

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM
No. 1 Capitol District | 250 South Hotel Street | Conference Room 410
Friday, November 1, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Appointed members present: Beverly Gotelli, Louise Johnson, William Kinaka, Stephen Lung, Sara Lenzer Medeiros, Shelly Ogata, Suzie Schulberg (entered the meeting via Zoom at 12:05 p.m.), Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Gary Simon, Lisa Spencer (entered the meeting via Zoom at 12:00 noon), Rick Tabor, Charlene Taketa (entered the meeting via Zoom at 12:15 p.m.), Leslie Tanoue (entered the meeting via Zoom at 12:10 p.m.), and Raelene Tenno.

Appointed members excused and absent: Poki'i Balaz.

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

Ex-officio members present: Alan Burdick, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Office of Community Services (DLIR OCS); Paula Cerio, Department of Health (DOH); Kathy Ishihara, Department of Human Services (DHS); Dan Miyamoto, Department of Education (DOE); and Christy Nishita, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Center on Aging (COA).

EOA staff and AAA staff present: Aaron Arakaki, Derrick Ariyoshi, Caroline Cadirao, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Horace Farr, Nia Greer, Norma Kop, Josephine Lum, John McDermott, Candace Nakamoto, Lynn Niitani, Lauryn Reich, Lani Sakamoto, Tani Salazar, Kealoha Takahashi, Cristina Valenzuela, Jazlyn Wandasan, Jason Wong, and Jeffrey Woodland.

Guests present: Deanna Espinas, producer, *The Super Executive Aunties of the Malama Caregivers*, Debbie Kim Morikawa, Department of Health (DOH), and Rae Seitz, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Hui Pohala.

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Gotelli called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION: Rae Seitz, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Hui Pohala, provided a presentation on expanding palliative care in the community, *Reimagining Care for Hawaii's People*. (Presentation attached.)

KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (KAEA)

Attached is Kealoha's report. Kealoha announced that she is retiring at the end of November 2024. She thanked PABEA for its advocacy and support of KAEA and the AAAs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The draft minutes of the October 4, 2024 in-person and Zoom PABEA meeting were approved as circulated.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING (EOA) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attached is Caroline's report. Caroline provided highlights from her report:

- EOA and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program are in the midst of Medicare open enrollment.
- EOA participated in an AARP Hawaii Independent Senior Housing Emergency Plan Template meeting on October 14, 2024.
- EOA is examining an opportunity to participate in a training collaborative for a multisector plan on aging.
- EOA is participating in a year-long campaign on elder abuse awareness. Caroline thanked Cristina for her work on the elder abuse awareness campaign with KHON2. EOA received its baseline data for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) awareness campaign. The data will help inform messaging for the ADRD awareness campaign. The next step will be to conduct focus groups.

PRESENTATION: Deanna Espinas, producer of "The Super Executive Aunties of the Malama Caregivers."

Deanna announced the reading of "The Super Executive Aunties of the Malama Caregivers" on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Brad Powell Theatre at Dole Cannery. Deanna also announced the reading of excerpts from the book "No One is Prepared for Alzheimer's...One Family's Story" by Lindsay Desrochers on November 3, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at the Brad Powell Theatre. Lindsay Desrochers' stories came from a journal she was writing while her husband was fighting Alzheimer's.

Cristina thanked Deanna as Deanna is the talent for the second public service announcement on elder abuse awareness being featured on KHON2.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Beverly reported that she and Caroline have been in touch with each other via phone and email regarding the direction of PABEA, the content of PABEA meetings, and the scheduling of PABEA Executive Committee meetings. An Executive Committee meeting will be held today after the PABEA meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara reported that the Committee met this morning. Nicole Woo of Hawaii Children's Action Network provided a presentation on proposed legislation for paid family leave. Paid family leave legislation did not pass in the last legislative session. Potential PABEA legislative priorities were discussed. More will be learned at today's Kupuna Caucus meeting. Only PABEA members can submit testimony on behalf of PABEA to the legislature. Barbara asked Committee members to consider potential priorities for the next legislative session, including priorities which did not pass last legislative session, such as funding for falls prevention, paid family leave, caregiver tax credit, and automatic enrollment for the Hawaii Saves Retirement Program. Barbara asked Committee members to consider which issues they would like to track and lead for PABEA. PABEA members who are not the lead on a particular issue and Committee community members are encouraged to submit testimony as individuals.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PPRC)

Shelly announced that she can submit the minutes for the September PPRC meeting if those minutes have not been submitted yet.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (RAC)

Rick reported that the Committee met yesterday without quorum. The Committee is seeking more members. Rick is the Chair of the Committee. Barbara is the Co-chair of the Committee. Sarah has joined the Committee. As soon as the theme for Older Americans Month (OAM) is announced next year, the Committee will intensify its planning and preparation. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) executives are attending Committee meetings. The Committee will not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2024. Meetings are held via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday before the monthly PABEA meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was offered.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Kathy Ishihara reported that Meredith Nichols, Assistant Administrator of Hawaii's DHS Med-QUEST Division, will attend the February PABEA meeting to report on the status of the Medicaid renewal effort (Medicaid eligibility redetermination.)

