

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

April 1, 2022

Zoom Online Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATION: USAging, Deborah Stone-Walls, Chief, Programs and Services. (PowerPoint presentation attached.)

CALL TO ORDER:

Gary Simon called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Appointed Members: Shelly Abe Ogata, Colette Brown, William Kinaka, Stephen Lung (joined the meeting after the roll was called), Roberta Murray, Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Gary Simon, Rick Tabor, Leslie Tanoue, Raelene Tenno, Kathy Wyatt, and Barbara Yamashita.

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

Ex-officio Members: Kathy Ishihara, DHS; Christy Nishita, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Keith Ridley, DOH; and David Rodriguez, DOT.

EOA Staff and AAA Staff Present: Wanda Anae-Onishi, Aaron Arakaki, Derrick Ariyoshi, Caroline Cadirao, Jomel Duldulao, Horace Farr, Norma Kop, Donna Lynn Loo, Josephine Lum, James Mariano, John McDermott, Ethan Miyamoto, Jan Mori, Candace Nakamoto, Lisa Nakao, Lani Sakamoto, and Kealoha Takahashi.

Guests: Alan Ahn; Pamela Cunningham, Kaiser; Savy Makalena; Sharie Nagatani, University of Hawaii at Manoa; and Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, AARP Hawaii.

INTRODUCTIONS

Kealoha introduced and welcomed Donna Lynn Loo, the new Assistant County Executive on Aging for the Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs. Donna Lynn is also the RSVP Director and has been with KAEA for twenty-two years.

Gary introduced and welcomed the new representative to PABEA from UH Manoa, Christy Nishita. Dr. Christy Nishita has been appointed as Interim Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Thompson School of Social Work &

Public Health. Her appointment is effective April 1, 2022. Dr. Nishita is a gerontologist with leadership roles on more than 20 federal grants and contracts over the course of her career at UH. Dr. Nishita will begin attending PABEA meetings as of April 1, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the March 4, 2022 Zoom online PABEA meetings were approved as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

At Gary's request, Caroline will send the links to the Office of Information Practices Sunshine Law training modules to the PABEA members.

Also, at Gary's request, Caroline provided a presentation on the 2022 legislative worksheets for EOA (attached). For FY 2023, the EOA worksheets outline base appropriations of 15 permanent FTEs, 13.35 temporary FTEs, and funding of \$22,548,605. Supplemental requests include converting a temporary 0.5 FTE research statistician position to a permanent position, adding 5.0 FTEs with a \$276,000 appropriation for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP), and a \$1.5 million appropriation for Kupuna Care/Kupuna Caregivers. Although the Governor's budget included only 2.0 FTEs for the LTCOP, the House increased the appropriation to 5.0 FTEs with corresponding funding totaling \$276,000. Funding appropriations are noted with the letters *A*, *N*, *V*, and *P* and indicate funding from State, Federal Older Americans Act, CARES Act, and special projects appropriations respectively.

Gary presented PABEA meeting options (attached) in consideration of the expiration of the Governor's emergency orders for the pandemic. A motion to proceed with monthly blended (hybrid) PABEA meetings (in-person for those who wish to attend in-person and virtually for those who are unable to attend in-person) beginning with the May 2022 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the PABEA board members present.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara provide an update on legislation prepared by Christina Valenzuela (attached).

The House did not hear SB 2439 SD 2 which provides coverage for the cost of hearing aids. Rick commented that a Senate resolution has been introduced requesting the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of mandating health insurance coverage for hearing aids.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PPRC)

Gary reported that PPRC met this morning. Janna Hoshide of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii provided a comprehensive presentation on its Healthcare

Workforce initiative. PPRC also discussed the Hawaii Crisis Standards of Care. The Standards have been approved by the Chief Medical Officers of the state's healthcare institutions and will be provided to the CEOs and Presidents of these healthcare institutions for their approval. Marilyn commented that age as a category for consideration during triage has been removed.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (RAC)

Kathy Wyatt reported that the Counties are selecting their Older Americans Month (OAM) honorees. The honorees for the City and County of Honolulu have been selected. Students from two elementary schools will sing. Members from Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center will sing and dance. Gregg Takayama will emcee and provide a recorded message.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Gary asked the board members to consider and contemplate an in-person, closed session, strategic planning session on June 30, 2022. Any action items arising from the session would need to be presented in an open meeting. Gary will place the strategic planning item on the May 2022 PABEA agenda for discussion and decision making.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING

Attached is Caroline's report.

