

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

June 3, 2022

Zoom Online Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATION: UH Manoa “Intro to Medicare” Course Products, Wanda Anae-Onishi, Director, Hawaii SHIP. (Presentation attached.)

The Medicare Basics video is available in English, Cantonese, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese on YouTube at

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYuJozHXpCEjoQNkbweOYHpTqbhKmcq4v>.

The ESRD and Medicare video is at <https://youtu.be/oKIsFsC-Tg>. The Medicare Part D video in Tagalog is at <https://youtu.be/n7BKhfR69A>. Wanda commented that the course has been mutually beneficial for students, UH, SHIP community partners, and SHIP. Wanda appeals to PABEA to help and support the promotion of the course with the UH curriculum board to be offered at the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health. The Hawaii SHIP Medicare Course is currently offered state-wide from the UH Outreach College at

<https://explore.outreach.hawaii.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=5169184&selectedProgramAreaId=&selectedProgramStreamId=18111>.

SHIP will be promoting the course in the community via its partners. Feedback on the presentation from today’s attendees was all positive.

CALL TO ORDER:

Gary Simon called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Appointed Members: Shelly Abe Ogata, Colette Brown, Beverly Gotelli, William Kinaka, Stephen Lung, Roberta Murray, Barbara Service, Gary Simon, Rick Tabor, Leslie Tanoue, Raelene Tenno, Kathy Wyatt, and Barbara Yamashita.

(A quorum was established as thirteen members were present at roll call. This board requires eight members to be present to establish quorum.)

Ex-officio Members: Alan Burdick, DLIR Office of Community Services; Kathy Ishihara, DHS; and Christy Nishita, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

EOA Staff and AAA Staff Present: Wanda Anae-Onishi, Thomas Atou, Caroline Cadirao, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Jomel Duldulao, Horace Farr, Norma Kop, Josephine Lum, James Mariano, John McDermott, Jan Mori, Sharie Nagatani, Lisa Nakao, Lani Sakamoto, Debbie Shimizu, Kealoha Takahashi, and Cristina Valenzuela.

Guests: Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, AARP Hawaii.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6, 2022 Zoom online PABEA meeting were approved as circulated.

## RECOGNITION

On behalf of EOA, PABEA, the AAAs, and the aging network, Caroline recognized Gary's service on PABEA and to kupuna during his current two terms ending June 30, 2022. Caroline presented Gary with a lei and a wooden bowl filled with cookies. Gary thanked all for the opportunity to serve on PABEA and as its chair the last two years.

## PABEA OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Gary re-presented the approved slate of nominees for Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair:

- Nominee for Chair: Roberta Murray
- Nominee for First Vice Chair: Beverly Gotelli
- Nominee for Second Vice Chair: Stephen Lung

No nominations were received from the floor or from the public.

The slate was approved unanimously by PABEA members present via roll call voice vote.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Gary reminded board members to complete the Office of Information Practices (OIP) Training at <https://oip.hawaii.gov/training/>.

Regarding video for those attending PABEA meetings virtually, Caroline reported that OIP informed her that video must be on for voting PABEA members.

Caroline also reported that PABEA Strategic Planning is scheduled for August 4, 2022, Thursday, from either 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The facilitator will be Peter Adler of Accord. Caroline will have key EOA staff attend. The venue is to be determined.

Regarding the closure of Wahiawa General Hospital Nursing Facility, John reported that 20 patients, many of whom are difficult to place because of outstanding unpaid bills, remain to be transferred to another facility or home. Representative Amy Perusso will be hosting a virtual town hall next week to discuss and examine possibilities which Wahiawa General administration considered before deciding on closure and to explore alternatives to closing the facility.

Regarding the legislative budget worksheet for EOA dated May 19, 2022, the worksheet outlines an allocation of \$1.5 million for ADRC and \$2.65 million for kupuna care, a portion of which will fund the Kupuna Caregivers Program. The worksheet also outlines the full-time FTEs and funding for five additional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program positions (two for Hawaii County, one for Maui County, and one for Kauai County, and one additional position for Oahu). With five additional positions and two existing positions, total LTCOP positions will be 7. However, contracted LTCOP services will continue for one additional year. The five additional positions are anticipated to be filled the following year after necessary HR processes and

documents (e. g. organizational chart, job descriptions) are completed and approved. John is considering retiring sometime thereafter.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara Service reported that the Committee did not meet this week. The Committee is considering returning to its former schedule of meeting before the monthly PABEA meeting.

