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**PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, August 14, 2019**

**10: 00 pm- 11:30 pm**

**Kapolei State Building (Kakuhihewa)**

**601 Kamokila Blvd., Room 333, Kapolei**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jackie Indreginal (DDC Member, Med-Quest, Chair), Michelle Muralt (DDC- Self Advocate, Co-chair), Abigail George (DDD Training Department).

**ABSENT:** Tina King (Parent, Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawaii), Lou Eterchik

(Executive Administrator, Hawaii Disability Rights Center), Liza Yogi (Parent, DD Council)

Kevin Bardsley-Marcial (DDC- Non-Profit Organizations), Mary Brogan (DDC- DOH State

Agency, Sol Ray Duncan (DDC- Self Advocate) and Heidi Hargett (DDC Self-Advocate-Kona).

**STAFF:** Raj Kumar

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Muralt called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone introduced himself or herself.

1. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no statements from the public.

1. **CONSENT ITEMS**
2. Minutes of the June 12, 2019 Meeting

* Minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. No additional comments from the Committee members.
* There are no Minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting since there was no quorum. Co-Chairs decided not to vote as the majority of the members were not present at the June 12, 2019 meeting.
* No meeting was held in July 2019.

1. Agenda

* The Committee approved the agenda as distributed.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. DD Council State Plan

* No Updates.

1. Agencies Reports
2. Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) – Ms. George informed the Committee that:

* DDD staff received Life Course training throughout the summer.
* DDD will be presenting a family Life Course presentation at the upcoming LDAH –

Traveling Mini Conference.

* DDD currently discussing/planning Family training in the future.

Mr. Kumar shared an email from Ms. Brogan, DDD Administrator regarding revisions made to the Applying for Services from DDD booklet. Many of these revisions were recommendations made by Public Awareness, Education, & Training Committee (PAET) last year. These include:

* The examples of the standardized measures DDD uses are on Page 11 of the new booklet. It includes the Weschler, WAIS, WISC, or Stanford-Binet tests, for Psychological evaluations, and the Adaptive Behavior Assessment System (ABAS) and Vineland tests for adaptive assessments.
* There is a change in the statutory definition for young children, and how they are tied to the seven functional areas for adults. The change in the statute §333F was made to reflect the federal definition, and the whole purpose was to not have children 0-9 have to meet limitations in functioning criteria the same as adults. Children manifest their limitations in different ways than adults, the key being that in all likelihood, they will meet the criteria later in their childhood. Therefore, DDD can't make the crosswalk as requested as it clearly does not apply to young children aged 0-9.
* A checklist of documents and the eligibility determination process was created in the new booklet and can be found on Pages 17 and 18.
* On page 11, what "recent" means has been clarified. It means that the applicant should provide past and current evaluations, as all are relevant to making a determination. Usually "recent" means within 1-2 years. However this varies by age as some testing done early (e.g. WPPSI) is less valid for diagnosing ID and should be repeated, if there is uncertainty. If the individual has a “track record” of many tests done that show consistency of adaptive skills or cognition over the years, there may not need to be an updated test as DDD see enough of a pattern to establish eligibility, even if the last test was not “recent”. So the definition of recent is fairly individualized to the person and their life stage. Because generally recent means in the past one or two years, it is explained further that if the applicant does not have a current psychological evaluation or adaptive assessment, DDD will try to assist in helping the person to get one. DDD psychologist has certified many of their Social Work IVs in ABAS administration, and they have contracts with several psychologists to conduct psychological assessments. DDD has also discussed accessing assessments with several of the health plans.
* Clarify what to do if a diagnosis was made after the age of 18 or 22, but a doctor can verify it occurred before the age of 18 or 22.  DDD would need a written and signed report from a physician or psychologist caring for the person outlining their diagnoses and the historic clinical signs and symptoms that allowed them to arrive at the diagnosis. As long as the signs and symptoms were present before the age of 18 or 22, they would qualify as having a diagnosis that is eligible, even if the physician writes the report after they are 18 or 22. DDD accepts historic data that supports an onset of the diagnosis prior to those ages. Because DDD asks for a comprehensive set of information on pages 10 and 11, and will ask for more information if needed, it will review all the information through this lens.

1. Department of Human Services (DHS) – Ms. Indreginal informed the Committee that

* There is no update for DD waiver.
* As for State Transition Plan, they need to go out again for Public comment in February 2020.
* As for Onsite home validation, not all homes will be validated onsite. Some homes will be validated through desk reviews due to limited resources. Some Case Management Agencies have been doing this for DHS.

1. DD Council Two- Year Work Plan FY 2019 and FY 2020

* No updates.

1. 2019 Legislative Measures

* SCR 120- SD1 was adopted by the Hawaii Legislature on April 23, 2019. The Resolution is requesting the Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a working group to identify strategies and agreements to better coordinate services provided to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families.
* In 2019, the Council has supported the following measures:

1. Floridization of water
2. Income disregard (Medicaid Buy-in)
3. Abolishing sub-minimum wage
4. Reinstating Adult Dental for Medicaid recipients
5. Implementation of Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Footsteps to Transition Fair will be held at Kapolei Middle School on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

1. **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

Next meeting will be held onWednesday, September 11, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The agenda will remain the same.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Raj Kumar