

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)  
Friday, July 7, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: James Cisler, Joy Miyasaki, Adele Rugg, Suzie Schulberg, Marilyn Seely, Gary Simon, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Barbara Yamashita, Tom Duran, Kathy Ishihara, Margaret Perkinson

Members Absent: Colette Browne, Tony Lenzer, Scott Spallina, Sarah Yuan, Kanoe Margol, Keith Ridley, David Rodriguez, Melina Sanchez, Tessy Yokota

Others present: EOA Staff: Philip Ana, Caroline Cadirao, Josephine Lum, John McDermott, Lisa Nakao, Debbie Shimizu

Nalani Aki, T.J. Davies, Sharon Nobriga, Barbara Service, Jim Shon, Deborah Stone-Walls, Kealoha Takahashi

The meeting was called to order by Gary Simon at 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Twelve (12) members present.

MINUTES

June minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves.

- A card was passed around to sign for Pat Duarte.
- Marilyn thanked and presented Joy with a bouquet.

DISCUSSION ISSUES

Chair's Report

Gary announced Kupuna Caregiver and Healthy Aging Partnership bills signed by Governor yesterday.

He also announced the chairs of PABEA committees:

- Legislative – Sarah Yuan, Chair; Tony Lenzer, Vice Chair
- Plans & Projects Review Committee – Marilyn Seely, Chair
- Recognition & Awards Committee – No chair (Jim Cisler, Interim Chair)

PABEA Committees

*Legislative*

Gary:

- Tony Lenzer would like Kupuna Caucus to refocus.
  - Tony and Gary met with Senator Les Ihara to discuss prioritizing bills at Kupuna Caucus.
- Discussion on Legislative Retreat to be discussed at next meeting.

#### *Plans and Projects Review*

Marilyn:

- Audrey Suga-Nakagawa discussed the Care Act and plan implementation. She would like PABEA to be involved in the public relations campaign.
- Dr. Colette Brown requests presenting economic inequalities between men and women.
- Thanked everyone for responding to survey, and thanked Tania and Caroline for creating the survey re. changing the statutes and bylaws of PABEA.

#### *Recognition and Awards*

Jim:

- Committee reviewed OAM event:
  - Need enough people to get work done and recognize importance of the event
  - Wrapping up finances
  - Will build on relationships with AAA to work together to get work done
  - Need help with writing letters of appreciation
  - Research what other states do to celebrate OAM to get better idea on the event. Margaret Perkinson will gather information.
- Beverly Withington, John Tomoso, and Jim Cisler offered suggestions to promote OAM event.

#### Aging Network

##### *Executive Office on Aging*

Terri (reported by Lisa Nakao):

- Kupuna Caregiver Act has been signed by the governor yesterday. EOA is working on developing the program by working with AAAs.
- Working for the LTCOP Assistant position and converting an exempt to permanent position.
- Working on an information sheet for the Kupuna Caregiver Program.

##### *Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division*

Nalani:

- Gave a data update on ADRC.
  - 800+ calls, 412 initial intakes completed in a month.
  - 7/2016 to 6/2017: More than 10,000 calls, 4500 initial intakes completed; other calls are request for information.
  - ADRC has been up and running for two years; assessment showed 100% on target. Nine out of ten area accomplished; will work on the tenth, outreach, by going to various locations on the island.
  - Timeliness: initial call to completion average eight days.
- Senior Summit: over 300 people participated on June 22. Survey sent out to participants.
- Honolulu Community on Aging members were selected. Swearing in at the end of the month.
- Senior Handbooks are still available.

##### *Hawaii County on Aging*

None.

*Kauai County on Aging*  
(See attached KAEA's report.)

*Maui County on Aging*

Deb:

- June is Maui County Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Kathy Greenlee and Deborah Merrill highlights Kupuna Elder Abuse Awareness Day. 158 registered attendees.
- AAA and EOA spent time with Kathy Greenlee.
- AAA will provide training to community providers for Medicare counseling to be aware of Medicare changes.
- Will issue new contracts on October 1 according to the federal fiscal year.
- Will be meeting with status based contractor Jeff Benjamin next week.

Kupuna Caucus

- Gary asked for a vote of a letter of support for Kauai's grant application from Agency for Community Living.
- Gary announced that today's meeting will be on Alzheimer's initiative.

Members Report

Peggy UH

- Update on HCR 35: tasked with reviewing services for older adults and anticipating future needs for services, workforce and training.
- There are 22 people in the working group ready to go.
- Lots of information already in place; will ask organizations for annual reports to gather information.
- It would be helpful to know the person in Kupuna Caucus who proposed the resolution and the actual intent.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Barbara Service

- Audrey Suga-Nakagawa resigned from AARP and will work for Kahala Nui.

