

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

August 5, 2022

Zoom Online Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Roberta Murray called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Appointed Members: Poki'i Balaz (entered the meeting at 12:05 p.m. after the roll was called), Colette Brown, Beverly Gotelli, William Kinaka, Stephen Lung, Roberta Murray, Shelly Ogata, Suzie Schulberg, Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Lisa Spencer, Rick Tabor, Leslie Tanoue, Raelene Tenno, and Kathy Wyatt.

(A quorum was established as fourteen 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; Christy Nishita, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Keith Ridley, DOH; and David Rodrigues, DOT.

EOA Staff and AAA Staff Present: Philip Ana, Aaron Arakaki, Derrick Ariyoshi, Caroline Cadirao, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Jomel Duldulao, Nicole Endo (SHIP practicum student), Horace Farr, Norma Kop, Donna Lynn Loo, Josephine Lum, James Mariano, John McDermott, Jan Mori, Candace Nakamoto, Lynn Niitani, Alexa Ortiz (SMP Hawaii), and Debbie Shimizu.

Guests: Savy Makalena, Gimme A Break Hawaii; Brian O'Hare (entered the meeting at 12:27 p.m.); Gary Simon, PABEA Past Chair; Pam Witty-Oakland; and Charles Wong, President, Lin Yee Chung Association (joined meeting at 12:12 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the July 1, 2022 Zoom online PABEA meeting were approved as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Roberta reported that the PABEA strategic planning session was held yesterday, August 4, 2022. The session helped PABEA to focus on its vision for the future and on tangible items that can be addressed in the next three years. Attendees watched the "*Duty Free*" film, which, among other issues, also was about reconciling life's twists and turns. Links to the strategic planning notes and to an executive summary will be available in the next few weeks.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara reported that the Committee met this morning in-person and via Zoom.

This year's legislative issues include hearing aids, Healthy Aging Partnership program (HAP), and standardization of Medicaid reimbursement for services (e.g. adult day care.). A motion to recommend including funding for HAP and SHIP in the State budget was approved.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Shelly reported that the Committee met this morning and is considering examining previous studies to determine items that remain to be achieved. The Committee is considering drafting addenda for its findings. Initially, the Committee will examine caregiving and workforce studies. Shelly and the Committee will work with Caroline to find any relevant papers and studies. The Committee also is considering performing a community needs assessment and will work with Caroline on this issue. The Committee will examine the current State plan and area plans and determine progress on their activities. The Committee will bear in mind that the pandemic greatly impacted the plans, activities, and goals.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Kathy Wyatt reported that the Committee did not meet this month. Kathy would like to recognize the young who support and work with older adults.

Marilyn recommends publicizing EOA and PABEA and their work. Olelo might be a possibility. Roberta suggests telling a compelling story to captivate an audience. John suggests one minute PSAs. Marilyn suggests highlighting young adults who are caregivers for their kupuna. Derrick recommended securing one of the four AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers to be assigned to DOH. The volunteer can be assigned to plan, develop, and complete such a project. Kathy Wyatt will survey the PABEA members to determine what the members would like to see highlighted in the final products.

EX-OFFICIO AND APPOINTED MEMBERS REPORTS

Alan reported that the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program has availability for applicants. DLIR Office of Community Services (OCS) has received funding of \$1 million from the State to revive the immigrant resource and service centers statewide. The request for information (RFI) was issued last week. Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program helps 9,000 older adults annually. OCS also administers federally funded food security programs, including The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. USDA provides 100% American-grown USDA Foods and administrative funds to states to operate TEFAP. Contact Alan for more information on TEFAP. USDA pays for shipping for the food.

Marilyn complimented DOH on their effective and wide-ranging public service announcements. The messages are clear.

Kathy Wyatt reported that she was a member of the Hawaii Retirement Savings Task Force. The bill signing is today.

Barbara reported that the Young at Heart Expo will be at the Blaisdell Center on September 16 and 17, 2022

Poki'i reported that the DOH on Molokai reached out to her for in-home care and support, training, and education for the elderly and their caregivers and families. Rowena reported that the Molokai member on the Maui County Council on Aging has requested education on Alzheimer's disease and dementia care.

Kathy Ishihara will contact the Health Plans section at DHS to inquire whether any support is available for Molokai.

Keith reported that DOH is continues to address COVID-19 and is addressing the monkeypox outbreak. DOH is preparing next year's budget.

Christy reported that new student orientation will be in a couple of weeks. The Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health will have a booth at the student fair. The Center on Aging will be at in the booth. Christy is working with Caroline and EOA on workforce development opportunities.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING

Caroline reported that the DOH Department Executive Committee (DEC) is preparing the DOH budget and department transition to a new administration. Caroline is looking forward to working with Christy on workforce development. Caroline met with Senator Moriwaki this morning to discuss the LTC Task Force. The LTC Task Force met by Zoom last week. Attendees discussed issues to be addressed and possible solutions. EOA is processing contracts for the new fiscal year.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION

Attached is Derrick's monthly report.

