

**STATE OF HAWAI῾I**

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Kaua῾i Developmental Disabilities Committee (KDDC) Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th, 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, Austin Heiser, Briann Lazaro,

Brooke Jacintho-Yoshida, Julie Anderson, Dave Sharma,

Gerald Nakamura and Bradly Chiba

**STAFF:** Amelia Kyewich- Kaneholani, Kauai Program Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER**

Action: The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Action: Introductions were completed.

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

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

Action: None

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Action: Review of the Minutes

Discussion: Minutes approved

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**REPORTS**

Developmental Disabilities Council: No report at this time

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 still open and providing services over the phone, some services in person with a scheduled appointment. They are still on a rotating schedule and working remotely.

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

Kaua’i Community Children’s Council: No representative and nothing to report at this time.

Children with Special Health Care Needs: Austin Heiser reported he currently has a caseload of 35 families and working on creating plans and looking at families concerns and priorities. He said his families are mostly concerned with what they can do to be more informed about precautions during COVID and for their children when they are at school. Austin’s program created and sent out 34 Hurricane Kits that had 14 days’ worth of supplies and information on how to stay safe during a hurricane. He is going to refer some of his families to Ohana Support Services at Child and Family services for support.

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

County of Kauai Transportation Services: Gerald Nakamura, attended along with Bradly Chiba who is in charge of paratransit. Gerald reported that the Kauai Bus continues to be providing services 7 days per week. He said that they are informing people about wearing a mask and the importance of it. However, if they do not have a mask or say they are not able to wear a mask they are still allowed to use the bus. If a participant is receiving paratransit services and is not able to wear a mask, the participant or parent/guardian can all and let Gerald know that the participant is unable to wear a mask while on the bus and they will put a note in the participants file so that the bus drivers are aware when they pickup certain participants that they are not able to wear a mask. The Kauai Bus is a public service and cannot deny services if a bus is full, so they are not always able to adhere to the 6 feet social distancing rule. The busses are disinfected every morning before going out.

Easterseals Hawai’i: Anne Hvizdak, reported they have started providing services to participants who received monies from the Departement of Education lawsuit. They are working with Dentons Law Firm to provide those services at this time. Briann Lazaro said Easterseals continues to provide tele-health services through zoom, they are providing online games and activities and will be starting up a new camp over the next few weeks. Randelle Lee reported she has been spending time with her dad. Travis Planas said he cleaned the apartment and pulled weeds from the pumpkin patch, that he went and had his physical done for Department of Health and Special Olympics. He also went shopping for his nieces and nephews.

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

Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC): Joshua Iloreta reported that they are working on a theme committee for Developmental Disability Awareness month in March 2021. That they have statewide Self Advocacy Advisory Committee bingo every week that people are participating in. That they are working on a T-shirt Fundraiser to raise money for Developmental Disability Awareness month next year and that Self Advocacy Advisory Committee has been assisting in the distribution of vegetables with Special Olympics.

Housing Agency: No representative and nothing to report at this time.

Hale O’pio: No representative and nothing to report at this time.

Bayada: Julie Anderson reported that they are currently open and rotating office staff. They are continuing to provide Personal Assistance Habilitation (PAB) and Community Living Supports (CLS) services when appropriate. They have been doing a virtual fitness challenge, cooking videos and having virtual social hours during COVID-19 to keep participants engaged. Starting September 1, 2020, they will be launching the Bayada Olympics, Bayada participants who sign up will get a special t-shirt and ribbons for participating. They have several different categories and each week Bayada participants can submit a video or photo participating in the activity to earn their ribbon.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Action: Legislative Update

Discussion: Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani let everyone know the legislators are currently not in session. But continue to meet when needed to assist with COVID 19. Discussed the HEALS ACT and how to support funding for Home and Community Based Services.

Action: New 5 Year Plan

Discussion: Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani let everyone know that we will be working on the new 5-year plan and will be asking for participant and agency feedback over the next few months.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Action: Legislative Forum

Discussion: Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani updated everyone on the upcoming legislative forum. That Kauai would be hosting two virtual zoom webinars and requested that agencies and participants start writing down questions they would like to ask the council members and legislators. Amelia asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer to help during the legislative forum to ask questions. Austin Heiser from the Children with Special Health Needs Program volunteered to read questions. Anne Hvizdak wanted to know if families could write testimonies for certain services. Amelia let her know yes, that testimonies can be submitted to her by the end of August with the questions. Anne also suggested a topic for discussion at the legislative forum should be Postsecondary Support Project Grant as Alexandra McClurg is receiving services through the program.

**NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

Action: Confirm the next meeting

Discussion: The next meeting will be September 1, 2020, Virtual Meeting through Zoom, 11:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

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

**ADJOUNMENT**

Action: Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. by Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani