

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS  
November 1, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Linda Axtell-Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:35 p.m. 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, Joy Miyasaki, Shelly Ogata, Gary Simon, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Kathleen Wyatt, Barbara Yamashita, and Sarah Yuan.

(Scott Spallina arrived at 12:00 noon.)

Members Absent: Suzie Schulberg

Others Present: Ex-officios: Alan Burdick, DLIR; Kathy Ishihara, DHS; Keith Ridley, DOH; Melina Sanchez, DCCA; Tom Duran, CMS; and Peggy Perkinson, UH.

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

Guests: Marilyn Seely and Jessica Wooley.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 4, 2019 PABEA meeting were approved as distributed.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Linda proposed that Executive Committee meetings be held immediately following the PABEA meeting for November 2019 to June 2020. PABEA approved the proposal.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Sarah presented the four legislative priorities approved by the legislative committee: Healthy Aging Partnership, Kupuna Caregivers, Hawaii Saves, and hearing aids.

PABEA approved the priorities.

Attendees are encouraged to contact the Hawaii Congressional delegation to advocate for OAA reauthorization.

No active aging legislation will be introduced this year.

#### PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE:

A draft of the rerevised PABEA by-laws (attached) was distributed.

The draft was approved with changes clarifying Sections 5 and 7 of Article VIII was approved.

The Attorney General will ensure that the draft complies with and is consistent with State statutes.

#### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The committee did not meet today.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING:

##### Administration

SHIP enrollment continues.

Caroline provided presentations on Kupuna Caregivers to the Honolulu Committee on Aging and AARP.

EOA is considering contracting for the ADRD position. EOA is developing a job description and is seeking 1.0 FTE for the position via legislation.

A draft of the Kupuna Caregivers Program Plan (attached) was distributed. The goal is to maximize the number of caregivers served.

EOA will meet with legislators when the draft is finalized.

Regarding the long term care public awareness campaign, Nathan Hokama is finalizing two booklets. The final report to the legislature will include the survey results and analysis.

#### CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION:

Staffing vacancies continue.

New staff are being trained.

New service providers, including pest control, are on-boarding.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING:

Horace now is the temporary administrator for Hawaii County and is performing three positions.

He is stabilizing staff as staff might be terminating and might be transferring internally.

A service provider closed for business effective September 30. Resulting service shortages are in West Hawaii.

KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS:

The Kauai services report was distributed to PABEA by email.

Dementia Friends continues to expand on Kauai.

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

The Maui services report was distributed at the meeting.

Deborah reminded attendees to contact the Hawaii Congressional delegation to advocate for OAA reauthorization (a five year reauthorization).

KUPUNA CAUCUS:

Percy Ihara will provide a presentation at the meeting today.

APPOINTED AND EX-OFFICIOS MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Tom Duran announced that Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Part D 2020 open enrollment ends December 7.

Alan Burdick reported that beneficiaries of the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program receive ten \$5 coupons for produce. The program has expanded to approximately 9,000 people. \$50,000 was received from the state last year for the program. No monies have been received this year from the state.

Peggy Perkinson suggests that consumer directed care be considered as another option for Kupuna Caregivers. She also suggests monitoring devices for Kupuna Caregivers.

Keith Ridley recommends getting your flu shots.

Barbara service reported that AARP's caregiving ambassador, Amy Goyer, will be on Oahu for two events: The Art of Caregiving on November 21 and Caregiving and Cake on November 23.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunshine Law pop quiz is tabled until the next meeting.

January PABEA meeting is rescheduled from January 3, 2020 to January 10, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marilyn Seely reported that Sumi Makey died and that services will be held on November 3.

Anonymous sponsors will cater lunch for the December meeting in celebration of the Holiday Season.

Next PABEA Meeting: December 6, 11:30 a.m., EOA

ADJOURNMENT:

Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.