**Developmental Disabilities Committee Meetings for the June 15, 2020 Council meeting**

1. **Kaua῾i DD Committee Report**

Last Meeting: Friday, June 12th, 2020, 11:00 a.m.–

12:00 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 7th, 2020,11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

* **Transportation:**

The Committee has continued to work with the Kauai Bus to maintain safety for our community members. Wearing a mask while riding public transit is mandatory, and the use of public transportation has been restricted to “essential” travel only.

* **The Kauai Transition Planning Committee**:

Currently, meetings are postponed due to COVID-19. However, the committee will look at hosting a virtual reverse job fair on Kauai in the future. These meetings will hopefully begin again come August when we have a better understanding of how DoE will be handling the coming school semester.

* **Post-Secondary Supports:**

The KDDC is working with Eric Folk to bring post-secondary supports to Kauai hopefully. Currently, there is at least one individual beginning community college this semester that these services could aide.

* **Kauai SAAC:**

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, The Kauai Committee has maintained its SAAC meetings over Zoom. These meetings are designed to help individuals within our community stay connected and socialize, even in the event of full isolation. These meetings also play an essential role as practice for future virtual meetings.

* **Legislative Forum:**

The committee agreed the forum might have to be held remotely. This may be done through zoom, Microsoft Teams, or some other virtual platform. The event would be less focused on live participation and center around getting community participation beforehand and working these opinions into the “live” recorded event.

1. **East & West Hawai῾i DD Committee Report**

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Last Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 10:30- 11:30 A.M.

ZOOM

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:30- 11:30 A.M.

ZOOM

**West Hawaii DD Committee Meetings**

Last Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 10:00-11:00a.m.

ZOOM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 10:00-11:00a.m.

ZOOM

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

* Participated in puppet making at the East Hawaii Cultural Arts Center on Wednesday, January 8. 2020. Puppets were made from newspaper and paste and painted with loud colors such as: blue, yellow, greens, red, brown, and black.
* Chaired a planning meeting of the East Hawaii Disability Legislative Forum. It was suggested to change the format for this year’s forum to be more community involved with a round robin table program. Attendees could sit at a table and discuss the topic of that topic with legislators.
* Attended on January 28, 2020 via teleconference a meeting of Employment First Hawaii. Governor Ige’s Employment First proclamation was discussed. The proclamation promotes employment for persons with disabilities as the first option when planning services.
* Attended the Community Children’s Council meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Topics discussed included: Malama Da Mind and Agency Reports.

Malama Da Mind is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Kea ‘au High from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Still accepting vendors, donations, and performance artists.

SPIN conference is scheduled to be on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

* Participated in LEND (Leadership, Education in Neonatal Development) Supported Decision Making community participation question/answer session on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Department of Health, District Health Office, Kealakekua.
* Attended the Community Children’s Council meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Continued planning for Malama da Mind scheduled for May 9, 2019. Activities that must be completed include obtaining additional donated prizes, additional acts for entertainment. Staff requested colored copies of the Save the Date flyer to distribute to advertisers, radio stations, and newspaper beginning April 2020.
* Assisted with creating the venue and inviting participants to the LEND (Leadership, Education in Neonatal Development) Supported Decision Making community participation question/answer session on Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Arc of Hilo.
* Staff attended webinars in the months of March, April, and May.

The webinars included:

* March 25th at 6pm ET -COVID-19 Disability Rights Daily Call
* Navigating complex community living systems
* Montana- Able act
* Covid-19 virus updates
* COVID-19 Webinar No. 7: Considerations for Businesses & Employers
* Video series: Navigating complex community living systems
* Providing Care and Health Care Advocacy across the lifespan
* Enviable lives for persons with IDD through group acting planning

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

* Attended the Workforce Solution meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Discussion about lack of focus for group and how best to development goals to improve outcomes.

Staff suggested using group’s Mission Statement goal’s including community outreach, education, and training, to identify objectives and activities for each goal. Next meeting agenda will be to develop more comprehensive goals, objectives, and activities.

* Spoke at the West Hawaii Island Quarterly Transition meeting in Waimea on Friday, March 13, 2020. Over 40 attendees listened as the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Services, Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division, and DD Council presented information about services/supports. The Division of Vocation Rehabilitation presented via video conferencing Pre-Ets services to high school students and the order of selection. Developmental Disabilities Division discussed its application process. Staff presented community updates including the recently produced Hawaii Island Resource Map, the Tri-Agency map to those unfamiliar with its use, and the State Council 5 Year Plan.
* Collaborated with Center on Disability Studies on obtaining information from participants at the October 2019 Reverse Job Fair at the Capital. Job applicants, their facilitators, and employers were asked a series of question to better determine the success of the reverse job fair. Information obtained will be evaluated to improve the matching of applicants with employers for future job applicants.
* Attended Employment First Hawaii Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Reverse Job Fair information collected from participants and employer feedback was presented. A few participants were offered and accepted jobs, none refused a job offer. Several were advised to stay in school and continue with education.