Lisa Nakao

- Barbara (AARP) announced \$500,000 challenge grant available for livable communities for elder adults. Information at [aarp.org](http://aarp.org), look for challenge grant.

Jim Shon

- Rep. Scott Saiki will speak at the Kokua Council on July 24, 2017, 12 – 1pm, Harris Church.

OLD BUSINESS

Debbie for No Wrong Door:

- Training on Person Centered Counseling will begin next week to staff at No Wrong Door network on the windward side.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting on August 4, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24p.m.



June 2017 Executive Report  
Submitted by Kealoha Takahashi

**Vision**

*The people of Kaua'i will live well and age well.*

**Mission Statement**

*The Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs, as the designated lead County agency, plans, implements, supports and advocates for the well-being of Kauai's older adults; and serves as a one stop source of information on long term care support options and services for all residents.*

**Vision Statements**

- *Kauai's older adults will live independently at home or in the community with dignity and respect.*
- *Kauai's family caregivers receive adequate support to care for their older adults.*
- *Kauai's older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers will make informed choices and have streamlined access to long term care support.*

**Goals:**

1. ***Maximizing opportunities for senior to age well, remain active and enjoy quality lives while engaging in their communities.***

**RSVP**

- Coordinating RSVP Volunteer Day on July 25 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

**Better Choices, Better Health**

- DSMP workshop completion with six participants.

**EnhanceFitness**

- No report

2. ***Forging Strategic Partnerships and Alliances that will give impetus to meeting Hawaii's Greatest Challenges for the Aging Population.***

**Coalition of Transit Service Providers**

- Met with transit consultants "Nelson/Nygaard" regarding Short-Range Transit Plan; discussing paratransit bus service and what changes need to be considered to best serve the community with high cost of operations; how to transition riders who do not meet the criteria of using paratransit services.

**Mental Health Services**

- No report

**Pedestrian Safety**

- No report

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

- No report

3. ***Developing a statewide ADRC System for Kupuna and people with disabilities and their Ohana and caregivers to access and receive long term support services (LTSS) information and resources within their respective Counties.***

ADRC/No Wrong Door

- Monthly ADRC Operations Workgroup meeting to review intake, assessment, and support plan and flag items to improve; discuss ongoing concerns; develop outcome measures and continuous quality improvement; share materials across counties.

Options Counseling/Person-Centered Planning

- No report

**4. *Enable people with disabilities and older adults to live in the community through the availability of and access to high-quality long term services and supports, including supports for families and caregivers.***

Outreach/Access to Services

Contacts

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| • June 3 – AARP Workshop at Kapaa     | 100 |
| • June 21 – Tropic Care at Kapaa      | 35  |
| • June 22 – Kaniko’o Housing in Lihue | 50  |

Vendor Pool

- No report

Client Satisfaction Survey

- No report

Educational Opportunities/Caregiver Training

- No report

**5. *Optimize the health, safety and independence of Hawaii’s older adults.***

Emergency Safe Havens (Emergency Shelters)

- Conference call with EOA discussing individuals served and types of emergency shelters provided.

Emergency Disaster Plans

- No report

Home Modification (Fall Prevention Initiative with Fire & AMR)

- As of June 20, 2017:
  - 76 homes were served
  - 43 homes are on the waitlist to be visited
  - 30 homes declined service
- Falls Prevention Equipment installed/distributed
  - Smoke Detectors 286
  - Night Lights 82
  - Grip Tape 48
  - Shower Grip Tape 33
  - Shower Chairs 21
  - Handrails 14

***Administrative:***

- Attended Ha Kupuna Joint Advisory Council meeting on Oahu; National Resource Center for Native Hawaiian Elders
- Contract management:
  - Processing contract amendments for contracts expiring in September, 2017 – Congregate Meals, Home delivered meals and In-Home Respite.
  - Completed Request for Proposals for Legal Aid and Caregiver Support Services.
  - Processing Invitation for Bid for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

- State Older Americans Awards ceremony held at 15 Craigside on Oahu on June 2<sup>nd</sup>; stained glass mural serves as backdrop for picture below:



***Training:***

- USC Davis School of Gerontology completion of the Fundamentals of Gerontology (8)
- Limited English Proficiency Training
- Staff attended World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Maui (7)

***Personnel:***

- Vacancies filled
- Program Specialist II (County dollar funded for FY2017-2018 was cut by Council)

***Media:***

- No report