

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS  
January 5, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Linda Axtell-Thompson, James Cisler, Joy Miyasaki, Adele Rugg, Suzie Schulberg, Gary Simon, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Kathleen Wyatt, Barbara Yamashita, Sarah Yuan, Kathy Ishihara, Melina Sanchez

Members Absent: Colette Browne, Tony Lenzer, Marilyn Seely, Scott Spallina, Tom Duran, Kanoe Margol, Margaret Perkinson, Keith Ridley, David Rodriguez

Others present: EOA Staff: Aaron Arakaki, Caroline Cadirao, Jen Ching, Tania Kuriki, John McDermott, Lisa Nakao, Lani Sakamoto, Debbie Shimizu, Christopher Tu

Nalani Aki, Kimo Alameda, TJ Davies, Kerry Komatsubara, Kipukai Kualii, Deborah Stone-Walls, Barbara Service, Kealoha Takahashi, Lori Tsuhako

The meeting was called to order by Gary Simon at 12:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Thirteen (13) members present. No quorum met.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves.

MINUTES

November retreat and board minutes, December minutes, and January minutes will be deferred to February meeting.

DISCUSSION ISSUES

Chair's Report

- Members: please contribute to coffee fund for PABEA.
- Introduced two new members: Kathleen Wyatt and Kipukai Kualii
- HRS 26-35: PABEA or members must request approval every year from the Senate and House chairs to advocate PABEA priorities to the Legislature.
  - o Gary and Tony met with President Kouchi and he agreed to write a letter to PABEA.
  - o Gary, Tony, and Sarah met with Speaker Saiki and he agreed to provide a letter. The meeting was also joined by Majority Leader Belatti.
  - o Tentative priorities were discussed at both meetings.
- PABEA must remain silent on advocacy agenda/issues since PABEA's legislative priority items are not approved.
- Members can testify as individuals and provide personal testimony.

## PABEA Committees

### *Legislative*

Sarah:

- Advocacy items for approval:
  - o EOA Program in budget request (KC, ADRC, KGC, HAP)
    - KC, ADRC, KCG is in Governor's budget request
  - o Licensing for Aging in Place homes
  - o Paid Family Leave
  - o We will ask board to approve these priority issues with the understanding that specific funding requests or details of the bills may change or evolve.
  - o Tony, John, and Marilyn have begun to track federal programs and policies and will continue to report to the committee.
- Continue to plan for meeting with Legislators. Jim asks for talking points / highlights (brief summary).
- Sarah briefly explained the KCG program.
  - o Already received hundreds of calls
  - o Program guidelines are already approved by AG
  - o Contracts with EOA and AAA is still pending
  - o Developing evidence-based screening tools to measure caregiver burden/stress and determine outcomes

### *Plans and Projects Review*

Joy:

- There was a discussion about having the Committee look at emerging issues, going beyond the immediate legislative priority issues.
- John M. discussed Aging in Place legislation.
  - o Bill is not drafted.
  - o How long does licensing take?
  - o What does the bill cover? Expanded care homes?
- Committee will work on talking points for immediate legislative priorities.

### *Recognition and Awards*

Jim:

- Welcomed Kathy Wyatt to the committee.
- 2017 budget is still being worked on.
- Looking at event location, publicity, and getting things done.

## Aging Network

### *Executive Office on Aging*

Gary:

- Mentioned Terri has been appointed to Gov's Legislative coordinating team.
- OIP/Sunshine Law new rules go into effect July 1. Terri strongly recommends board be provide education on basic law and new rules.

Jen:

- gave Terri's update (*see attached*).

### *Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division*

Nalani:

- Over 13000 client contacts; over 6000 were incoming calls; over 600 KCG calls

- Gather information as to what people's needs are. Caregivers may need different types of support that the KCG program is intended to provide.
- Top 5 topics: Home delivered meals, transportation – medical and non-medical, personal care, and homemaker. KCG program is #6.
- Gave waitlist for services.
  - o Funds are being returned by service providers as they are not able to meet the demand.
  - o Not enough qualified service providers in the community who have the capacity to deliver services.

#### *Hawaii County Office on Aging*

Kimo:

- 10-year lease is up. County is looking to renew lease or may move to another location.
- Legislative briefing was on December 8 and supportive of EOA's legislative package.
- Re-visiting CNA requirements
- Request use of KC funds from EOA for capacity issues in adult day care
- Kupuna Caregiver Initiative has challenges and is confusing.
  - o Representative Chris Todd will introduce a bill to eliminate the \$70 a day requirement and 30-hour work requirement.
  - o Kimo explains it's a duplication of services as caregivers are already receiving benefits without the requirements and is just another funding source.

