POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS
July 10, 2020

ZOOM ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Linda Axtell-Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was established as nine 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, Roberta Wong Murray, Shelly Ogata, Suzie Schulberg (joined meeting at 11:55 a.m.), Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Gary Simon, Kathy Wyatt, Barbara Yamashita (joined meeting at 12:00 noon), and Sarah Yuan.

Members Absent: Colette Browne, William Kinaka, and Joy Miyasaki.

Others Present: Ex-officios: Kathy Ishihara, DHS; and Peggy Perkinson, UH.

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:

New member Roberta Wong Murray and attendees introduced themselves.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Annual Summary:

- PABEA achieved quorum more frequently in FY 2020 due to the change in the PABEA statutes and increased efforts by board members to attend the monthly meeting.
- Linda encourages attendees to continue seeking new PABEA members.
- EOA has completed its review of the PABEA bylaws. EOA will send the final version of the bylaws to PABEA members via email.
- PABEA will engage Roberta’s expertise with Olelo Community Media to educate the public on PABEA and its work.
- Linda will be working on telehealth in post-acute care. She welcomes references and contacts from board members.
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The PABEA Legislative Committee Annual Report for FY 2019 – 2020 is attached.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Annual Summary:

PPRC:
- Continues to struggle with achieving quorum.
- Reviewed PABEA bylaws.
- Reviewed the Kupuna Caregiver Plan.
- Reviewed the quality of in-home services.
- Examined streamlining AAA reports to PABEA.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Annual Summary:

RAC:
- Began planning the Older Americans Month celebration, but the event was canceled due to COVID-19.
- Began working with Senator Sharon Moriwaki on a Kupuna Power event. Further planning was canceled due to COVID-19.
- Brickwood Galuteria is resuming kupuna power events with WeAreKupuna.com. Brickwood is currently working on educating kupuna on voter registration and voting by mail.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 5, 2020 Zoom online PABEA meeting were approved as circulated.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING:

Continued teleworking by EOA staff was approved. 7 EOA staff members work in the office fulltime.

Oahu ombudsman responsibilities are being finalized.

The pandemic is reframing and reshaping Caroline’s plans for EOA, including workforce development.

Caroline hosted an online coffee hour on June 29, 2020 and provided a presentation (attached) on the future of the Kupuna Caregiver Program.
The Legislature failed to pass the bills for the ADRD position, the 6 LTC ombudsman positions, funding for the Kupuna Caregiver Program, and funding for the Healthy Aging Partnership.

EOA’s priority is to ensure that existing services and supports continue in FY 2020 – 2021.

EOA will be examining hidden elder abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On July 9, the House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness and the House Committee on Health held a joint informational briefing on reopening LTC facilities and homes. Presenters included Keith Ridley, Office of Health Care Assurance, Department of Health; Dr. Sarah Park, Chief, Disease Outbreak Control Division, Department of Health; Dr. Scott Miscovich, President, Premier Medical Group Hawaii; Caroline Cadario; John McDermott; Dr. Judy Mohr Peterson and Dr. Curtis Toma, Med-Quest Division, Department of Human Services; Hilton Raethel, MPH, MHA, President/CEO, Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and spokesperson(s) for various ARCHs, CCFFHs, and DD-DOMs. Issues discussed included infection control and prevention protocols (including PPE), testing (including payment for testing), social isolation of residents, and visitation.

Sufficient funding exists for Kupuna Caregivers services for FY 2020 – 2021. However, service capacity might be challenging.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION:

Teleworking continues. Half of the EAD staff rotates into the office every other day.

The Planner VI position, responsible for budget oversight and coordination, has been filled.

EAD continues food and meal service and supports to seniors community wide and to seniors in senior housing. All needs are met, i.e. EAD has no waitlist.

The Kupuna Food Security Coalition continues. Community donations, including funds from the KHON telethon and the Weinberg Foundation, have been received. The City has received supplemental COVID-19 relief funds. $3 million of the relief funds have been allocated for expanded food and meal and wrap around services and supports. Hawaii Public Health Institute will issue new requests for proposals (RFPs) of the Expanded Meal Services Plus funding opportunity with an addendum. These are the federal COVID-19 relief funds intended to support meal, food, and wrap-around social and health services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and vulnerable populations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

EAD’s strategy is to meet current needs and to connect clients to long term services and supports.
KAUAI AGENCY OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS:

Kealoha’s June 2020 Executive Report is attached.

Teleworking continues with a 4 days a week schedule. In-person services in the office or at the client’s home are by appointment.

The Mayor has approved a public presentation to the 8 Kauai OAM honorees. The celebration will be held on July 30.

Kauai AEA held a Journey at Prince Kuhio Park. Themes included:

- How does AEA stay focused to help our kupuna and deliver our services?
- The hala tree is a symbol for AEA, its services, and its clients.

The pandemic has brought out the best in the Kauai AEA staff.

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

Hiring continues for vacant position, including the vacant Lanai position.

MCOA continues to focus on meal delivery. An RFP for food truck services has been issued. Vouchers have also been issued to seniors for food trucks.

