

**STATE OF HAWAI῾I**

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ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Kaua῾i Developmental Disabilities Committee (KDDC) Meeting

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

State Building, 3060 Eīwa Street

Second Floor Conference Room

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Alita Smith, Brooke Jacintho, Carleen A. Yamamoto, Davlyn Brede, Joshua Iloreta, Kassie Sunada, Kealoha Takahashi, Leonard Peters, Melissa Iida, Shana Metsch, Stacy Refamonte, Theresa Octavio, Tula Kaheam, Willabeth Ludington, Blair Keener, Anne Hvizdak, Holly Iloreta

**STAFF:** Che Silvert, Kaui Program Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER**

Action: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Che Silvert

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Action: Introductions were completed.

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

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

Action: There were no statements from the public

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Action: Review of the Minutes

Discussion: Linda Nuland was added as present within the minutes, Minutes approved

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Action: **Two Year Work Plan,**

Discussion: Currently the Council is review the Two year Work Plan and will be discussed in greater detail in the next meeting.

Decision/Follow-Up: None

Action: **Legislative Issues and Measures**

Discussion: Currently there are three major legislations the Kauai group has been following. SB330 (Income Disregard) and HB747 (Employment First) has passed through the House and Senate and is heading into conference. The Adult Dental bill has been gutted and replaced with a study rather then a pilot project. The study would look at the lasting costs of reinstating Adult Dental for Medicaid recipients, it currently has not been scheduled for another hearing.

Decision/Follow-Up: There are currently many resolutions regarding studies for Adult Dental. SB330 has been named Kal’s law and looks to be strong going into conference. There has been some debate on language used within HB747 that could mandate employing person’s with Disabilities over all others. This is not the intent of the bill and will be interesting to see what language is changed moving forward.

**REPORTS**

Developmental Disabilities Council: No report

Developmental Disabilities Division: Blair Keener Present, No report

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

Mayor’s ADA Coordinator: Here, No Report

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: Brooke Jacintho here, nothing to report

Ho’oheno: Nothing to report at this time

Kaua’i Community Children’s Council: No representative

Children with Special Health Care Needs: Nothing to report at this time.

Aging and Disability Resource Center: Kealoha Takahashi gave a report. Elderly Affairs had requested nominations for outstanding elderly citizens and has received 19 total nominees, 11 women, and 8 men were nominated. The finalization will take place on May 3rd.

County of Kauai Transportation Services: Working on getting Google Maps up and running for Kauai.

Easter Seals Hawai’i: Many members from Easter seals present. Easter Seals Waimea reported they are cleaning up and preparing for an audit.

Friendship House: No report at this time

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Action: Day at the Capitol Event

Discussion: The Day at the Capitol Event was a success. We had 550 people attend the event. The Kauai group was able to have lunch and meet with all of their representatives and give good feed back on their current needs. Many individuals expressed concerns around Adult Dental and Street safety. There were two direct effects from the conversations we had with our Kauai representatives. James Tokioka submitted a resolution to study the issues around reinstating Adult Dental benefits for Medicaid recipients. As well, the safety sign that was put up at the entrance of Waimea has been moved closer to the sidewalk. Before it was difficult for anyone in a wheelchair to get to and reach the button to be able to cross the street. The pole has been moved next to the side walk and been lowered so all people can reach the button.

Feedback: The Day at the Capitol was a success; however, we can always improve. Possibility of doing a guided tour of the capitol and or the palace during the event. Talking with the representatives is good but maybe coming with specific group questions would help push along discussion during the lunch. Che could meet with the representatives before next years event and have them bring questions to ask the Self Advocates. Do not use taxis to get from the airport to the event. Do not do the signing ceremony as it is too hard to get into the ceremony. Split up the groups from the beginning as it was difficult to get into the large basement lecture. Have access to the stairs as the elevators were crowded and slow. More educational interactive events.

Action: Transition Fair / Legislative Forum

Discussion: I have been working with Kay Nakamura to join our Legislative Forum with a Transition Resource Fair. The resource fair would take place before the forum and transition smoothly from the fair into the forum. The rough details: the events will be on October 17th at the war memorial center from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Currently trying to form a full list of vendors for the event.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Action: There were no announcements made.

Discussion: None

Decision/Follow-Up: None

**NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

Action: Confirm the next meeting

Discussion: The next meeting will be May 7th, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at State Building, 3060 Eīwa Street, Second Floor Conference Room.

Decision/Follow-Up:

**ADJOUNMENT**

Action: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.