Caroline provided six highlights from her report:

- On March 31, 2022, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Senior Nutrition Program. The Senior Nutrition Program began as a demonstration project in the late 1960s to address hunger in America among older adults.
- The University of Hawaii has agreed to sign the contract to continue the Introduction to Medicare course at UH.
- Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) bill SB 2678 has crossed over to the House and has been referred to the House Finance Committee. The bill would support funding to increase partnerships, media, and contract staffing to expand the program to meet national standards
- The Better Business Bureau (BBB) ScamTracker (attached) outlines that the top categories of scams reported in Hawaii are phishing, online purchases, crypto, imposter scams, romance, and gift cards.
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii will be providing a web series on caregiving. (Flyer attached.) PABEA members are encouraged to register and attend.
- Current status of the ADRD Services Coordinator position (attached): EOA is working with the DOH HR office to establish the position. ADRD coordination continues under contract with Jody Mishan.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION (EAD)

Attached is Derrick's report.

Derrick reported that the Kupuna Vaccination Outreach Group after action report is being printed. Hawaii Public Health Institute will release the report. The report includes challenges encountered, a road map for future disasters, emergencies and pandemics, and recognition of KVOG partners. EAD continues to struggle with workforce challenges for home and community-based services. The secretary position remains vacant but might be filled as early as next week. EAD will partner with the community colleges health programs to host a job fair for current students and alumni. Derrick recognized Christy for all her accomplishments and continuing work on multiple initiatives, i. e. Age-Friendly Honolulu, home modifications, ADRD initiatives, and many other kupuna programs and projects.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Marilyn presented the recommendation of the Committee for its 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

Gary opened nominations from the floor. None were offered.

A motion to accept the Committee's slate of nominees was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the PABEA members present.

Voting will occur at the May PABEA meeting.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING (HCOA)

Attached is Horace's report.

Horace highlighted two items from his report:

- Informal conversations with Hawaii Island Adult Care (HIAC) have indicated that though it may be an opportune time for HIAC to expand operations to West Hawaii, expanding is not fiscally feasible for HIAC. Staffing and low participant numbers continue to negatively impact resources.
- HCOA continues to partner with the Department of Health and Civil Defense in promoting vaccinations and booster shots, educating kupuna and caregivers on vaccinations and booster shots, and in assisting in the distribution of rapid test kits to kupuna and caregivers.

KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (AEA)

Attached is Kealoha's report.

Kealoha highlighted one item: new ADRC website category key words include "apartments", "housing", "adult day services", and "grief recovery."

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING (MCOA)

Attached is the MCOA report.

James announced that today is Rowena Dagdag-Andaya's one-month anniversary as the MCOA County Executive.

KUPUNA CAUCUS

Gary reported that Della Lin, M.D., will provide a presentation on the revised Hawaii Crisis Standards of Care Triage Allocation Framework at the March Kupuna Caucus meeting.

Barbara announced that Lisa Radak, Dean of Health Academic Programs at Kapiolani Community College, will provide a presentation on the status of the Kupuna Education Center Program.

APPOINTED AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

David entered in the Zoom chat that the DOT supports SB2679 HD2 which would extend the renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are seventy-two years of age or older but younger than eighty years of age.

Christy commented that she is looking forward to working with the PABEA members.

HAWAII CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE TRIAGE ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK

Gary reported that the Framework was approved by the Chief Medical Officers of the state's acute care healthcare institutions on March 14, 2022 and will be submitted to the CEOs and Presidents of these acute care healthcare institutions on April 6, 2022 for their approval. A press release will occur immediately after the approval. The approved Framework will be posted on the DOH and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii websites. A briefing will be offered to legislators.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Audrey thanked everyone for supporting Hawaii Retirement Savings bill SB3289. The House Finance Committee is deliberating the amount of appropriations to launch the program.
- Pamela entered in the Zoom chat that Kaiser Permanente members may order COVID-19 tests at the Kaiser Permanente pharmacies or via their kp.org account.
- May 6, 11:30 a.m., PABEA monthly meeting (via Zoom and in-person)
- Hawaii State Legislature
 - April 7: First crossover for concurrent resolutions.
 - April 8: Second decking for bills.
 - April 14: Second crossover for bills.
 - April 14: Last day for the originating body to disagree with bill amendments.
 - April 19: Second lateral for concurrent resolutions.
 - April 22: Deadline for final form of bills proposing constitutional amendments.
 - April 25: Second crossover for concurrent resolutions.
 - April 28: Final decking of non-fiscal bills.
 - April 29: Final decking of fiscal bills.
 - May 5: Adjournment sine die.
- [Upcoming AARP Hawaii Events](#)
- Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center Community Resources Meeting, April 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.
- [American Society on Aging Annual Conference](#), April 11–14, 2022, New Orleans, LA
- [Senior Medicare Patrol \(SMP\) Hawaii Caregiving Series](#).
 - April 14: Starting with our Stories.
 - May 12: What Caregivers Should Know and Why
 - June 9: Assuring Quality – A Hallmark of Healthcare
 - June 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
- Save the date: May 29, 2022, [2022 World Carers Conversation](#), a virtual global summit highlighting innovations in caregiving, research, practice, and policy.
- [June 15, 2022: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)

ADJOURNMENT OF PABEA MEETING:

Gary adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.