

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS
December 6, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Linda Axtell-Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

RECOGNITION:

Marilyn Seely congratulated Colette Browne on her retirement and for her work and contributions at UH and to our community.

Marilyn also thanked on behalf of the attendees the donor angels who sponsored the holiday lunch.

PRESENTATION:

Nathan Hokama and Trinity Schwartz of Strategic Communications and Wanda Kakugawa and Ryan Namba of Market Trends Pacific provided a presentation on the summary report for the 2019 EOA LTSS Tracking Study (attached). The final report with recommendations is pending.

Caroline Cadirao and Nathan Hokama are finalizing the LTSS public awareness booklet.

ROLL CALL:

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

Members Present: Linda Axtell-Thompson, Beverly Gotelli, William Kinaka, Shelly Ogata, Barbara Service, Gary Simon, Scott Spallina, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Kathleen Wyatt, Barbara Yamashita, and Sarah Yuan.

Members Absent: Joy Miyasaki and Suzie Schulberg.

Others Present: Ex-officios: Peggy Perkinson, UH and David Rodriguez, DOT.

EOA Staff and AAAs: Aaron Arakaki, Derrick Ariyoshi, Caroline Cadirao, Kaipolani Cullen, Horace Farr, Josephine Lum, John McDermott, Lisa Nakao, Debra Shimizu, Deborah Stone-Walls, Kealoha Takahashi, and Cristina Valenzuela.

Guests: Colette Browne, Nathan Hokama, Wendy Kakugawa, Ryan Namba, Trinity Schwartz, and Marilyn Seely.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 1, 2019 PABEA meeting were approved as distributed.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Linda provided the results of the elder issues prioritization. "Cost of long term care" and "workforce – incentive/creative solutions" both received the most votes (4). "How do we address our aging population", "finding better/more efficient/additional ways to benefit working caregivers as we better identify needs/data", "rising cost of prescription drugs", and "access to services" each received 3 votes.

These seven issues will be forwarded to the Legislative and PPR Committee for consideration for future advocacy issues and projects.

John Tomoso asked whether he could tele video from his account into PABEA meetings. However, access from remote sites must be public, prearranged, and preannounced.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

The Legislative Committee reviewed the Kupuna Caregiver plan to maximize the number of working caregivers served. The Legislative Committee offered comments (attached) to be included in the Kupuna Caregiver report. PABEA approved the comments for inclusion in the report.

On November 26, an aging in place hearing was held at the Capitol. Search warrant cannot be obtained for anonymous complaints. Some operators with a license for one facility are opening additional unlicensed facilities, falsely believing that the initial licensed applies to other facilities owned by the operator.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE:

PPRC is reviewing prior LTSS reports to identify current needs and to develop recommendations.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE:

RAC is considering several venues for the OAM awards celebration.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING:

EOA Administration

Caroline is working with Change AGEnts on an active aging resolution.

EOA is awaiting reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. The measure increased funding for the next five years.

Title III remains funded under a continuing resolution.

The final report for the Kupuna Caregiver plan will include an evaluation of the program and a plan to maximize the number of caregivers served.

EOA will present to the Legislature on EOA and its plans on January 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Part D 2020 open enrollment ends December 7.

The ADRD workgroup meets on December 23. Caroline invites those who are interested to join the workgroup. The ADRD position will be a contracted position.

PABEA Committee quorum is a simple majority of members.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION:

Derrick distributed the EAD service utilization report.

New contracts include legal aid, Kokua Kalihi Valley, and Child and Family Services.

The supply of Senior Handbooks has been exhausted. If demand is great, Derrick will consider printing additional handbooks.

Opportunities for a VISTA volunteer might be available to members of the aging network.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING:

The RFP for Better Choice Better Health will be rebid.

The RFP for west Hawaii services is closing.

Vacancies in HCOA continue.

KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS:

The Kauai services report was distributed to PABEA by email.

Dementia Friends is expanding into the Kauai Fire Department and into the Kauai Office of Economic Development

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

The Maui services report was distributed.

MCOA is seeking a contract for home renovations with Habitat for Humanity.

Census 2020 workshops are being held on Maui.

Voting by mail (Act 136 of 2019) workshops also are being held on Maui.

Peggy volunteers to work with Deborah and MCOA on select initiatives as appropriate.

KUPUNA CAUCUS:

The next Kupuna Caucus meeting will be in January.

OLD BUSINESS

John Tomoso is the PABEA lead on Maui for Olelo.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda appoints Beverly Gotelli to the Legislative Committee.

John Tomoso is appointed to RAC.

The Sunshine Law pop quiz is tabled until the next meeting.

The draft of the LTSS report will be provided to PABEA next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Executive Committee meeting scheduled for today is cancelled.

Next PABEA Meeting: January 10, 11:30 a.m., EOA

ADJOURNMENT:

Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.