

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS
September 6, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENTATION:

Chuck Larsen of Hawaii Intergeneration Network provided a presentation on Homesharing Hawaii. Isolation can be equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes per day. Safe and affordable housing is needed in Hawaii. On Oahu, approximately 26,000 seniors live alone. Homesharing Hawaii is seeking partnerships with agencies to facilitate home sharing. Keith Ridley of DOH cautioned the attendees that a home in which a tenant receives healthcare or health services might need to be licensed to provide such care or services.

CALL TO ORDER:

Linda Axtell-Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was not established as only seven 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, William Kinaka, Shelly Ogata, Suzie Schulberg, Gary Simon, John Tomoso, and Beverly Jean Withington,.

Members Absent: Joy Miyasaki, Scott Spallina, Barbara Yamashita, and Sarah Yuan.

Others Present: Ex-officios: Denise Iseri-Matsubara, DLIR; Kathy Ishihara, DHS; and Keith Ridley, DOH.

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

Guests: Kathy Wyatt, Barbara Service, and Jessica Wooley.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS: Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

PABEA Bylaws are being reviewed for possible amending. Attendees are requested to view the sunshine law training videos and subsequently complete the quiz. Linda is seeking suggestions from EOA staff and PABEA members to enhance the relationship between EOA and PABEA. The Legislature held an informational briefing on August 31 on healthcare workforce development. Linda appeals to the attendees for contributions to the coffee fund. PABEA Committees did not meet today so committee reports will not be provided.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING:

- Caroline attended a presentation on the app for meals on wheels.
- Caroline attended the HCBS Conference. The new tag line for HCBS is ADvancing States. Of 3,000 counties, only 28 counties exist where one can live on the minimum wage.
- EOA is developing the description for the ADRD Coordinator position.
- EOA programs' funds have been placed in the Governor's budget. These funds must be requested by EOA.
- An advocacy outreach event will be scheduled.
- SHP enrollment begins October 15.
- Caroline met with Pedro Haro and Susannah Dyen of Caring Across Generations to discuss advocacy for Kupuna Caregivers.
- Caroline met with Nathan Hokama to discuss the Public Awareness Campaign. A survey will be performed to measure the results of the campaign. Nathan will be finalizing a booklet and a report. Caroline will invite Nathan to provide a presentation of the campaign and his final report.
- The State Plan has been approved.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION:

- Derrick attended the HCBS Conference.
- The Honolulu Committee on Aging convened on August 30. The Committee is finalizing its bylaws for approval. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27 at Kapalama Hale.
- EAD is finalizing the contract for heavy chore and pest removal.
- Senior Handbooks will be available at the Young at Heart Expo.
- The data analyst position has been filled.
The City Council will hear the Area Plan on August 25.

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

Kimo's last day is today. The Mayor will appoint a new director. Contractor Seniors Helping Seniors is closing.

KAUAI AGENCY OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS:

EnhancedFitness participation data was distributed by Kealoha by email.

Ritabelle Fernandes, M.D. conducted a Dementia Friends training session on Kauai. 96 attendees included members from the Mayor's staff. She also completed a Dementia Friends Champions Training for 26 attendees. Kealoha offers to train PABEA members.

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING:

- Current vacancies in Access & Assistance number four. Despite vacancies, the caseload is manageable as the number of clients have been decreasing due to deaths.
- Tony Krieg has resigned. He intends to volunteer with MCOA.
- Deborah had instituted fun Fridays to help take care of staff by helping them wind down from the week. Fun Fridays are now held once a month.
- Deborah and her staff are considering a reorganization.
- Deborah attended the inaugural RAISE meeting. RAISE meetings will be held 4 times a year. Priorities to be addressed include healthcare reform, the positive and negative impacts of caregiving, a national strategy to navigate the caregiver system, maintaining the emotional, financial, mental, spiritual, and social health of caregivers, and providing the right service at the right time and increasing service capacity to meet the needs of caregivers.

KUPUNA CAUCUS:

Peggy Perkinson will provide a presentation on the outcome of the long term care task force.

DHS:

Kathy Ishihara reported that assistance from Med-QUEST is available from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STATEMENTS:

Barbara Service invited attendees to register for their respective Alzheimer's Association Walk To End Alzheimer's. The Hilo Walk will be held on September 21, the Maui Walk will be held on October 26, and the Oahu Walk will be held on November 9.

Jessica announced that AARP is advocating for federal legislation to reduce drug prices – “*Stop Rx Greed.*” Petitions are available both online and on paper. AARP Hawaii is collecting petitions for Hawaii Saves.

John Tomoso has asked Roy Katsuda to apply for PABEA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Hospice/palliative care legislative briefing: September 11, 10:30-12:00, State Capitol
- Next PABEA Meeting: October 4, 11:30 am, EOA

ADJOURNMENT: Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.