Christy reported that Naomi Morita, M.D. of Hui Pohala will be providing to the Kūpuna Collective a palliative care primer for allied healthcare workers training on February 4, 2025 and February 6, 2025 via Zoom. The training is targeted for community health workers (CHWs) who are training to be kūpuna support navigators, a program that the Kūpuna Collective is piloting with federal funding. The training is open to all members of the Kūpuna Collective, which includes more than 200 organizations in the state that serve kūpuna. The Kūpuna Collective includes EOA and the AAAs as members. Deanna is also a member. The Kūpuna Collective and Dr. Morita are drafting a flyer for the palliative care primer training. Advertising will begin soon. Christy will ensure that PABEA members receive the flyer.

Paula Cerio reported that DOH has hired 3 new RNs to perform Medicare surveys. The 3 hires have begun training. Paula remarked that she appreciated today's palliative care presentation as opportunities exist to implement palliative care in care homes and community care foster family homes.

Alan Burdick of DLIR OCS reported that the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) ended on October 31, 2024. The SFMNP season is from April 1 to October 31. Little optimism remains for the 2024 Congressional Farm Bill, which funds SFMNP. Alan encourages interested individuals to enroll on the waiting list for SFMNP. On Oahu, contact the Hawaii Foodbank. In Hawaii County, contact the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council. On Kauai, contact the Hawaii Foodbank – Kauai Branch. In Maui County, contact Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO). On Oahu, approximately 1,500 individuals applied for the SFMNP after the deadline lapsed. DLIR also administers The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). TEFAP is offered year-round and has fewer limitations than SFMNP.

Dan Miyamoto reported that his replacement from the DOE as the ex officio to PABEA has been identified.

Beverly reported that Josephine has distributed Sharon Yee's CMS information to PABEA members via email.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION (EAD)

Derrick thanked Kealoha for her service. Derrick reported that EAD is working with the Department of Human Resources to develop and finalize EAD's caregivers course curriculum. The course will be offered to City and County employees. EAD is planning to launch the course in the spring of 2025. The course will be offered to the 10,000+ City and County employees. EAD is preparing its budget.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING (HCOA)

Attached is Horace's report. Horace reported that HCOA is preparing its budget. The HCOA accounting/HR employee began work today. On October 17, 2024, Horace provided a presentation to the University of Hawaii at Hilo Communication 341: Communication and Aging class. At the end of the presentation, the need to educate the younger generation on aging issues was evident to Horace. HCOA is preparing its state fiscal year 2024 service report for presentation to County officials and State legislators. Horace thanked Kealoha for her service.

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING (MCOA)

Rowena expressed her appreciation to Kealoha for her guidance, help, and support and for her service to Kauai and the State of Hawaii. Kealoha has been a great resource for Rowena. Rowena appreciates the partnership between Kealoha, Horace, Derrick, Caroline and the EOA staff. The Maui County Senior Fair will be tomorrow, November 2, 2024 at Maui Mall Village from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with 62 vendors and organizations. Senior clubs will be participating and fundraising with sales from their craft and food items. Rowena offered her gratitude to Jason of the DOH Food Safety Branch on Maui. Rowena has hired a secretary. The new secretary is from the Maui County Housing Division. MCOA has also hired an employee for its Aging and Disability Services Specialist II. MCOA has interviews next week for its Program Specialist II position and Program Specialist positions. MCOA is preparing its budget.

Stephen commented that he visited HCOA, KAEA, and MCOA this past October to provide Medicare open enrollment presentations for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program. He enjoyed visiting the offices and is appreciative of their kindness, graciousness, and accommodations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The PABEA Executive Committee will meet after today's PABEA meeting.
- Kupuna Caucus Meeting, Friday, November 1, 2024, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom
- PABEA Monthly Meeting, Friday, December 6, 2024, 11:30 a.m.
- PABEA members are invited to bring a dessert and its recipe to the December meeting. Holiday lunch will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT OF PABEA MEETING:

Beverly adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.