

**STATE OF HAWAI῾I**

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ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Kaua῾i Developmental Disabilities Committee (KDDC) Meeting

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

State Building, 3060 Eīwa Street

Second Floor Conference Room

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Carleen Yamamoto, Debra Remigio, Joshua Iloreta, Archie Lanning, Kassie Sunada, Randell Lee, Robert Stuart, Stacy Refamonte, Willabeth Ludington, Jordan Edayan, Cody Streeter, Alex McClurg, Travis Planas, Shana Metsch, Melissa Iida, Davlyn Brede, Anne Hvizdak, Kealoha Takahashi

**STAFF:** Che Silvert, Kauai Program Specialist. Zosimo Arista, Oahu Program Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER**

Action: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Che Silvert

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Action: Introductions were completed.

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**STATEMENTS FROM** **THE PUBLIC**

Action: Travis

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Action: Review of the Minutes

Discussion: No amendments requested

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**REPORTS**

Developmental Disabilities Council: Nothing to Report at this time

Developmental Disabilities Division: No report

Department of Education: No representative and no report at this time.

Mayor’s ADA Coordinator: No Report at this time

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: Nothing to Report at this time.

Ho’oheno: Nothing to report at this time

Kaua’i Community Children’s Council: No report at this time

Children with Special Health Care Needs: Nothing to Report

County Agency on Elderly Affairs: Kealoha Takahashi, Nothing to report at this time.

County of Kauai Transportation Services: No Report at this time

Easterseals Hawai’i: Anne has joined the Hawaii Oral Health Coalition meetings. She reports that in the new legislative session, the group will be following up with Senate Bill 457 to reinstate adult dental benefits to Medicaid recipients. The dental bill has always stated how much it will “cost” the state to reinstate the services. However, the Oral Health Coalition believes this cost can offset by the amount of money the state would save from emergency room visits. Many individuals in the state of Hawaii suffer from medical-related issues due to not having dental services; tooth health affects a person’s entire body, not just their mouth. By curbing the medical-related problems caused by poor dental services, the state could save as much if not more money by reinstating the dental services and preventing these emergency room visits. The Oral Health Coalition needs testimony in support of this bill from people with special needs that we benefit from these services. Anne also asked if we could look into the different avenues for sign waving for people to slow down. It was recommended to possibly contact the Kauai police department and see if they would be interested in this.

BAYADA: Nothing to report at this time.

Friendship House: No report at this time.

Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC): No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Action: **Legislative Forum / Resource Fair**

Discussion: The Legislative Forum overall went well. There are, however, many issues and things that can improve. The video was not able to play; this was due to both lack of testing and technical difficulties. Next year the projector and laptop will be pre-downloaded with the video and tested on the projector and amp before the event begins. There needs to be a crew for set up and take down. SAAC members volunteered to help with setting up and takedown of the event. Feedback was given to have the event either in the mornings or early evenings. The group is in agreement that the event should be moved to these earlier times, if possible. A concern expressed that the reason the event time was so late is that it was the only time the legislators agreed to come. Che will follow up with the legislators and the planning committee to see what time will work for next year’s event. The music during the transition from Forum to Resource Fair was enjoyed. Possible hosting it at a high school or on a weekend was also suggested. Che needs to delegate more duties on the day of the event so that he can be free to answer questions and deal with any problems that come up. There needs to be more time for public engagement with the legislators. This might make the Legislative Forum part of the event two hour long to leave enough time for open discussion. The event would roughly be 30min open introduction and Mayor speech, 1 hour of prompted questions, and 30 mins for open discussion. It was suggested the Agency on Housing should be a resource at the Forum. Che has received their information from Kealoha.

Decision/Follow-Up:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Action: Agenda

Discussion: Remove Legislative Forum from Unfinished Business, Che will give updated reports on the Kauai Transition / Reverse Job Fair planning committee during DD Council report.

**Project Follow Up**

Action: Personal Allowance

Discussion: James Tokioka is looking into the personal allowance bill from 2-3 years ago. The initial bill raised the personal allowance of persons with disabilities on Medicaid. The increase is to reflect the increase in the rate of the handi-van services that are happening statewide. The Kauai Council is in support of this bill being pursued.

Action: Sub-Minimum Wage

Discussion: All agencies that hold 14c Sub-Minimum Wage contracts have been contacted. All agencies report that they do not have any individuals currently in 14c contracts and or being paid sub-minimum wage. WINTAC produced a report in April saying 102 individuals with IDD were being employed at sub-minimum wage. Their numbers were derived from the Department of Labor. The department of Labor was contacted and should be getting back to us with the direct numbers they have for individuals within the state of Hawaii being paid sub-minimum wage.

Action: Project Life / Search

Discussion: The DDC is now holding the certificate for Project Search. It is possible with enough interest from DoE that a Project Search could begin on Kauai.

Action: Income Disregard/Able

Discussion: Currently the Income Disregard will be implemented at 200% of the poverty limit as well as a $7000 asset disregard. This will hopefully go into effect in December/January. The ABLE accounts are being worked on with budget and finance and will hopefully be implemented around Dec-Jan as well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Action: There were no announcements made.

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

Action: Confirm the next meeting

Discussion: The next meeting will be December 3rd, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at State Building, 3060 Eīwa Street, Second Floor Conference Room.

Decision/Follow-Up:

**ADJOUNMENT**

Action: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.