

**STATE OF HAWAI῾I**

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ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

**12: 45 pm- 2:15 pm**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Sol Ray Duncan (Self Advocate (past co-chair), Philip Ana (Council – (past co-chair), Tracey Comeaux (Chief, Outcomes and Compliance Branch State Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division-Representative) Wendie Lino (Community Resource Branch, Developmental Disabilities Division), Susan Beck (Parent-Fuller Lives), and Jim Kilgore (Executive Director-Full Life)

**STAFF:** Daintry Bartoldus

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ana called the meeting to order at 12:46 pm.

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 July 13, 2020 Meeting

* Minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved.

1. Agenda

* The Committee requested “Announcements” be added to the agenda from now on. The committee approved the agenda with noted addition.

1. **REPORTS**
2. Co-Chairs

* There were no reports from the co-chairs. Daintry updated the committee on the purpose of inviting Tracey to the meeting today. Questions on transportation for residents of Adult Foster Homes, caregivers’ responsibilities and what is the being done to increase Adult Foster Homes in areas of the state that are lacking. Tracey will give an update during agency reporting.

1. Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD)

* Tracey: In Adult Foster Homes for individuals with Developmental Disabilities, the caregiver is responsible to assure the residents have transportation to access their community. They may have their own vehicle or assist the resident in using public transportation. When the new Administrative Rules come out, there may be more specifics about caregivers having specialized vehicles for wheelchairs, nevertheless, the caregiver is always responsible to assure transportation is afforded to the residents in their home.
* Tracey explained to the committee that they do have vacancies in their homes. They aren’t necessarily “recruiting” for new homes. However, they do provide specialized certifications for a home that a self-advocate has chosen. Members asked if we could encourage individuals to become an Adult Foster caregiver, if so, how. Tracey provided their web sight and they do recognize the limited homes they have on the East and Windward side of Oahu as well as the neighbor islands.
* The Division is in the process of revising the Adult Foster Home HAR to include general updates and to comply with Final Rule and is close to being finalized. The Department of Health, Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) is responsible for updating the rules to comply with Final Rule for other residential settings, such as Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Homes, Adult Residential Care Homes, and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes.
* The Division will be updating its website and can include information for individuals/families
* Division has a link on its website on how to become a certified Adult Foster Home (AFH) caregiver: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ddd/certified-caregivers/prospective-certified-caregiver/>
* For information on how to become licensed for other settings, please refer to the State of Hawaii, Department of Health Office of Health Care Assurance: <https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/state-licensing-section/>

1. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

* The Executive Office on Aging has entered an agreement with Budget and Finance along with the Developmental Disabilities Council to disseminate information on the ABLE Accounts once they open. Currently we are working on joining a consortium to bring an affordable ABLE option to Hawaii. This is ongoing.

1. Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC)

* A representative was not able to make it to today’s meeting. Daintry reminded the committee that Assistive Technology Resource Center does public awareness activities that could benefit caregivers for their residents to get Advanced Technology (AT) equipment, they also have a low interest loan program that could help a person get a modified van, such as a van with a wheelchair lift.
* Their website is <http://www.atrc.org/public-awareness/>. For questions you can contact them at <http://www.atrc.org/contact-us/>

1. Full Life

* Jim talked about the issues with Hawaii island and the lack of Adult Foster Homes. He would like a to meet with Tracey in the near future to get clearer details of what is needed for a person to become an Adult Foster Home caregiver. The web site is good, but it needs a bit more in-depth explanation.

1. Fuller Lives

* Sue discussed the survey they did through Special Olympics to find out what the needs for housing options are. Pocket communities would be an ideal situation. Staff to follow up with Scott Suzuki about how individuals with Developmental Disabilities can purchase a home and rent it out to their friends. May be have a college student stay there for a discounted rent to help out.

1. Office of Health Care Assurance

* They were unable to attend today’s meeting; they are continuing to focus on the final rule and response to Centers on Medicare and Medicaid.

E. Hawaii Disability Rights Center

* They were unable to attend today’s meeting but will be submitting a report at our Developmental Disabilities Council meeting.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
2. DD Council State Plan FY 2017-2021

* Effective October 1, 2020 was the starting of the 5th year of our state plan. Daintry explained to the committee that we will focus on the Work Plan for the remainder of the five-year plan.

1. DD Council Work Plan

* Daintry went over the attached work plan for the committee. The main focus of our plan is Residential Options and Transportation, statewide.

1. Hawaii Housing Options for Individuals with Disabilities

* Ms. Lisa Maetani was not available for the meeting, but Daintry received an email from her. Lisa will share the openings of low-income housing opportunities as they come open.
* Council staff to follow up with the Center on Disability Studies who did do a residential study to share with the committee.
* Committee discussed how the Individualized Service Plans are designed to find out where an adult child with a disability would like to live, future planning. Maybe we can do a better job asking the question to make sure we are having the correct conversations and it is documented.

1. Hawaii Transportation Options

* Daintry updated the committee on the follow-up with the City and County of Honolulu’s rate commission. Although the rate for the Hand-van hasn’t gone up in 16 years, but neither has an individual’s personal needs allowance. There needs to be an increase in the needs allowance before an increase in other services. The rate commission did compromise and will be making fifty cent increase every two years.

1. Communication Services

* The Lifeline program continues to offer free cellular phones and planes to qualified individuals. To qualify the person must be receiving at least one of the Federal Assistance Programs You can get Lifeline if you (or someone in your household participates in one of these federal assistance programs):
* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food
* Stamps
* Medicaid
* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
* Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
* Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit

You can also Qualify Through Your Child or Dependent

You can sign up for Lifeline if your child or dependent participates in any of the programs listed above. For more information click on the following link.

<https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers>

* Assistive Technology Resource Center offers desktops and laptops to qualifying individuals. They also have a loaner bank. <https://www.atrc.org/get-at/>

1. 2020 Legislation

* Daintry shared the attached Legislative report with the committee

1. 2022-2027 Five Year Plan

* Due to time, Daintry briefly informed the committee that the Council’s new plan is due in August 2021. Public hearings will be done in the near future002E

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

1. **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

* Remove 2020 Legislation and under New Business put legislation
* Add Announcements to the Agenda
* To the next meeting staff to invite; Assistive Technology Resource Center, Office of Health Care Assurance, and Scott Suzuki.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daintry Bartoldus