Caroline reported that EOA plans to advocate again for State funding for SHIP in the next 2023 legislative session.

### PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PPRC)

Shelly reported that the Committee met briefly this morning and reviewed and discussed recommended goals for the 2023 - 2027 Hawaii State Plan on Aging. Review and discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (RAC)

Kathy thanked the AAAs for their contributions to the Older Americans Month Awards Celebration aired this morning on Olelo. Feedback has been positive.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING (EOA)

Attached is Caroline's report.

Caroline provided highlights from her report:

- Equity Theme – All the directives from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and any grant applications must consider equity.
- Code of Federal Regulations update – ACL is asking for input from State Units on Aging, AAAs, providers, and stakeholders regarding the Code of Federal Regulations for the Older Americans Act, as amended. The regulations guide the Title III, VI, and VII programs across the county. The regulations were last revised in 1988. Comments are due to ACL by June 6, 2022.
- Some funds remain available to promote COVID-19 vaccination.
  - National Interbranch Task Force on Effective and Sustainable Long-Term Care
  - The Council of State Governments (CSG) are the facilitators for this task force.
  - Caroline will represent the Executive Branch as Director of EOA and Senator Sharon Moriwaki is presiding from the legislature.
  - EOA and Senator Moriwaki are compiling a list of partners and stakeholders to join the Hawaii task force.
  - EOA has provided feedback to the Council of State Governments.
  - Caroline spoke with Senator Moriwaki this morning. The first meeting of the Hawaii task force is scheduled for July 26, 2022.
- Caregivers' Assessment Survey and the Aging in Hawaii Survey – Invitations to complete the surveys have been sent by email. Recipients of the email are encouraged to forward the invitation to partners, stakeholders, friends, and family members. Paper copies also are available for those without computer access or limited computer literacy. Data from completed surveys will assist EOA with the development of the Hawaii State Plan on Aging for 2023 – 2027.

- In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2022, the Kupuna Collective, the UH Center on Aging, and EOA are sponsoring a virtual event, “*Financial Abuse and Exploitation of Older Adults*” on Monday, June 13 from 10:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Event speakers will discuss the various types of financial fraud and exploitation, types of scam tactics, dynamics of chronic fraud victimization, and available resources when working with or assisting older victims of fraud.
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) has partnered up with Sian Pierre, director of the documentary film “*Duty Free.*” The film has sparked a movement to help people transitioning out of the workforce. Sian is working with EOA and Norma Kop and SMP to include in employee handbooks guidance to retirees, those exiting the workforce, and displaced employees.
- PABEA board training tentatively is scheduled for Thursday, June 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon via Zoom. EOA will conduct the training. New and current PABEA members are welcome to attend.
- Current Status of the ADRD Services Coordinator Position - Caroline continues to work with the DOH HR office to establish the position. She anticipates recruiting for the position in the fall.

#### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Christy stated that she is in support of continuing the SHIP Medicare course at UH. She is also working with Caroline and EOA on workforce development ideas. Christy noted that the UH Center on Aging is a co-sponsor of the *Financial Abuse and Exploitation of Older Adults* virtual event on Monday, June 13, 2022.

#### CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION (EAD)

Attached is the June 2022 EAD report to PABEA.

Thomas Atou reported on behalf of Derrick Ariyoshi. EAD has hired a secretary and a community services specialist. Service provider contracts have been executed. EAD is reorganizing with a new proposal for a call center. The City and County of Honolulu Managing Director is reviewing the composition of the Honolulu Committee on Aging. EAD is distributing the Caregivers’ Assessment Survey and the Aging in Hawaii Survey.

#### HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING (HCOA)

Horace thanked Kathy for her hard work with the OAM celebration. He reported that contracts have been returned to HCOA. Arsonists set fire to four senior support vehicles at the Kamana Senior Center in Hilo. Horace remarked that the arson to the four vehicles negatively impacts elderly transportation services and meal deliveries to homebound seniors. He also remarked that the senior center has suffered numerous instances of vandalism over the last year, including vehicle gas lines cut and catalytic converters stolen. Sadly, meals on wheels deliverer Carrie Ikawa died after a hit and run while on the job. Horace commented that EAP has been vital during this period of loss.

#### KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (AEA)

Attached is Kealoha’s report.

Kealoha offered her appreciation to Gary for his leadership, support, and advocacy for the programs and services provided to Hawaii's older adults. She commented that Gary stands out as a champion for elders and caregivers. She entered in the Zoom chat, "Kokoro kara arigato gozaimasu! Mahalo nui loa! Best Wishes, Gary!"

Kealoha reported that AEA has distributed 14 of 30 available iPads for virtual EnhanceFitness. She thanked AARP Hawaii for its Kupuna Digital Resource Directory. AEA is issuing a press release on the Caregivers' Assessment Survey and the Aging in Hawaii Survey. AEA also has paper versions of the surveys for those without computer access or with limited computer literacy. AEA will be performing community outreach to invite members of the community to complete the surveys. AEA is encountering elder victims and defendants with Alzheimer's. AEA is working with the prosecuting attorney on these cases. AEA is also working with those with mental illnesses.

#### MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING (MCOA)

Attached is Rowena's report.

Rowena thanked Kathy for her work on the OAM celebration. The County budget has passed first reading. All MCOA's requests have been approved. Service providers will be receiving an increase. \$250,000 is allocated for Lanai Kinaole. An accountant position is vacant. Program specialist Sharon Nobriga retired. Her position is now vacant. The former program specialist position held by Kevin Dusenbury remains vacant. Recruiting continues for vacant positions. MCOA is attempting to transfer an internal candidate to Sharon's former position. Recruiting also continues for positions on Lanai and Molokai for assessments and soliciting community concerns. MCOA will be hosting community focus groups. Housing is a growing issue.

#### KUPUNA CAUCUS

Gary announced that the Kupuna Caucus will recap the 2022 legislative session

#### APPOINTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

No reports from appointed members were offered.

#### STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No statements were offered, and no testimony was submitted to EOA.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Hawaii Crisis Standards of Care Triage Allocation Framework remains under legal review with the Department of the Attorney General. Gary and Kealii Lopez will continue to advocate for the release of the final version of the Framework to the public.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new items were offered for the July PABEA meeting agenda.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 1, 2022, 11:30 a.m., PABEA monthly meeting (In-person and via Zoom)
- [Upcoming AARP Hawaii Events](#)
- Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center Community Resources Meeting, July 7, 2022, 12:00 p. m. [Join Zoom meeting](#).
- [YMCA of Honolulu](#): free kupuna meals and wellness activities:
  - Free Kupuna Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention.
  - Free Kupuna Meals & Wellness Activities.
  - Free Kupuna Group Exercise Classes.
- [Senior Medicare Patrol \(SMP\) Hawaii Caregiving Series](#).
  - July 14: SMP Hawaii Annual Volunteer Recognition and Training Event
  - August 11: Long-Term Care – Cost, Consequence, and COVID-19
  - September 8: Ten Tips for Getting Help with Your Questions
  - October 13: Developing a Network for Our Shared Journey
- [June 15, 2022: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)
- Elections
  - June 7, 2022, Candidate Filing Deadline
  - [August 13, 2022, Hawaii Primary Election](#)
  - *Voters receive their ballots in the mail for the Primary Election by July 26, 2022.*
  - [November 8, 2022, General Election](#)
  - *Voters receive their ballots in the mail for the General Election by October 21, 2022.*
  - *“The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the day of the general election at which elected....”*
  - *“The term of office of the governor shall begin at noon on the first Monday in December next following the governor’s election....”*
- October 15 – 19, 2022, [LeadingAge Annual Meeting and Expo](#), Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado.

## ADJOURNMENT OF PABEA MEETING:

Gary adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.