



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

November 10, 2016

12:30 p.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku

Call to Order: 12:30 PM

Introductions

Members Present: Mikey Tomita (ASL Interpreter, Kate Eifler), David Courson, Cranston Kapoi, Kealoha Laemoa, Vivian Lindsey, Faraz Azizoltani, Sheila Villanueva, Margaret Peary, and Kevin Souza

Members Excused: Not Applicable

Members Absent: None

County Staff Present: Deborah Stone-Walls, Kevin Dusenbury, Jennifer Oana, James Mariano, and Tara Sabado

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the October 10, 2016 minutes. No changes were made.	Commissioner Azizoltani moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Tomita seconded. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.
Public Comments and Testimony	No Public Testimony	



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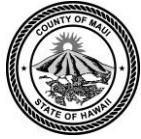
New Business	<p>a. Prioritization of Commission Focus Areas: Commissioners listed the following areas of concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Safety of individuals with disabilities—there is a major lack of sidewalks in downtown Lahaina, for example; we need major upgrades on crosswalks; there is a lack of maintenance on South Kihei Road that has endangered individuals; there needs to be installation of more crosswalk light systems• Transportation—pick up areas, drop off areas, changing of schedules, lack of communication between the providers and consumers with specific regards to paratransit; need more rider education regarding utilizing the service: 1-2 times per year; Transportation on Molokai—MEO stops service at 4:00 pm and people have to hitchhike home• Pool Hoyer Lifts (Dept. of Parks accessibility equipment)—condition of equipment• Housing with regards to HUD vouchers; Lack of affordable housing and housing for HUD recipients; Possibility of getting “Tiny” houses in Maui; Auxiliary aids for deaf people living in HUD housing; ADA compliant accessible housing units in Maui County; need HUD Voucher extensions• Communication—making it visible—visual auxiliary aids—flashing lights near Fire Departments and the Police Department—blue lights on police cars are not very visible; education regarding individual supports like cards that say, “I am Deaf” to be able to show to police when needed• Higher Education for persons with disabilities• County facilities—On Lanai, accessibility to County restrooms is limited because they are locked during public usage time• Underemployment of persons with disabilities	
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	<p>Commissioners voted on these priorities with the following results: Public Safety (to include Communication)—1; Transportation—2; Housing, Employment—3; Higher Education and Parks/Pool Accessibility—4</p> <p>As the Commission moves forward with these priorities, it needs to be clarified how the issue fits into the jurisdiction of the Commission</p> <p>b. Upcoming Events: State of Hawaii Call if You Can; Text if you Can't—Mr. Tomita wanted to inform the Commissioners about the opportunity to text 911 rather than call.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>a. Mr. Victor Lesa—Information regarding specific areas on Maui in which motorized/non-motorized wheelchair users must utilize roadways because sidewalks are not present: Mr. Lesa was not available to provide this information at this meeting today. Item deferred.</p> <p>b. Review of Commission role and responsibilities per County Charter: Ms. Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel, indicated that the County Charter does not specifically mention exact activities for the Commission on Persons With Disabilities, but it does provide general guidelines. Discussion ensued regarding term limits. Ms. Oana read the roles/responsibilities from the County Charter, Chapter 2.32.040 Powers, duties, and functions which says: <i>“The commission shall assist the county in rendering services to persons with disabilities by performing the following duties: reviewing county policies and practices to determine their impact on persons with disabilities; recommend use of monies received from federal and state governments designated for programs and improved accessibility for persons with disabilities; recommend changes to policies and practices that do not or may not meet the requirements of federal, state, or county law; review county program and facility access to determine their impact on persons with disabilities; recommend changes or additions to program and facility access to ensure full availability of county services to persons with disabilities; promote housing, employment, transportation, and other activities which address the needs of persons with disabilities; educate</i></p>	<p>Ms. Stone-Walls will follow up with Mr. Mike Molina from the Mayor’s Administration to provide Commissioners with specific information regarding each of their terms and whether or not they are able to apply for a continuation if they filled a term already in progress.</p>



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	<p><i>providers of community services and other members of the community concerning nondiscriminatory practices and laws regarding persons with disabilities. (Ord. 2067 &1 (part), 1991).” Ms. Oana also indicated that the Commission cannot formally address any issues which are not included in these roles and responsibilities. Commission members can, as private citizens, make any recommendations as they see fit.</i></p> <p>c. Update regarding ASL interpreters for Kaunoa’s classes: Mr. Mikey Tomita informed the Commissioners that he has been able to attend classes and that the issue is now resolved.</p>	
Agenda Items for Next Meeting	The Commission will focus on the issue of Public Safety at the next meeting and develop an action plan	
Next Date	December 8, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. J. Walter Cameron Center, Rm 1	
Motion to Adjourn	1:30 PM	Commissioner Lindsey moved; Commissioner Kapoi seconded. Unanimously passed.