

**STATE OF HAWAI῾I**

STATE COUNCIL

ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Kaua῾i Developmental Disabilities Committee (KDDC) Meeting

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

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Joshua Iloreta, Randelle Lee, Travis Planas, Anne Hvizdak,

Phillip Padilla-Contrades

**STAFF:** Amelia Kyewich- Kaneholani, Kauai Program Specialist and Che Silvert, Legislative Liason

**CALL TO ORDER**

Action: The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Che Silvert

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Action: Introductions were completed.

Discussion: Amelia introduced herself as the new Kauai Program Specialist

Decision/Follow-Up: None

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

Action: Travis

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Action: Review of the Minutes

Discussion: Amendments were made to the minutes, changes to names and capitalization of the word Special, when discussing Special Olympics was requested and that tele-health was hyphenated.

Decision/Follow-Up: Amelia will amend the minutes and submit them.

**REPORTS**

Developmental Disabilities Council: Covid 19 update, discussed how people with disabilities were not allowed an extra person if they were taken to the hospital, but that was changed to allow a support person. School should be starting in August as long as there are no new big spikes in cases. Che discussed the importance of staying in your own “pods” to stay safe.

Developmental Disabilities Division: No representative and no report at this time

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

Mayor’s ADA Coordinator No representative and no report at this time.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: Brooke Jacintho-Yoshida reported that they are open, and providing services through tele-health and taking turns working remotely and that the State building will continue to be closed through the month of July, but they are available if anyone needs assistance.

Ho’oheno: No representative and nothing to report at this time.

Kaua’i Community Children’s Council: No representative at this time as position is vacant.

Children with Special Health Care Needs: No representative present and nothing report at this time.

County Agency on Elderly Affairs: No representative present and nothing to report at this time.

County of Kauai Transportation Services: Gerald Nakamura, reported that the Kauai bus has opened up more services they have the same bus schedule now everyday seven days per week. They are disinfecting and cleaning the buses every morning before they go out, including Paratransit. Anne Hvizdak asked about current rider requirements. Gerald responded that the requirements are for people to wear a facemask for the duration of the bus ride. However, he said if you are unable to wear a facemask you can bring a doctor’s note stating you cannot wear a facemask and they will let you ride the bus. The medical note does not need to say the type of disability a person has, just that they are not able to wear a mask for the duration of the bus ride. The Kauai Bus department is currently trying to figure out the best way for the note to be presented and will let us know that they decide as there are concerns about other bus riders questioning why someone does not need to wear a mask.

Easterseals Hawai’i: Anne Hvizdak, reported they have started tele-health services and are providing services to 9 participants through tele-health, one on one and are starting group tele-health services. They have started a virtual camp. They are currently training PA’s on how to use technology to provide tele-health services. Easterseals has had ISP meetings via tele-health and by using FaceTime.

Friendship House: No representative and, nothing to report at this time.

Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC): No report at this time

Office of Elections: No representative, and nothing to report at this time

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Action: Legislative Update

Discussion: Legislative session will be held from June 22nd until July 10th, they are currently passing bills on Covid 19 and the new Cares Act as they are looking at reopening the state. The Cares Act money will assist people with housing costs, advocacy and food.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Action: New Hire

Discussion: Amelia said “Hi” to everyone and was asked by Anne Hvizdak if she had any goals for DD Council and SAAC. Amelia responded with yes, many but her main goals are to get DD Council and SAAC out into the community more, once we are able to, so that more people know what DD Council and SAAC are all about.

Action: Five Year Plan

Discussion: That the current state plan is coming to a close and that, DD Council will be working on creating a new five year plan that has more achievable goals.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Action: Developmental Disabilities Council Facebook page

Discussion: Amelia explained the new DD Council Facebook page to let everyone know about it.

Decision/Follow-Up: Facebook link will be sent out to everyone

Action: Self Advocacy Advisory Committee Reports

Discussion:

Randelle Lee: reported she and Joshua Iloreta are part of the SAAC Theme Committee and that they have an upcoming meeting and that SAAC is hosting statewide bingo on Fridays. She said that she is participating in the virtual summer camp that Easterseals is providing.

Travis Planas: said he is also participating in the Easterseals summer camp program.

**NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

Action: Confirm the next meeting

Discussion: The next meeting will be Aug 4th, Virtual Meeting through Zoom, 11:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

Decision/Follow-Up: Zoom link will be sent out by Amelia

**ADJOUNMENT**

Action: Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m. by Che Silvert