Molokai residents receiving surgery at Queen’s Medical Center have been returned to Molokai with little support on Molokai.

Alu Like and OHA are without funds for food and meals and are seeking assistance from MCOA.

EnhancedFitness videos have been posted on the Maui ADRC. A total of six different videos will be available soon.

Adult Day Care has reopened with temperature screening.

COUNTY OF HAWAII OFFICE OF AGING:

Horace’s July 2020 Executive Report is attached.

Service contracts have been executed and are operational. Additional funding for services is available, but HCOA and their vendors are at capacity.

Office operations resumed July 1, 2020. Public visitation has not yet resumed.

Congregate meals will not resume for at least another three months.
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Kathy Ishihara reported that Medicaid enrollment has increased due to increased unemployment related to the COVID-19 pandemic (see attachment).

OLD BUSINESS:

Final review of the bylaws is deferred to next month pending email distribution to PABEA members.

NEW BUSINESS:

The slate of nominees for PABEA officers for FY 2020 – 2021 was elected via email vote. Linda is chair, Gary is first vice chair, and Suzie is second vice chair.

Sarah, Shelley, and Kathy have agreed to continue serving as chairs of the Legislative Committee, PPRC, and RAC respectively. Gary has agreed to serve as vice chair of the Legislative Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Linda reminded attendees that HPGS is offering undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

The next PABEA meeting will be on August 7, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Sarah inquired whether committees ought to meet. Gary commented that we control very little during the pandemic and that the rules change daily as exampled by the Department of Education. Caroline will reach out to the committee chairs for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.
PABEA Legislative Committee Annual Report FY2020

By Sarah Yuan, 7/10/2020

Committee Members:


Special Presentations:

- The 2020 Vision: Towards a State of Active Aging by Cullen Hayashida, PhD, Change AGEnts Hawaii, July 5, 2019
- Legislative Budget Process (with handout) by Debbie Shimizu and Chris Tu, EOA, July 5, 2019
- Status of Healthy Aging Partnership: Status Report, by Caroline Cardirao, EOA Director, and Michiyo Tomioka, PhD, UH Center on the Family, August 2, 2019

Other Special Topics:

- Legislature’s Informational Briefing: Unlicensed care homes issue, 11/26/2019
- Kokua Council’s Priorities, discussion in the fall 2019
- Kupuna Caucus Legislative Package, discussion in the fall 2019
- Kupuna Caregivers Program: A Plan to Maximize the Number of Caregivers Served, EOA’s plan submitted to Legislature in December 2019
- EOA Legislative Overview at the State Capitol, January 9, 2020
- Coffee Hour with Caroline Cadirao, June 29, 2020

EOA Program Budget Requests:

1. Kūpuna Caregiver Program – $1.5mil appropriation for FY2020-FY2021
2. 1.0 FTE ADRD Position – 1.0 Full time exempt (FTE) language to be added, which will allow EOA to recruit and hire for the position.
3. Appropriation for Administrative Claiming Special Fund – Requesting $1.443 mil appropriation for FY2020-2021 for Administrative Claiming Special Fund.

2020 Priorities:

1. Healthy Aging Partnership funding ($550K for FY21) SB2335, HB1866
2. LTC Ombudsman: establish 6 full-time positions SB2337, HB1872
3. Kupuna Caregivers: Reduced caregiver’s employment hours to 20/week and 200K funding for FY21 SB2342, HB1867
4. Crimes against seniors: age definition lowered to 60 SB2334, HB1874
5. Hearing aids: Requires health insurance to provide hearing aids coverage at a minimum of $1,500 per hearing aid every 36 months SB2583
6. EOA’s ADRD service coordinator position (funding approved for FY20 but need to specify position is 1.0FTE) SB2102, HB2099
## Increase in Medicaid Enrollment by County

(07/05/2019 vs. 07/07/2020)

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Goals:

1. **Maximize opportunities for older adults to age well, remain active and enjoy quality lives while engaging in their communities.**
   Strategy 1-1: Promote Healthier living through evidence-base programs and volunteerism.
   - Volunteers delivering produce boxes donated by USDA Food Distribution Program through Aina Ho’okupu o Kilauea.
   - Better Choices, Better Health
     - No report
   - EnhanceFitness
     - Virtual classes for EF participants are three times a week. There are six instructors with classes ranging from 6-18 participants per zoom class.

2. **Forge partnerships and alliances that will give impetus to meeting Hawaii’s greatest challenges of the aging population.**
   Strategy 2-1: Expand and strengthen access to services with the Aging Network Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Meetings
   - No report
   Strategy 2-2: Increase the quality of life for older adults and persons with disabilities living in the community.
   - Dementia Friendly Community
     - Certificates made for those who attended the Dementia Capability Training via Zoom by Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes including Transportation Agency (12) and Housing (1).

