

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS
August 2, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENTATION:

Evern Williams, Olelo Community Relations Specialist, encouraged the meeting attendees to create a PSA to assist with performing our PABEA work more effectively. Production centers are on neighbor islands and are practically free. Programming is available online. PSAs recorded on Oahu can be aired on the neighbor islands if neighbor islanders take them to the neighbor island Olelo sites. Production can be completed in approximately twenty minutes.

CALL TO ORDER:

Linda Axtell-Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. A quorum was established with nine members present at the call to order. (This board requires eight members to be present in order to establish quorum.)

Members Present: Linda Axtell-Thompson, William Kinaka, Joy Miyasaki, Suzie Schulberg, Gary Simon, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Barbara Yamashita, and Sarah Yuan.

Members Absent: Shelley Ogata and Scott Spallina

Others Present: Ex-officios: Alan Burdick, DLIR, Denise Iseri-Matsubara, DLIR; and David Rodriguez, DOT.

EOA Staff and AAAs: Kimo Almeida, Derrick Ariyoshi, Caroline Cadirao, Josephine Lum, Charles Nagatoshi, Lisa Nakao, Debra Shimizu, Kealoha Takahashi, and Cristina Valenzuela.

Guests: Clayton Homa (planner), Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Evern Williams, and Jessica Wooley.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS: The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF JULY MEETING MINUTES: The minutes were approved as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Linda is seeking new members to fill existing vacancies and anticipated vacancies from members whose terms terminate in June 2019 and June 2010. Joy will suggest to Evern that she apply. Colette Browne and Kathy Wyatt have reapplied. Barbara Service has applied. Josephine will be circulating a draft of the lists of the PABEA members, PABEA Committee members, and their contact information for review and correction.

The current meeting time is 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PABEA committees begin meeting at 10:00 a.m. Caroline is asking whether the start time for the Kupuna Caucus meeting can be delayed

to 2:00 p.m. Neighbor island members are committed to being present when needed. Meetings of the Executive Committee will be on the September agenda (PABEA Chair, Vice Chairs, and committee Chairs intend to huddle after each monthly meeting.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Caroline Cadirao and Michiyo Tomioka, Ph.D., provided a presentation on Healthy Aging Partnerships (HAP). HAP will be focusing on marketing, including cultural sub-groups; funding, including general funds from the State, to sustain and expand HAP; different avenues for referrals; and impact presentations for funding advocacy.

Tentative PABEA advocacy priorities will be presented to Kokua Council and Kupuna Caucus in October. Advocacy priorities include HAP, Kupuna Caregivers, Hawaii Saves, prescription drugs affordability, active aging, and health insurance benefits for hearing aids. A potential item to consider might be expansion of advance health care directives into pre-dementia; however, PABEA needs to learn much more about the issue.

Disaster planning is on the agenda for today's Kupuna Caucus.

Barbara Yamashita proposes laying the national aging priorities over the state priorities to determine where the priorities are aligned and not aligned.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE:

A quorum was not present at the committee meeting. However, those present discussed the area plan on aging, the by-laws and Act 125 of 2019, possible revisions to the by-laws to comply with state statutes, purview of committees, committee meeting quorum, and aligning PPRC priorities with Caroline's EOA priorities. The committee intends to present a revised draft of the by-laws to PABEA at its October meeting.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The committee did not meet. Linda suggests, in addition to the OAM celebration, partnering with other organizations for other elder events, and activities which can promote PABEA and elders. David, John, Jeannie, and Barbara Yamashita encourage branding for PABEA and revisiting PABEA's purview of advising the EOA Director. John would like to resign from the Legislative Committee to help RAC in planning these partnering and branding initiatives.

DOT:

August is Walk Wise Hawaii Month. All present pledged to walk wisely.

DLIR:

OCSS is focusing on the Kauai federal senior farmers market to ensure that full participation achieved. (Full participation has been achieved at all other seniors farmers markets.) 9,000 are served each year statewide. Federal funding is available to seniors to buy local produce.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING:

National

- The purpose of the Administration for Community Living's recent reorganization was to centralize all staff to DC to increase efficiency. Due to the reorg, the staff at the regional level (Region 9) that provided technical assistance to EOA are all gone, since the Administrator and his staff were all eligible for retirement. EOA is currently working through Region 10 for any technical assistance.

EOA Administration

- Working to fill vacant positions in the office. Grants Management 3 vacancies -Program Manager for PD/VDC, Program Spec VI position and Program Spec V. OA position will have interviews scheduled in July. Reviewing how to bring in an AO III at part time to assist with personnel and potentially a reorg.
- Working on budget request to the DOH for the next legislative session.
- Working to improve communication among staff and management. Held two core meetings with managers in July to discuss direction of the office, responsibilities and expectations.
- Held a full Staff Meeting in mid July. These too will be held regularly, once a month and are scheduled through December 2019. The July meeting included a presentation about person centered organizational training and looking at the EOA trajectory. The trajectory maps out what is needed for EOA to be successful/vision of a good EOA and what we think may be stumbling blocks along the way.
- The EOA staff worked on creating the EOA trajectory.
- Revived the AAA/EOA meetings. Held a webex Brief meeting in July to discuss direction, update to the Federal Financial Participation report and county updates.

Program Updates

- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program - Met with the LTCOP to discuss the status of the ombudsman position. The paperwork for the position had been created about two years ago but never submitted to DOH. After my review, I submitted the paperwork to establish the position.
- Meeting with Nathan Hokama next week on the public awareness campaign.

Kupuna Caregivers Update

- Staff met to discuss the changes in the laws and what is required by the legislature.
- Held conference calls with each Area Agency on Aging to ask questions and assess where they are with the program.
- Next steps
 - Survey participants of the program
 - Survey providers of the program
 - Generate scenarios on how the program can implement changes in the law
 - Meet with stakeholders and legislature to discuss the program
 - Update guidelines based on feedback from stakeholders and community

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION:

EAD has a significant number of vacancies. Lenny Fabro has been hired. The four year plan has been submitted to the Mayor for his review and approval. The Honolulu Committee on Aging will reconvene this month. The Senior handbooks have been received today. EAD will

be at the September Young at Heart event. Wes Sumida has received a grant to distribute drug neutralization pouches.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

Kimo has distributed the Silver Bulletin by email.

KAUAI AGENCY OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS:

The Mayor's dementia friendly committee will convene in August.

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

Deborah attended the N4A conference. A focus of the conference was population health. OAA funding might increase. No budget sequestration is anticipated. Reauthorization of OAA is due September 30. ACL is considering an initiative for AAAs to become non-profit. Kealoha has been appointed to the N4A board. The Maui area plan will be approved this month. A senior fair will be held this month. The caregiver fair will be held in October. The data analyst position has been filled by Kevin Dusenbury. The current vacancies number three. Deborah distributed the MCOA Legislative Briefing Report for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

KUPUNA CAUCUS:

No meeting was held in July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and the House Committee on Health will have an information briefing on Hawaii's health workforce development for the 21st century on August 21 from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon at the Capitol.

Representative Ed Case will be the speaker at the August Kokua Council Meeting.

AARP Summer Advocacy Celebrations will be held on August 5 on Oahu, August 23 in Hilo, and on August 27 on Maui.

Linda will be sending a thank you letter to those former PABEA members whose terms ended on June 30.

Barbara Yamashita is the PABEA lead for Change AGENTS activities.

Linda is seeking PABEA lead for Olelo activities.

PABEA orientation/reorientation/planning will be provided in place of the committee meetings normally scheduled before the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.