

The event concluded with HPhA President, Corrie Sanders, providing an update on the journey of a legislative bill. The association identified the need for a full-time representative that could be actively involved in legislative activities, including meeting with legislators and representatives to advocate for the pharmacy profession, including passing a bill that mandates payment for pharmacists services.





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**Corrie Sanders, PharmD, BCACP, CPGx**  
**President**  
 Huna Health  
 Favorite dessert:  
 Chocolate lava cake with vanilla ice cream



**Janelle Siu, PharmD**  
**Immediate Past President**  
 Queen's Medical Center - West Oahu  
 Favorite pastime:  
 Spending time with family friends and fur babies; playing tennis; hiking and taking naps



**Nicolas Tsoi, PharmD**  
**Treasurer**  
 Hawaii Pacific Health  
 Straub Medical Center  
 Favorite part of the job:  
 Every day being different and there is always something you can learn



**Lily Van, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES**  
**Secretary**  
 The Queen's Health Systems  
 If I was a drug, I would be:  
 Duloxetine. I try to improve the mood of those around me



**Cherylynn Cheng, PharmD**  
**Director, Other Health System**  
 Walgreens  
 Favorite dessert:  
 Strawberry shortcake



**Jarred Prudencio, PharmD, BCACP, BC-ADM**  
**Director, Other Health System**  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo - DKICP  
 If I was a drug, I would be:  
 Dapagliflozin. It can be effective and beneficial in many different settings



**Shelley K. Kikuchi, PharmD, BCACP**  
**Director, Health System; HAHSP Chair**  
 Kaiser Permanente - Hawaii Market  
 Favorite pastime: Dancing around the house with my husband & little ones, Netflix-ing, and drinking wine



**Wes Sumida, PharmD, BCPS**  
**Director, Health System**  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo - DKICP  
 Favorite pastime:  
 Fishing & surfing



**Bryce Fukunaga, PharmD**  
**Director, Neighbor Island**  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo - DKICP  
 Favorite dessert:  
 Kinako mochi



**Megan Arbles, PharmD**  
**Director, Neighbor Island**  
 KTA Pharmacy  
 Favorite pastime:  
 Reading, taking my kids to the beach and travelling



**Christina Requelman, CPhT**  
**Director, Technician**  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo - DKICP  
 KTA Pharmacy  
 Favorite part of the job:  
 Helping and supporting students and colleagues, and networking



**Rizamari Pascua**  
**HSSH/AMCP Student Board Member\***  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo - DKICP  
 Favorite pastime:  
 Spending time with friends & family, watching Netflix and staying in bed



**Ronel Quebral**  
**APhA-ASP Student Board Member\***  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo - DKICP  
 If I was a drug, I would be:  
 Plavix because, I'm not in my true form (until I graduate) #Prodrug



**Trenton Aoki, PharmD, BCPS**  
**Board-appointed Webmaster\***  
 Adventist Health Castle  
 Favorite dessert:  
 Lemon crunch cake

## MAHALO TO THE 2021-2023 OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Akio Yanagisawa, PharmD - Board-appointed Webmaster\*  
 Aryn Meguro, PharmD - Director, Neighbor Island  
 Crystal Tsuda, PharmD, BCACP, CPHQ - Director, Other Health System  
 Dillon Solliday - APhA-ASP Student Board Member\*

Glenda Cockett, CPhT - Director, Technician  
 Kelli Aoki, PharmD, BCPS - Secretary  
 Kylie Bungcayao - HSSH/AMCP Student Board Member\*

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## 2023 LEGISLATION RECAP

The 2023 Legislative Session has come to an end, and we received some AMAZING news!

A social and financial assessment of the proposed health insurance coverage was required for SCR17. The initial intent was the direct implementation of bill SB693, but that was prevented by Hawaii Law statutes 23-51: "Before any legislative measure that mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part of individual or group health insurance policies, can be considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage."

As SB693 traveled through the House and became modified to an audit, SCR17 and SB693 became identical initiatives. The goal was to have either one pass so the bill can be reintroduced in the next legislative session without administrative barriers. SCR17 passed!

### Next Steps:

HPhA is in communication with the Office of the Auditor that will be conducting the audit. Insurance Commissioner Ito and the state insurance organization will need us, as a resource, to ensure the audit contains relevant and reliable information. Collaborations between HPhA, national, and state associations will occur to provide the Office of the Auditor with accurate data and examples of similar financial and social assessments from other states. The audit will be submitted at least twenty days prior to the 2024 legislative session and SCR17 will be reintroduced without any other administrative barriers.

## HPhA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT MAUI

The Hawaii Pharmacists Association is dedicated to continuing to support our ohana on Maui throughout the recovery process. Here's a recap of how we have assisted thus far:

- Within 48 hours of the devastating fires, HPhA was in direct communication with both Health Chairs within the House and Senate. Representative Belatti and Senator San Buenaventura know we are able to communicate and coordinate volunteer efforts as they arise.
- A secondary relief response team was quickly formed with pharmacy and physician stakeholders across the state. HPhA President Corrie Sanders will continue to attend those meetings and connect our members directly with relief response. This group also worked to advise Governor Green's office of pharmacy- and medication-related provisions to be considered in his emergency proclamations.
- HPhA members were provided primary support opportunities to circulate to pharmacists directly affected in Lahaina. We encourage the use of the National Community Pharmacists Association's Disaster Relief Grant, U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loans, and the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP).

Looking ahead, HPhA is currently working with the Food, Water and Other Supplies Working Group (FWSGW) within the legislature that is drafting an emergency measure bill. The intent is to include pharmacy specific provisions to be immediately activated during states of emergency. This bill will likely be introduced from the FWSGW during the 2024 legislative session and allow for quick mobilization of our profession in times of need.

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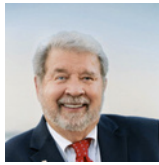
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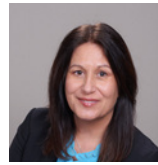
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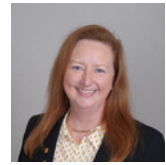
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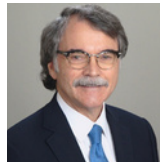
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The “Bowl of Hygeia”

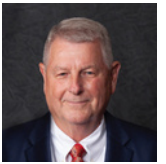


Todd Lemke  
Minnesota



Julie Jackman  
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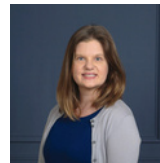
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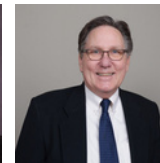
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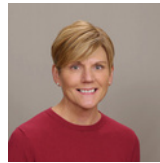
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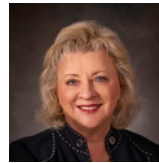
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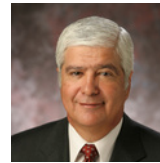
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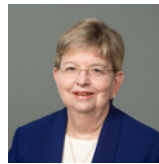
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The Bowl of Hygeia award program was originally developed by the A. H. Robins Company to recognize pharmacists across the nation for outstanding service to their communities. Selected through their respective professional pharmacy associations, each of these dedicated individuals has made uniquely personal contributions to a strong, healthy community. We offer our congratulations and thanks for their high example. The American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the state pharmacy associations have assumed responsibility for continuing this prestigious recognition program. All former recipients are encouraged to maintain their linkage to the Bowl of Hygeia by emailing current contact information to [awards@naspa.us](mailto:awards@naspa.us). The Bowl of Hygeia is on display in the APhA History Hall located in Washington, DC.