* Webinar-Using Virtual Supports in Employment Services

**SELF-ADVOCACY AND SELF-DETERMINATION**

* East Hawaii: Attended Self Advocacy Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Easter Seals Kea ‘au. Members voted for the SAAC logo. Discussed Day at the Capitol coming on Thursday, March 5, 2020 and issues that important to the SAAC members. Restoration of adult dental services was the first issues discussed. Have more, clean parks near Kea ‘au was championed by SAAC chair Ms. Obrero.
* Attended Day at the Capitol in Honolulu on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Over 30 participated with 20 self-advocates from east and west Hawaii Island. Nearly all legislatures met with attendees and had pictures taken, and answered questions related to restoration of adult dental benefits, the creation of more affordable housing, using state lands to improve island transportation, and increasing access to more jobs.
* Webinars – Developing capacity for self-advocacy
* [Supported Decision-Making: From Justice for Jenny to Justice for All](https://www.aaidd.org/education/education-archive/2020/03/18/default-calendar/supported-decision-making-from-justice-for-jenny-to-justice-for-all)
1. **Maui DD Committee Report**

Out of an abundance of caution, the DDC Staff cancelled meetings starting 3.16.2020. Prior to this the Ohana Health Plan Office notified everyone that the meeting room would no longer be available for use due to Covid-19.

Maui Community Supports:

1. **Maui Developmental Disabilities Committee (MDDC)** meets the third Thursday of each month. (On hold)
	* DDC staff provided a 3-part training for 17 staff at La’akea Village on Growth Mindset and the skills and beliefs that foster Self-Determination. The training was well received and is being offered to other agencies.
	* DDC staff coordinated a meeting with DD case managers and DVR counselors on February 7, 2020. 6 DOH-DD case managers and 4 DVR counselors attended. Services were explained, scenarios discussed, and challenges identified. Attendees said they thought it was worthwhile to meet their colleagues and network.
	* DDC Maui Staff, professional co-chair for Central Maui Community Children’s Council attended the quarterly CCC meeting on February 29, 2020.
	* 40 people from Maui County attended the Annual Day at the Capitol on March 5, 2020. Self-Advocates spoke with their senators and representatives.
	* Maui Mayor Victorino made a proclamation on March 10th in recognition that March is DD Awareness month. 25 people attended.
	* DOE is organizing a Transition Training day throughout the state with the goal of building a better understanding of services available for youth’s transition to adulthood. Maui’s Transition event was March 12th. DDC staff spoke about collaboration and systems change. Penny Gilman from Maui High School and two students talked about the Community Dream School. Ms. Gilman spoke with the Principals to see if there is interest to expand to a Regional School at Maui College. DDC staff is a member of the Steering and Design team for Maui High School’s Community Dream School. The primary focus is to provide a regional based school for student’s 18 to 21 years old who have received their certificate of attendance and are still receiving DOE services. 10 people from this program attended the Day at the Capitol event. They spoke with Representative Woodson who is the Chair for Lower and Higher Education.
	* The Maui Community of Employment Practice meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The focus for 2020 will be for these members to provide 3 or 4 trainings for Direct Support Professional (30 people) on the Best Practices of Job Coaching.
	* DDC staff received a certificate from ELEVATUS Training with Katherine McLaughlin, M.Ed. on Developmental Disabilities and Sexuality: Becoming a Sexuality Educator and Trainer. Several Waiver agencies on Maui have expressed interest in having a Sexuality Training for parents, staff and participants. DDC Staff will work with agencies to use the curriculum to meet their needs. One of the goals with the curriculum is to co-facilitate the trainings with people who have developmental disabilities.
	* DOH Staff participates with the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Law Enforcement. DDC staff will provide a PowerPoint presentation, role play and asked 4 parents to be part of the parent panel. The training scheduled for March 30th through April 3rd is on hold.
	* MCH LEND is facilitating 1-hour Supportive Decision-Making focus groups for self-advocates and family members across the state. On March 13, 2020 LEND met with people on Molokai and Maui.
	* DDC is overseeing a pilot program to train up to 10 people using the ACRE accredited College of Employment Services curriculum. The training meets waiver standards for employment services. 10 learners have signed up. One license was offered to Hawaii Island Arc of Kona staff. This training ends in April 2020.
2. **Maui County Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC)** meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. (On Hold)
	* Maui SAAC officers attend the monthly SAAC meeting via Zoom. After this meeting they work on leadership skills and determine the agenda for the general meeting.
	* The winning SAAC logo was revealed at the Annual Day at the Capitol on March 5th. Congratulations to Robbie Stuart from Kauai
3. **Maui Disability Alliance (MDA)** meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. (On Hold)
	* Currently members are in discussion about the format for the 2020 legislative forum. The goal is to have the forum mid to late September before mail in ballots are distributed.