

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)  
Friday, January 08, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: James Cisler, Laurel Coleman, Patrick Duarte, Tony Lenzer, Mae Mendelson, Joy Miyasaki, Adele Rugg, Suzie Schulberg, Marilyn Seely, Beverly Jean Withington, Sarah Yuan, Eldon Wegner, Tessy Yokota

Members Absent: John Tomoso, Tracey Wiltgen, Kathy Ishihara, Keith Ridley, David Rodriguez, Melina Sanchez

Others present: EOA Staff: Philip Ana, Aaron Arakaki, Terri Byers, Caroline Cadirao, Jen Ching, Tania Kuriki

Nalani Aki, Kimo Alameda, Norma Circle, T.J. Davies, Nathan Hokama, Larry Nitz, Barbara Service, Debbie Shimizu, Barbara Kim Stanton, Kealoha Takahashi

The meeting called to order by Joy Miyasaki at 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Thirteen (13) members present at roll call.

MINUTES

December minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION ISSUES

Chair's Report

Joy had questions as to who provides legal assistance to PABEA. Terri mentioned that any legal questions should be brought forward to EOA Director. The EOA Director will contact the Deputy AG's Office for assistance.

Also, another issue is whether or not PABEA members are in compliance with state lobbying registration and filing requirements. Joy is waiting for response from Deputy AG.

Plans and Project committee has been tasked with re-visiting the By-laws. The 1995 By-laws is the last approved version. All other versions were edited but not approved.

Tracey Wiltgen will be resigning from PABEA, pending formal resignation letter.

Joy asked that anyone who calls in to please mute their phone.

## PABEA Committees

### *Legislative*

Sarah mentioned that the committee members went to visit some Legislators and talked about the PABEA priority issues. The committee met with Sen. Espero, Rep. Belatti, Rep. Creagan, Sen. Riviere, and Rep. Mizuno. Meetings with four legislators still need to be scheduled.

Rep. Belatti is not in support of Care Act. Medicaid rules and guidelines are comprehensive so she doesn't think we need any additional state rules. If the CARE Act is passed, there may be additional costs.

Rep. Mizuno is supportive but depends on chairs' decision.

He mentioned a 6 point care package (omnibus bill):

- 1) Unannounced visits
- 2) Website for posting inspection results, which will also include an online referral/application system
- 3) Investigations for unlicensed care homes
- 4) Licensing fees
- 5) Faster payments within 30 days (DHS)
- 6) Higher reimbursement for caregivers (e.g. carehome operator)

Rep. Souki and Rep. Luke are scheduled for today at 2:30p and 3p.

1/11 10a – Sen. Kouchi, 10:30a – Rep. Nishimoto

1/19 10a – Rep. Kobayashi

Legislative session starts on 1/20. The committee will be busy with tracking the bills and advocacy work. Sarah asks members help by submitting testimony as individuals and visiting legislators in your counties.

Barbara Service is a new committee member.

### *Plans and Projects Review*

Nalani talked about EAD response to Hawaii News Now report on ADRC. Information and referral would be given for persons seeking respite services. EAD has no record of the call in SAMS Harmony system.

She also gave an outline of EAD's 5 major goals in the plan:

- 1) Aging Well and Prevention
- 2) Strategic Partnerships and Alliance
- 3) ADRC
- 4) LTSS
- 5) Effective and Responsive Management

EOA's feedback on EAD's Area Plan was on quality and compliance.

Marilyn mentioned that the committee will re-visit the By-Laws and meetings will start at 10:30a. Also, the committee will assist in recruiting PABEA members.

T.J. Davies is a new committee member.

## *Recognition and Awards*

Jim would like to have about 9 minutes for a presentation at the February meeting. ACL's theme is 'Blaze A Trail.' The committee is working on a press release/public relations package and a solicitation package.

## Aging Network

### *Executive Office on Aging*

Terri gave a brief status of EOA. *(See attached for EOA updates).*

### *Elderly Affairs Division*

Nalani provided some stats on ADRC:

From Jul 1 – Dec, over 4,000 contacts with individuals - about 2900 incoming calls and completed about 1300 initial intakes.

From July – Nov, currently over 4,657 people receiving registered services (Kupuna Care and Title III).

### *Hawaii County on Aging*

Kimo gave a brief status of HCOA. *(See attached for HCOA updates).*

### *Kauai County on Aging*

Kealoha reported that KAEA:

- 1) Four vacant positions
- 2) Services are on hold with a service provider due to contract not currently in place. Hopefully by February 1, a new contract will be signed.

### *Maui County on Aging*

Norma gave a report on MCOA:

- 1) Hired 1 new part time staff for Lanai
- 2) Due to increase demand for services, MCOA had to re-adjust how services are delivered and now currently meet agencies standards. ie. Previously, 4 bath a week were given; now only 2 baths a week.
- 3) Receives about 80 calls/month
- 4) Adjusted to Federal Fiscal Year

## Members Report

Eldon for UH briefly mentioned the Dementia Training on 3/11. Legislative committee will be supporting for two COA positions.

Joy presented DCCA's information. *(See attached calendar and flyer).*

## STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Nitz mentioned that Sen. Baker will hold informational briefing on the revision of SB727 (LTC Financing package) in #229 on 1/21 at 9:30a.

