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**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

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

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jack Whitaker (Council-Self Advocate, Co-Chair)**,** Sol Ray Duncan (Self Advocate), Tim Renken (Council-Self Advocate), Michelle Muralt (Council – Self-Advocate), and Barbara Poole-Street (Parent-Fuller Lives)

**STAFF:** Che Silvert, Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Jack called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone introduced himself or herself.

1. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public

1. **CONSENT ITEMS**
2. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Meeting

* Minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved.

1. Agenda

* The committee approved the agenda.

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

* Jack reminded the committee members that we are all very important no matter what our jobs are. We can improve the world by improving ourselves. This is why he is into film making.

1. Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD)

* No one from the Division was able to attend today due to their priority of being at the vaccination stations.
* Division has a link on its website on how to become a certified 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)

* Philip was unable to make today’s meeting.

1. Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC)

* A representative was not able to make it to today’s meeting. ATRC does public awareness activities that could benefit caregivers for their residents to get 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 was not able to make today’s meeting.

1. Fuller Lives

* Sue was not able to make it to today’s meeting. Barbara provided an update on the progress of her Domiciliary Home

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 DD 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

* Che went over the attached work plan for the committee. The main focus of our plan is increasing information about legislation to individuals with I/DD, their family members, case managers, and stakeholders. Objective #3 of the plan regarding personal allowance increase will not be able to be addressed this year due to the budget cuts caused by COVID.

1. Hawaii Housing Options for Individuals with Disabilities

* Amelia gave a presentation on “Living Unlimited”, see attached. Following the presentation, the committee members discussed how exciting this could be for Hawaii. Right now, they are starting in Kona. Amelia will be following up with the company and report back to the committee. Barbara had concerns about the extraordinary cost this may cost individuals. Amelia noted on the company’s web site they are looking at how they can support lower-income families.

1. Hawaii Transportation Options

* SolRay asked how long will the limitations last for the City Bus and Handi-van? How long will the essential travel only be on the bus systems. Che explained that there will be new COVID guidelines on public transportation, we will have to stay 10 feet a part and wear 2 masks, following federal regulations.

1. Communication Services

* Amelia gave an update on what telehealth is and how they will be working on it on Kauai. They will be working with libraries to have a private room where individuals can go to to do their telehealth services.
* Tim added a new communication app to his Ipad where he could contact his friends.
* 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. 2021 Legislation

* Che explained to the committee that this year all legislation will be done remotely. He will be sending out updates on when bills will be heard. Currently, the bills the Council is following is a sub-minimum wage bill, in Hawaii a person can legally be paid less just because they have a disability. Another Bill is seeking a tax break if they hire individuals with disabilities, but it did not pass due to the possibility of the loss of money to the state by giving a tax break. There are bills to reinstate Adult Dental within Medicaid, even though it may not pass we are supporting the bills to keep the conversation going until it is passed.
* SolRay announced that the Handi-van may be raising their fee, it is going through the City and County of Honolulu.

1. 2022-2027 Five Year Plan

* Che explained that Daintry will have a report in March,

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

1. **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

March 8, 2020 from 12:45 pm to 2:15pm

Agenda to remain the same

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Che Silvert