

**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 11, 2020

9:30–11:00 a.m.

Kona Adult Day Care

81-989 Haleki῾i Street

Kealakekua, Hawai’i 96750

Minutes

PRESENT: J C Akana, Roy Corpus, Duke Kaawa, Lois Phillip, Jeri Raymond, Robbie Sanoria, Grace Vallez, Isaiah Wong**,** Jackie Sue Hopf

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 15, 2020 meeting.

Minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting were accepted as distributed.

B. Agenda

The agenda for the February 11, 2020 meeting was approved as circulated.

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

A. DD Council State Plan 2017-2021

Increasing West Hawaii transportation was discussed by using the state plan to develop advocacy points to better advocate at Day at the Capitol. It was suggested that an improvement to bus accessibility would be using state lands to create ride sharing sites and additional bus stops with collaboration from Hawaii Island mass transit. Also mentioned was improving monitoring of state-owned lands to remove abandoned vehicles that prevent easy bus stop access.

B. Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) Activities

Special Olympics participants are preparing for baseball season. Snorkel Day is still occurring on the third Friday of each month.

West Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Committee members will have special duties including performing the Pule, being a panel moderator, distribution of leis, and collection of evaluations.

C. West Hawai’i DD Committee Activities

This committee continued the planning for the West Hawaii Disability Legislative Forum to be held on October 24, 2019. Two emcees will share responsibilities. One emcee will be a self-advocate. Special guests continue to RSVP, including a Hawaii County Council member.

D. Home and Community-Based Services IDD Waiver

Long term employment aid for persons with IDD needing long term assistance is still at the earliest stages of discussion. EHDDC members will have opportunities to provide input when groups are created to study the feasibility of this program.

E. Legislative Measures

Restoration of Adult Dental was discussed. Preventative adult dental is important to the overall health of any person. Restoring all adult dental services is vital to the overall well-being.

Working with DD Division Dental Services branch to continue training proper oral health techniques is an important component to physical well-being. Staff will contact Dr. Andrew Tseu to work with West Hawaii Community Health Clinic to conduct additional dental trainings. An idea was for the West Hawaii DD Committee, in collaboration with Arc of Kona, to facilitate an oral health forum in for students at west Hawaii high schools, DD Division participants, and community residents.

**VI. New Business**

Day at the Capitol

Bring phones and take pictures at Day at the Capitol. Staff will assist individuals to improve picture taking protocol by asking subjects if a picture may be taken. The purpose of the taking pictures will promote independence and inclusion.

Attendees at Day at the Capitol will meet with Hawaii Island legislators at room 225 from 12 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided by Senator Ruderman in that room and attendees can store their bags.

Each attendee will be provided a bag with evaluation, agenda, key talking points and other items. Staff will assist self-advocates to complete the evaluations during lunch.

1. **Reports**

A. Agencies

B. Others - There were no reports from agencies and others.

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Next Meeting and Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jesse Floyd