Barbara Stanton said that Hawaii Theater for Youth is doing an intergenerational play called “Mud Pies and Magic.” It will kick off next Friday 1/15. Lee Cataluna explores what generations may learn from each other when they dare to “play” together.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Debbie mentioned that the No Wrong Door is continuing the process to finish up the 1 year grant in the Governor’s Office and move to DOH. Feds offered free person centered training but needs to decide to accept it or not. Brochures on ADRC to be translated into 10 different languages are being printed.

Nathan presented a “Take Care, Take Charge” draft flyer for the public awareness campaign. The purpose is to drive people to website for more information. The draft pdf copy is requested to be sent out to PABEA members.

But the biggest challenge or question is “Who do they call for more information?” Who or where can people go to assist with LTC? Programmatically, this is not in place yet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25p.m.

UPDATES from the EOA Director, 1/8/2016

#### I. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET UPDATE

With the strong support of Dr. Pressler, we were successful in getting a handful of our budget requests included in Governor Ige's budget submitted to the Legislature late last month. Significant items included in the budget include:

- A change in salary administration from federal funds to general funds
- Increasing the ADRC budget by \$1,753,283 bringing the total to \$3,153,283
- Increasing the Kupuna Care budget by \$4,145,965 bringing the total to \$9,000,000.

We were not successful in keeping our original request for Healthy Aging funding of \$485,880 nor Alzheimer's funding of \$47,000.

#### II. MAY 2016 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

The 2016 theme is Blaze a Trail, and in May we will take the opportunity to raise awareness about issues facing older adults, and highlight the way older Americans are advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities.

Join us as we Blaze a Trail by promoting activities, inclusion, and wellness for older Americans.

#### III. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

The Administration released the final report for 2015 Conference on Aging. This year's conference marked the 50th anniversary of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act, as well as the 80th anniversary of Social Security. At the conference, the Administration announced a number of new public actions and initiatives to help ensure Americans have increased opportunity and ability to retire with dignity; that older adults enjoy the fullest physical, mental, and social well-being; that older adults can maximize their independence and ability to age in place; and that elder abuse and financial exploitation is more fully recognized as a serious public health challenge and addressed accordingly.

#### IV. HAWAII'S ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE INITIATIVE- TRAINING FOR I&R STAFF

As part of COA's ACL grant, (Hawaii's Alzheimer's Disease Initiative), COA is planning a training for I&R staff on Friday March 11, 2016, tentatively 8a - 11am.

This I&R training will be conducted by Dr. Terry and Ms. Michelle Barclay from Minnesota, experts in building dementia-capability among aging network professionals. They wrote the nationally recognized curriculum for "Single Point of Entry" systems, conducted trainings of I&R staff, and produced training videos for I&R staff and ADRCs.

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### PABEA REPORT

#### Hawaii County Updates/Concerns

1. Data consolidation efforts is moving forward as scheduled and collaboration has been positive.
2. 25 participants completed a pilot Caregiver 101 training class with Dr. Michael Chaeng from University of Hawaii Center on Aging. Note: Evaluation results were higher than the Powerful Tools for Caregivers Training.
3. Disability Placard Program reached record heights at 5 per day for East Hawaii and 3 per day for West Hawaii. Placard program proving to be a great way to inform the public of our ADRC.
4. We are currently looking to improve how we celebrate Older American's Month, especially since this May's celebration makes 50 years that HCOA first opened it's doors in 1966.
5. Hired one individual to replace recently retired employee who held the placard position.
6. We are proud to report that our case management model limits the need for a waitlist. As a result, we have no one waiting for services.

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January 2016

DCCA

Jan 27, Job Fair at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall from 10am-3pm

Feb 20, Small Business Fair at Leeward Community College from 7:30am-12:30pm

March 9, National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) Fair at DCCA, 335 Merchant Street Courtyard from 10am to 1pm

**Senior Presentations:**

KAP Hilo Aunty Sallys (01/12) @ 1640 799 Piilani St, 9:30am

Kilauea Seniors (01/26) @ 4109 Kilauea Ave, 9:30am

**Community Events:**

Job Quest Job Fair (01/27) @ Neal Blaisdell Center, 10:00-3:00pm

We would appreciate your help in getting out information about our NCPW Fair to the senior community. This is our 11<sup>th</sup> year coordinating this fair for our consumers. I will attach a flier that you can distribute and please ask your contacts to help distribute to their clients. We'll have all our DCCA divisions represented at this event as well as other organizations such as, AG, BBB, Hawaii HomeOwnership Center, Hawaii State Public Library System, Hawaiian Electric, Legal Aid, SMP Hawaii, HUD, and our partner the USPS. More organizations signing up so this isn't a complete list yet.

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**10 am to 1 pm**

**DCCA - King Kalakaua Bldg Courtyard**

**335 Merchant Street**

Local, state, and federal agencies will offer FREE consumer education information highlighting resources for consumers of every age. Learn about mortgage foreclosure resources, spending and managing money wisely, protecting your identity, and steering clear of frauds and scams.

Stop by and pick up valuable tips from community organizations offering helpful consumer information.

FREE popcorn, while supplies last.