#### *Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs*

Kealoha:

- ADRC website (7/2016 – 6/2017): 4071 visits; 2081 unique visitors
- No information as to the specific topic searched
- Not too many referrals from the website

#### *Maui County Office on Aging*

Deb:

- Waiting for contract to be signed with Mom's Meals
- Gave service updates for personal care, homemaker, chore, home delivered and congregate meals, adult day care, transportation, and respite care
- Shortage of providers in country areas and looking to contract with other agencies that never applied
- 23 FTE positions and 6 vacancies
- Reorganizing office and re-describing positions to higher level

#### Kupuna Caucus

Gary:

- Discuss twelve priority issues.

#### Members Report

Melina, DCCA: *(See attached for events)*

#### STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Debbie, No Wrong Door

- Into final year of the grant
- Finishing up person-centered training

Public Awareness Campaign

- Gary will follow up with Nathan for update.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next PABEA meeting is February 2.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

## EOA Director's Notes

### **BUDGET UPDATE:**

Distribute chart reflecting what is in Governor's budget request

Ways and Means / and Consumer Protection/Health Budget hearing yesterday (1/5/18) on DOH Budget.

Highlights include:

- New request for 12.6 FTE
- \$13 million new money requested- one half is for EOA
- No questions from committee members on EOA's budget

### **PABEA STATUTE CHANGE:**

- Bill will be part of the Governor's Administrative package (final bill language/review is supposed to be completed today by Attorney General)

**Priority Items of the Executive Office on Aging  
Hawaii State Legislature 2018**

Requested	Justification
<p><b>Kupuna Care</b> – Governor Ige recommended an increase in the DOH base budget of \$3.9 million for home and community based services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would allow the State to maintain the 4,975 unduplicated individuals</li> <li>• KC is comprised of nine core services that support individuals who need assistance to perform Activities of Daily Living (transferring, mobility, bathing, dressing, toileting, eating) or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (preparing a meal, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the telephone, managing money, housekeeping, using available transportation)</li> <li>• Services may include personal care, homemaker, chore, home delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aging and Disability Resource Center</b> – Governor Ige requested an increase of \$1.7 million (total of \$3.1 million) for the ADRC sites, IT, evaluation, and website development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding provides the infrastructure necessary for the county area agencies on aging to operate the ADRC sites, a single point of entry for access to public long term support programs and benefits</li> <li>• Funds will be used for operations of a statewide ADRC to maintain our fully functional status as defined by federal officials</li> <li>• In SFY 2017, the ADRC had 35,007 contacts with 11,039 deemed eligible to receive services.</li> <li>• Statewide, there are 55-60 ADRC staff</li> <li>• Expanding the ADRC effort into a NWD network to enable older adults and persons with a disability to access all publicly-funded LTSS; and to build an infrastructure to offer person-centered (PC) counseling to all individuals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kupuna Caregiver Program</b> – Governor Ige requested \$600,000 to support working caregivers who provide care for a care recipient</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilizes infrastructure of the Kupuna Care program with the added eligibility requirement for the qualified caregiver. A qualified caregiver is a family caregiver defined as a spouse, adult, child, other relative, partner or friend who has a personal relationship with and provides a board range of unpaid assistance for an older adult with a chronic or disabling condition. The care recipient is the person needing the care and is qualified to receive services through the Kupuna Care program</li> <li>• EOA received \$600,000 in supplemental funds through the state legislature in 2017 to support caregivers. This funding request matches the first-year appropriation level</li> <li>• EOA expects to serve 50 to 135 caregivers statewide between Jan 2018 to June 2018</li> </ul>

Other PABEA/ Kupuna Caucus priorities not reflected: Healthy Aging, Alzheimer's Coordinator, family leave, Center on Aging positions, Licensure of Aging in Place Homes, etc

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**From:** DOH.EOA, Executive Office on Aging  
**Subject:** FW: PABEA - DCCA activities

From DCCA:

Below is a list of the upcoming Jan events to share with the group.

Thanks. Happy Holidays

**JANUARY Upcoming Events**

- 01/11 – Presentation @ Kapaa Neighborhood Center, 10:00am
- 01/11 – Presentation @ KDRC Kauai County, 1:30pm
- 01/24 – Presentation @ Molokai Senior Center, 9:00am
- 01/24 – Presentation @ Molokai High School, 1:00pm
- 01/31 – Workforce Career Fair @ Neal Blaisdell Center, 10:00am

Stop by the DCCA table(s) at these community events to pick up free resources. All events held on Oahu unless specified.

The Big Home Building & Remodeling Show (Building Industry Association) – January 26-28  
at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall  
Friday, January 26 – 5 pm to 9 pm  
Saturday, January 27 – 9:30 am to 8:30 pm  
Sunday, January 28 – 9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Admission required. <http://www.biahawaii.org/the-big-show>

The Workforce 2018 Career Fair – January 31 at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
Admission required.

UH Saves Day – February 21 at UH Campus Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Open to the public.

Military Saves Day – February 24 at the NEX from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Open to the public.

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