

21st CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Established under

Act 136, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2023 and S.R. 150 S.D.1 (2024)

June 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

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

Members Present:

Derek Vale (DOH), Rebecca Cai (ETS), Malia Taum-Deenik (DHS)

Other State Agency/Organization Staff and the Public:

Dulce Belen (DOH), Arthur Buto (HSGP), Queen Smith (DOH), Lance Ching (DOH), Claire Prieto (DOH),

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

- The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Derek Vale, DOH.
- Chair welcomed the taskforce members and guests. Chair noted this would likely be the final formal meeting under the current task force authority, with plans to transition work to a subgroup under the State Data Task Force.
- 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 May 28, 2025

- Meeting minutes were shared in the chat for review and approval. Minutes were approved. Noted Correction: Section 2 should reference May 28, 2025.

III. Status of SB742

- Clarification provided that SB742 was approved by the Governor, addresses data sharing but is unrelated to ethnicity disaggregation efforts.
- 21st Century Task Force authority is sunseting, with no legal mandate or dedicated resources to continue the work.
 - Emphasis on need for future legislative action, including a potential bill or budget request in the next cycle to secure staffing and funding for coordination.

21st CENTURY DATA GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Established under

Act 136, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2023 and S.R. 150 S.D.1

-
- Without resources, progress is limited; volunteer participation alone cannot sustain meaningful impact.

IV. Discussion and Recommendations

- **Group agreed on a key deliverable:** Develop a guideline document based on federal SPD 15 requirements as a minimum standard for race and ethnicity data collection.
- Federal guidance to serve as the starting point, with departments responsible for any additional adaptations to meet program-specific needs, compliance rules, or local priorities.
- No blanket state-level requirements beyond the federal minimum; each department to evaluate internally whether expanded data elements would better serve residents, balancing usefulness with privacy protections.
- Departments encouraged to assess their systems and identify any budget needs for implementation and prepare coordinated requests.
- **Transition plan:** End current task force activities with the guideline as a wrap-up product; share via a collaborative document for group review, then distribute to all relevant departments.
- Recommendation for agencies to act within their own controls to align with SPD 15, evaluate system updates, and ensure reliable data for purposes like census reporting and federal funding.
- Additional notes: Avoid setting unrealistic expectations without resources; guideline to be shared through existing channels, such as DOH data governance discussions or inter-departmental data leads.
- Opportunity to adapt SPD 15 for Hawaii context within individual agencies, with further internal reviews as needed.

V. Announcement(s)

- Guideline document link to be sent for group input and finalization.
- No further meetings; coordination via department efforts or future mandated structures.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am