Derrick attended that USAging Annual Conference. The conference was an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the work of all AAAs during the pandemic. The Senior Information Handbook has been reprinted and includes a new section on tips and tricks for home modification. A master solicitation agreement has been completed which incentivizes services for rural communities. EAD has hired three new case managers. EAD is promoting the community needs survey in under-represented zip code areas (leeward areas and the north shore). Service providers continue to experience capacity issues. The number of participants in adult day care and congregate dining is increasing. Lanakila Pacific has received a grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) for a virtual congregate meal program. Supplemental federal funds from EOA to EAD will be used to produce PSAs promoting COVID-19 vaccination boosters.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING (HCOA)

Horace reported that providers continue to experience capacity issues. HCOA is rebuilding its programs, i.e. increasing consumer attendance and hiring staff. Horace appreciated attending the USAging Annual Conference and its theme of diversity, access, and inclusion. Every ACL regional director attended the conference. Capacity and hiring issues are a nationwide problem. One adult day care remains operating on the island of Hawaii, but staffing remains a problem for the provider. Rules require one staff member for every six adults. A data analyst position applicant removed himself from consideration. HCOA staff are suffering COVID-19 infections. The administrative assistant handling human resources has submitted her resignation. Her last

day at work will be August 24, 2022. The vans have been vandalized weekly. The thieves are stealing the catalytic converters, engine parts, and gas.

KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (AEA)

Attached is Kealoha Takahashi's report.

Donna Lynn Loo provided highlights from the report:

- Kealoha attended the USAging Board of Directors Meeting and 47th Annual Conference and Tradeshow from July 9 to 13, 2022 in Austin, Texas. Workshops included building a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion by (1) creating an inclusive culture by embedding principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in the workforce and the services we deliver in our communities and (2) identifying how an individual sees him/herself (equity); examining the reasons for collecting diversity data; and how the data help to provide better services.
- The new RSVP Program Director position and the new Case Manager are on board.
- The service providers meeting was conducted in July. Almost all providers reported having staffing challenges.
- AEA is encouraging those residing in under-served areas to participate in the surveys. AEA suggests including in the surveys, "*How did you hear about the survey?*"

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

Attached is Rowena's report.

Rowena provided highlights from her report:

- An interviewed candidate for the Accountant III position has been recommended for hire.
- Enhanced Fitness Classes are being provided virtually and in-person. Three in-person classes and three virtual classes. All classes are at full capacity. A waitlist has been established.
- Moloka'i island reports that community members are requesting more education regarding Alzheimer's disease and dementia care.
- The Moloka'i Kupuna Care program has been extended. The program has reached over 500 participants and has employed 16 people as outreach workers, arts/crafts instructors, and exercise instructors.
- A report on contracts and grants management is included in her report.
- The report also includes a service delivery summary.
 - The number of adult day care participants is increasing.
 - Requests for legal services is increasing.

Rowena commented that principles of DEI require us to make person centered decisions and to avoid assumptions.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

David led all in reciting the Walk Wise Pedestrian Pledge in celebration of Pedestrian Safety Month of August: "I pledge, as a good pedestrian, to always look left, to always look right, to always look left again, and continue looking while crossing the street."

KUPUNA CAUCUS

Caroline and John announced that Governor Ige will sign a proclamation today declaring August 5, 2022 as *Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Day*, partly in celebration of the approved requests for five additional ombudsmen for the State. Kupuna Caucus attendees are invited to take a photo with the Governor outside of the Governor's Office on the 5th floor immediately after the proclamation signing. He will come out after the signing with the proclamation for this opportunity. All are welcome. Following the photo, refreshments will be served in Capitol conference room 224 at the Kupuna Caucus meeting.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

Rowena reported that the USAging Annual Conference included a workshop on continuity of operations planning for disasters and emergencies.

HAWAII CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE TRIAGE ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK

Gary reported that AARP Hawaii (Kealii Lopez and Gary) have requested a meeting with the Governor to facilitate the release of the current final version of the Framework.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 2, 2022, 11:30 a.m., PABEA monthly meeting (In-person and via Zoom)
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii Caregiving Series.
 - 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
- Elections
 - 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....”*
- November 6 - 9, 2022, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Boston, Massachusetts
- March 27 – 30, 2023, American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- September 10, 2023, 8:30 a. m. Out of the Darkness Oahu Walk for suicide prevention, Skygate Walk
- 100th Infantry Battalion Club 100 Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of World War II at Punchbowl. September 24, 2022, 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. – decorate graves. September 25, 2022, 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. – memorial ceremony.

MANOA BANYAN COURTS KUPUNA HOUSING PROJECT PRESENTATION, CHARLES WONG

Charles remarked that the Lin Yee Chung Association owns the Manoa Chinese Cemetery, which was established in 1851. The Association proposes transitioning eleven undeveloped acres, which cannot be used for cemetery use, to elderly affordable rental housing. 288 one-

bedroom units will be built in four phases at 72 units per phase. The Association is in the 201H process and has completed a draft environmental assessment to be reviewed by 15 to 17 government agencies. Traffic, water, sewer, flora, fauna, cultural impacts are among the items assessed for impact. The draft environmental assessment recommends a Finding of No Significant Impact. The Association hopes to apply in 2024 for development of the identified lots.

Approximately 200 neighbors are immediately adjacent to the existing cemetery. Many of these adjacent neighbors are opposed to the development. A development subsidiary would be created under the Association.

Raelene commented that a safe right-of way at the stop sign adjacent to the cemetery would need to be addressed and that the development would be the best use of the parcel to sustain the cemetery.

Charles stated that the cemetery is at 90 percent capacity. Approximately 200 plots remain available for sale. Without the development, the cemetery is facing bankruptcy in three to five years. The property has access to the utility infrastructure. Priority for the units would be provided to older adults in the community. 80 percent of the units are reserved for seniors at 60 percent of the area median income (AMI). 10 percent of the units are reserved for seniors at 50 percent of AMI. 10 percent of the units are reserved for seniors at 30 percent of AMI.

ADJOURNMENT OF PABEA MEETING:

Roberta adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.