3. **Strengthen the statewide ADRC System for persons with disabilities, older adults, and their families.**
   Strategy 3-1: Promote and strengthen the ADRC system process
ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center)/NWD (No Wrong Door)
- No report

Aging Network
- No report

ADRC Website
- No report

Agency Call Summary Report
Report current State Fiscal Year period from July 1, 2019 to May 14, 2020 (no update due to new system glitches)
- Total Calls: 6,435
- Top 5 Topic Categories discussed:
  - Miscellaneous (Kupuna Kare-Farmer Fare Program, MREs, Mother’s Day Meals, Red Day)
  - Nutrition
  - Health and Wellness
  - Home and Community Based Services
  - Transportation

4. Enable older adults to live in their communities through the availability of and access to high quality long-term services and supports, including supports for their families and caregivers.
   Strategy 4-1: Promote and expand innovative programs that meet the needs of older adults and their caregivers.
   Educational Opportunities/Caregiver Training
   - Caregivers Guide by Dennis Pezzato, PhD printed for distribution.
   Kupuna Caregiver Program
   - Kauai Adult Day Health Center possible reopening on July 1.

Strategy 4-2: Pursue and promote a person-centered system that meets the needs of older adults and their caregivers.

Vendor Pool/Multi-Contract
- Transportation options

5. Optimize the health, safety and independence of Hawaii’s older adults.
   Strategy 5-1: Expand and foster collaboration with the Aging Network to ensure older adults and persons with disabilities live safely and independently.
   Falls Prevention Program with Kauai Fire Department & AMR)
   - No report.

Service Options-Private Hire
- No report

Elder Abuse Awareness
- No report

Administrative:
- Daily Administrative Staff meetings held at 8:00am; I&R Program Specialist conducts Zoom meetings are held twice daily with I&R staff.
- Standard Operating Procedures developed.

Training:
- HMSA Health Education Classes
**Personnel:**
- Teleworking at home (4)
- 4-10 work schedule (12) and 5-8 work schedule (5)

**Media:**
- Radio ads
AEA Journey at Prince Kuhio Park:

Today’s journey planned by Lainee Carvalho and Laurie-Jean Martin included reconnecting, unity, self-care and letting go of the past. Sean Chun was our guest speaker and he spoke to the group about the values of the “Puhala” tree and its significance on our journey as we transition to a new normal. The following photos taken captures our journey:

Laurie-Jean Martin greeting with Oli and Lainee Carvalho.
Welcome received by the Royal Order, Chuck Boy Chock and Scotty Sagum; presentation of the significance of Prince Kuhio Park.

Sean Chun sharing his knowledge on “Puhala”. We carry anchors from the past and weighs us down that we cannot move. It’s time to “Hala” let go and cut the anchors. “Hala” also means transition.
Although we see the same tree, we each have a different perspective.
July 2020 Executive Report
Hawaii County Office of Aging
Submitted by William “Horace” Farr

1. Hawaii County Office of Aging (HCOA) is pleased to report that we have completed our RFP process and have implemented our new provider contracts for KC services for SFY2021. We are also pleased to have a new first time provider to add to our KC Vender Pool.

2. We continue to adapt to the new normal as we begin to phase in the opening of our building to the public again. Most consumers are still served outside of the building, and entrance into the building is by appointment only. Only three groups of two are allowed entry into the building at any one time. We also began scheduling our conference and training rooms for usage on a limited basis. Usage is only allowed Monday – Friday from 8am – 4pm. No weekends and after hours are allowed to ensure proper cleaning and sanitizing of the room is done after each use.

3. As we prepare to resume our Committee on Aging (COA) and Committee on Peoples with Disabilities (COPWD) meetings this month, HCOA is saddened to announce the passing away of one of our Committee members, colleague, and friend, Lito Asuncion. Lito passed away on June 23, 2020. Our condolences go out to his wife Millie and son Rico.

4. Working with our partners Community First, we were able re-start our Advanced Health Care Directive (AHCD) program again. All training and informational sessions were done virtually online. The final witnessing and signing of documents were completed by drive through with volunteers stationed in the parking lot to assist. Due to the success of the virtual and drive through process, we are booked and scheduled for July and August.

5. See Attached pictures and flyer. Thank you.
ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE
Do you have one?

Let us help you complete an Advance Health Care Directive that documents your end-of-life wishes. It's free and doesn't require an attorney.

SPECIAL ZOOM WORKSHOP
You will need an iPad, Computer, or Smart Phone

Date: Thursday, July 16 or Thursday, August 13, 2020
Time: 3 – 4 p.m.
Place: In your home or office

RSVP: https://www.communityfirsthawaii.org/registration/

Or email/text your name, email address and phone no. to:
Amy Hamane, afhamane@gmail.com; ph. 443-4033
Rosemary Burnett, pohakulei@gmail.com; ph.987-4405

-An Advance Health Care Directive is an important gift to your loved ones so that they won't have to guess what you want if you no longer can speak for yourself.

-We will provide a step-by-step explanation on how to complete your Advance Health Care Directive.

-If you already have a Living Will, a Health Care Power of Attorney, or an Advance Health Care Directive, learn how to review it to be sure it meets your needs today.

-It's not easy to talk about how you want the end of your life to be. But it's one of the most important conversations that you can have with your loved ones.

Sponsored by Community First’s Committee on Advance Health Care Directives.

Mahalo to the Hawaii County Office of Aging & the Aging and Disability Resource Center.