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POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

Ala Moana Hotel

Friday, September 7, 2018, 12:00 p. m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Axtell-Thompson, Colette Browne, James Cisler, William Kinaka, Shelly Ogata, Gary Simon, John Tomoso, Beverly Jean Withington, Kathleen Wyatt, Sarah Yuan, Caroline Cadirao, Debbie Shimizu, Christina Valenzuela, Kealoha Takahashi, Peggy Perkinson, David Rodriguez, Barbara Service.

Gary called the meeting to order at 12:02 p. m.

Roll call: Ten PABEA members were present.

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes: Approval of the July minutes was deferred to the October meeting.

Discussion Issues:

Chair's Report: PABEA and its Plans and Projects review Committee are working with OIP to obtain waivers from rules which obstruct PABEA from meeting, i. e. quorum requirements, calling in. David suggested that we strongly encourage members to attend.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Plans and Projects Review Committee: PPRC will begin examining community wide elder services to consider where we can help to improve those services. PPRC will be meeting on September 21 at 9:30 a. m. in room 436 (across the building from EOA) to discuss the Sunshine Law.

Recognition and Awards Committee: No report.

Aging Network:

Executive Office on Aging: Caroline reported that Kupuna Caucus has requested a report on the status of the Kupuna Caregiver Program. \$1.2 million of Kupuna Caregiver funds have been contracted at the county level. Some EOA staff have attended a number of conferences, including the N4A conference.

City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division: No report.

Hawaii County Office on Aging: No report.

Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs: 5 caregivers have received 161 days of service via Kupuna Caregivers. Positive testimony regarding Kupuna Caregivers has been received from caregivers.

Maui County Office on Aging: No report.

Kupuna Caucus: No report.

Appointed and Ex-Officio Members' Reports: None.

Statements from the Public: Barbara stated her disappointment with the lack of quorum. On behalf of AARP, Barbara asked those present to bring to her attention issues which could be addressed next legislative session.

Linda asked that we monitor the next legislative session for any and all changes to the Kupuna Caregivers laws.

Colette asked that we support issues related to poverty reduction.

New Business: None.

Next PABEA meeting: October 5, 2018.

Gary adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p. m.