

**STATE OF HAWAII**

STATE COUNCIL

ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

EAST & WEST HAWAII DD COMMITTEES

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West Hawai’i DD Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

9:30–11:00 a.m.

Kona Adult Day Care

81-989 Haleki῾i Street

Kealakekua, Hawai’i 96750

Minutes

PRESENT: Daryl Bickell, Roy Corpus, Damian Extor, Kristine Halsted, Heidi Hargett, Jackie Sue Hopf, Duke Kaawa, Henry Ha’o, Lois Phillip, Jeri Raymond, Robbie Sanoria, Cheryl Shultz, Marissa Sterling, Isaiah Wong

STAFF: Jesse Floyd

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Mr. Floyd.

**II.**  **Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**III.** **Statements from the Public**

There were no statements from the public.

**IV.** **Consent Items**

A. Minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting.

The minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

B. Agenda

The agenda for the February 13, 2019 meeting was approved as circulated.

**V.** **Unfinished Business**

A. DD Council State Plan 2017-2021

Goal #1 Community Supports

Improving transportation services is important to West Hawai῾i advocates. Hawai῾i County Council’s public works and transportation committee meets monthly to review county transportation issues. The council posts the day, time, and location of the meeting and invites citizens to attend and provided testimony on the agenda topics. The transportation committee met on Monday, February 4, 2019 to discuss the condition of the Mass Transit buses and bus routes. Testimony was given by a person in a motorized wheelchair of having to wait, sometimes up to two hours, for a wheel chair accessible para-transit van to become available when the bus on the route had an inoperable wheelchair lift.

Ms. Raymond reported that an Arc of Kona participant was recently hired to begin working at Safeway, Kona beginning February 25, 2019. He needed access to transportation, but he lived away from the bus route. After contacting county mass transit, the para-transit coordinator, Tiffany Kai scheduled his physical evaluation appointment for the next day successfully passed the examination and is waiting for his job to begin.

There is still time to submit written testimony on Senate bill 467: Making an appropriation to restore adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees. Go to the Hawai῾i State legislature web page and click “Submit Testimony”.

The Hawai’i County Council meets in Kona and Hilo once a month. The dates, location, and times of those meetings are posted on the council website. Self-advocates, family members, and agency personnel are encouraged to attend council meetings and speak with council members about improving access to transportation.

Goal #2 Public Awareness: Mr. Corpus gave a report on the information he obtained in the past month on “Did You Know”. Attendees were encouraged to add to “Did You Know”.

Goal #3 Transition and Employment: Survey Monkey questionnaire is online. We ask self-advocates, family members, and DD Case management to complete the questions about the ABLE Act, employment services DD Division offers, and other information about IDD services and supports.

B. Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) Activities

Ms. Hargett attends the DD Council as the West Hawai῾i member. She enjoys being the co-chair on the Health committee.

The DD Council needs photos of participants doing activities in the community for March National Disability Awareness Month.

C. West Hawai’i DD Committee Activities

Mr. Ka῾awa works at the Arc of Kona kitchen and gets paid. West Hawai῾i DDC members working on creating a “Did you know?” list and a resource list of activities to do in West Hawai῾i.

D. Home and Community-Based Services IDD Waiver

DD Division may add a long-term employment aid for workers needing that assistance. The idea is in the early concept state.

E. Public Awareness, Education, & Training Committee Meeting

Unfortunately, the WHDDC could not participate due to need to discuss 2019 Day at the Capitol.

F. 2019 Day at the Capitol-Thursday, March 7, 2019

Registration for Day at the Capitol is online at Eventbrite. Begin adding participants with complete information so flight information may begin after registration deadline.

Restoration of Adult Dental services to adult Medicaid recipients will be an important topic during the visit to the capitol. There is a bill that will be heard in a house sub-committee and providing testimony may be accomplished by accessing the legislature web page.

West Hawai῾i has new legislators. Staff is preparing meeting locations and times. Staff will give the meeting schedule to participants. It is important that attendees not remain one large group but splinter into smaller groups to attend PAR, the meeting with Representative Creagan had 11:00 a.m.

The senators will meet in one location and sub sandwiches and drinks will be provided for lunch. As happened the previous five years, the senators will walk everyone down to the Senate chambers.

**VI. New Business**

* 1. 2019 Legislative Measures

Restoration of adult dental services is one of many bills that the DD Council supports.

1. **Reports**

A. Agencies

B. Others

There were no reports from agencies and others.

**VIII. Announcements**

1. Arc of Kona will have a Valentine’s party on Thursday, February 14, 2019.
2. Pac Rim Conference will be on March 4 and March 5, 2019. Application for scholarships is being accepted.

**IX. Next Meeting and Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Place: Arc of Kona

81-1065 Konawaena School Road  
 Kealakekua, Hawai’i 96750

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jesse Floyd