

1 Report of the HDA Community and Public Health Program – 2020

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3 **Strategic Plan Goal #2 – Community:** Effectively promote oral health awareness and
4 ensure that the Hawaii Dental Association is recognized as the known authority in
5 dentistry and as having an active role in improving the oral health of the people of
6 Hawaii.

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8 The Community and Public Health Program (CPHP) addressed the ongoing concern of
9 Medicaid dental benefits. A proposal from the CPHP to do a study with increased
10 benefits for a target group of Medicaid recipients was deemed not actionable at this time.

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12 The CPHP addressed via Zoom, the COVID-19 request regarding HDA
13 acknowledgement of a specific organization and implied support of this organization’s
14 work. The CPHP determined that HDA’s name is not to be used in its efforts.

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16 The CPHP addressed via Zoom, a service being provided by a third-party dental
17 insurance carrier and a specific Medicaid participant registration in the same context of
18 re-credentialing. This was a positive informational meeting by opening the lines of
19 communication between the carrier and HDA.

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21 The CPHP continues to address concerns about community and public dental health and
22 how these concerns affect the HDA and its members, and to make recommendations in
23 the best interest of the HDA and its members.

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25 The members of the CPHP are Drs. Dan Fujii, Lynn Fujimoto, Brian Higa, Anthony Kim,
26 Wayne Leong, Dayton Lum, Gavin Uchida, and Steve Wilhite.

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32 Mendel Sato, DDS
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37 **Recommendation of the HOD Reference Task Force on the Report of the HDA**
38 **Community and Public Health Program:**

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40 The HOD Reference Task Force recommends that the Report of the HDA Community
41 and Public Health Program be accepted.

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43 **Action taken by the House:** The HDA HOD accepted the Report of the HDA
44 Community and Public Health program.