

21st CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

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February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Hawai'i Dept of Health | 1250 Punchbowl Street. Rm 250 | Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Derek Vale (DOH), Lisa Watkins-Victorino (EDU), Carla Hostetter (OHA), Rebecca Cai (ETS), Malia Taum-Deenik (DHS)

Other State Agency/Organization Staff and the Public:

Dulce Belen (DOH), Arthur Buto (HSGP), Kimberly Williams (DOH), Claire Prieto (DOH), Phan Sirivattha (DHS), Lance Ching (DOH), Queen Smith (DOH), Melissa Kahili-Heede (POL)

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Public Notice Quorum

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Derek Vale, Chair.
- Chair welcomed the taskforce members and guests.
- To ensure accurate roll call and recording, attendees were asked to enter their names and organization in the chat.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025

- Meeting minutes were shared in the chat for review and approval. Minutes were approved.

III. Co-Chairs (DOE, DHS, DOE, & ETS) Report

The task force discussed the SPD15 action plan deadline in September 2025 and considered creating a standard approach for collecting race and ethnicity data across state agencies. They identified challenges such as resource limitations and the need for dedicated data collection efforts.

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IV. Reports from State Agencies

The discussion centered on the development of a statewide guideline, the creation of an implementation strategy, the challenges associated with data collection, and the review of relevant recommendations and values around Social Determinates of Health Data Standard.

Statewide Guideline: The task force emphasized the importance of developing the Social Determinants of Health Data Standard with input from all members. This standard will shape the framework for data collection and reporting across the state.

Implementation Strategy: To ensure the successful adoption of the guideline, the task force discussed creating a playbook for future systems development. This playbook will serve as a practical guide for stakeholders. Efforts will be made to promote the framework and make it actionable, integrating it into data practices.

Data Collection Challenges: The task force acknowledged several challenges in data collection, particularly in race and ethnicity reporting. To avoid double-counting, it is crucial to recognize multiple categories for individuals. Training on data collection standards will be provided to ensure accurate and consistent reporting.

Recommendations and Values: A review of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recommendations for equal tabulation was suggested. The task force highlighted the value of recognizing multiethnic and multigenerational households in data reporting. Additionally, it was noted that the term "part Hawaiian" should be avoided to ensure respectful and accurate representation.

V. Announcements

- Next Meeting TBD (will be towards end of March)

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am