

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Colette Brown, James Cisler, Laurel Coleman, Patrick Duarte, Tony Lenzer, Joy Miyasaki, Adele Rugg, Marilyn Seely, Gary Simon, Scott Spalina, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Sarah Yuan, Kathy Ishihara, Keith Ridley, Tessy Yokota, Eldon Wegner

Members Absent: Suzie Schulberg, David Rodriguez, Melina Sanchez, Thomas Williams

Others Present: EOA Staff: Terri Byers, Caroline Cadirao, Aaron Arakaki, Lani Sakamoto

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

Chair's Report

- 1) Understanding of issues, roles, and responses of Executive Office members.
- 2) Terri and Joy will draft letters to Legislature for confirmation of communication procedures.
- 3) Develop protocols for legislative committee.
- 4) January meeting - Deputy Attorney General Lori Wada will be attending 11:00a-12:00pm.

EOA Report

Terri and other Directors met with the Governor to review budget requests.

HCOA Report

Kimo mentioned that there will be a change in administration from Mayor Kenoi to Mayor Kim. Staff is busy supporting Big Island Christmas festivities

KAEA Report

Kealoha provided updates toward meeting four-year plan goals and objectives.

MCOA Report

Confirmation of the following events and activities.

- Caregivers Conference (November 2016)
- Elder Abuse Conference (June 2017)
- initiative to increase coordination and efficiency in MCOA
- Lanai position vacant

Tessy Yokota, SSA

- 1) Change in earnings limit for age 62-66 earnings limit
- 2) COLA = .3%
- 3) Medicare premium will increase for new enrollees in 2017

Keith Ridley, OHCA

- 1) Mosquito awareness
- 2) Budget – Did as much as possible to get funding
- 3) 2016 – successful to get 2 more surveyors positions, 1 admin support in Jan 2017
- 4) Licensing for DME suppliers (2016 Legislature, enacted summer) - Supplier must be state licensed with ability to be reached for customer service by state and private individuals. Sent letter to current supplier DBA in Hawaii (could be OOS); sent application form.
- 5) Licensing of home care agencies. Hawaii Administrative Rules in final draft form at DAG before public hearing.

Eldon Wegner, UH

- 1) Met with Jan and Christy from UH, Center on Aging. New director Jan Thurman. She supports Kinesiology so supports offering Tai Chi.
- 2) Patricia Higgins-Hawkins - offering training for paramedics

Center of Aging

- 1) Position 1 – assists in issuing certificates at UHM.
- 2) Position 2 – community oriented, addressing elder care, work force issues, especially on neighbor islands.
- 3) UH budget somewhat complicated, proposed four themes this year (innovation, diversity, help students graduate early, \_\_\_\_\_)
- 4) UH Center on Aging will help coordinate UH aging programs

Debbie, No Wrong Door

Piloting referral form on Kauai. DDD, MedQuest, and NWD collaborating to put together a summit at the HCBS Conference.

Nathan Hokama

Take Care Take Charge Public Awareness Campaign – Media is TV and Website

- 1) 15% convergence rate doing something once they visit the site (leave a story or contact info)
- 2) Four contacts want Dr. Nitz book; first draft met – Dec care for Kupuna, ADRC link.
- 3) Dr. Nitz:
  - No tax bill is going to pass
  - Starting small project (\$6million/year) to help ease burden of working; caregivers taking care of elderly (20+ hours/wk)
  - Proposed – 90+ days/year (Not insurance)

After 1/6/17 Kupuna Caucus meeting, dessert bar to honor Senator Chun-Oakland.