

**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
COUNTY OF MAUI**

October 15, 2018  
10:30 A.M.

Department of Finance Conference Room  
Kalana O Maui, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Member Starbuck. Introduction of member Zane Lacaden. Member Lacaden created a media non-profit for youth in his past, and is currently a manager at the retailer Hot Topic.

Members Present: Hannibal Starbuck  
Cassiopia Yamashita  
Nancy Ooki  
Maria Larrucea Solomon  
Zane Lacaden  
Kaina Bonacorsi, ex-officio

Excused: William Kinaka  
Clifford Libed  
Kelly Pearson

Staff Present: Garry Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel (DCC)  
Kimberly Ferguson, Secretary, DHHC  
Ailina Tagupa-Laborde, Secretary, DHHC

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No public testimony.

Chair Starbuck entertained a motion to close public testimony. Motion moved by Member Ooki, seconded by Member Solomon. There were no objections to closing public testimony. Motion carried, public testimony closed by Member Starbuck at 10:40 a.m. –

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Starbuck asked members to review the minutes of the June 18, 2018 minutes. Member Ooki reviewed the minutes and found she would like to have agenda item VII.

Suicide Awareness, paragraph 5 amended to reflect the word “served” rather than “service” and to add “would be better.” after the end of the current sentence, ...”year to year.”

Chair Starbuck entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion moved by Member Solomon, seconded by Member Yamashita. There was no further discussion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members present voting in favor. Motion carried.

Note: Chair Starbuck paused the review of the minutes for moment to take a few seconds to remember former member Lucy Feinberg who passed away on July 31<sup>st</sup> in California.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ON SURVEY**

Chair Starbuck asked Ex-officio Member Bonacorsi to start off the discussion. Member Bonacorsi would like members to read the survey that categorized the board’s goals. When the board had last left off, they had compiled the survey and all of the results from the survey had been entered into the document to follow along with their brain storming and objectives. It was then passed along to other departments within the County. “The survey will help the board find and solidify their direction. Results of the survey will be further explored. The main findings will allow the board to see what programs the County funds, what entities the board would like to have come and present about their programs, and what do they want to get further information on, as well as go about it in an organized manner. Chair Bonacorsi would like to remind us that our purpose is to inform the Mayor’s office on what is going on in our community and what affects children and youth in Maui County.

Chair Starbuck and Member Bonacorsi discussed who, what, and the why behind the presentations. For example, some County divisions or departments such as fire have youth programs, but they may need more funding or advocacy, or they may be doing fine and CCY can take a look at other programs who may need more advocacy and funding. Members posed questions such as: Could we look at the state legislature for funding support to programs in need of funding? Can we advocate at the State level? The members agree they want to be impactful, effective, and efficient since they do not often meet.

Chair Starbuck would like to clarify the timing of commission summaries to the Mayor or other departments as quarterly or semi-annually. The members decided to inform the Mayor and other stakeholders semi-annually of any advising or findings within the commission.

Member Bonacorsi would like to entertain a separate group meeting outside of the Commission on Children and Youth. With assistance from Corp Counsel Gary Murai, a TIG will be formed to discuss the process in which to report a summary of the survey results.

Chair Starbuck and Member Bonacorsi, discussed the Commission on Children and Youth not receiving a summary in the December meeting but, to receive it at the next meeting in February. Member Bonacorsi stated the TIG is not agreeing to do a summary, but instead work on the process and the additional information we would

include in a summary. She asked, "What do we want it to look like? Is this is the information we want it to include? Is this is the help or contributions we need to get it done? From there, we will decide when our report will be generated and distributed.

Corp Counsel Gary Murai, advised we need to create the formation of a TIG on the next agenda. He states there are sunshine laws we must follow that don't allow us to meet outside of our committee setting. Mr. Murai calls these meetings a 'subcommittee' of these commissions to work on a specific project. He informed the commission we usually show on the agenda the formation of the TIG, then the report of the recommendations of the TIG, and then on the following meeting, the voting of the actions that the TIG worked on. He explained that in this process where you place the TIG on the agenda, the public has the opportunity to voice opinions. There are only two people on the TIG, Nancy and Maria, with Ex-officio Kaina. Two commissioners can meet outside of a meeting legally. Mr. Murai stated it is ok to start the work, and he will discuss with Jerri Shepard, Corp Counsel more on what he advised.

Member Solomon asked for clarification on amending the CCY agendas. Mr. Murai said, typically you cannot amend an agenda once it is posted, but you can usually ask to amend not voting items as long as you have 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the vote. Thus, in an abundance of caution, Mr. Murai recommends not forming the TIG today, but rather to add it to the next meeting's agenda.

Chair Starbuck reminded the commission they were still on the topic of reviewing the recommendations from the people in the survey. There was one request from the Maui Police Department, to support their funding, among others. Member Bonacorsi suggests we take it as a whole package conversation rather than the individual requests. The big question, Ms. Bonacorsi asked, is one that will come up with Nancy and Maria (in the TIG), *how we can be best responsive to the departments and the Mayor's office?* The broader question is what do these departments fund that impact youth? Department of Housing and Human Concerns have a whole lot of programs. Member Bonacorsi, reported what programs are currently under the DHHC's budget and that starting with county funded program presentations would be a great place to begin.

Overall final discussion included the board grouping the programs by topics and having a few agencies report on their programs with a guest or two. Member Bonacorsi recommends categorizing the groups for efficiency. In guiding the agencies to report on their programs, the commission would ask organizations to identify the areas of need where they (CCY) can be of service. Corp Counsel, Mr. Murai suggested seeing the agencies' program and financial reports. Member Solomon does not want to go back to square one reading reports, but Member Bonacorsi suggests we read overviews instead and look at what impact does the respective programs make in our community. There will be more questions to ask the agencies during presentations on the directions they will take their programs throughout the year, rather than just during the budget seasons when they come to ask for funding. Member Bonacorsi volunteered to start with the topic of Early Childhood programs. Members agreed to defer phase II of the survey until April 2019 and focus on the presentations from agencies they identified. Chair Starbuck did want to recognize agencies or departments asking to support programs through testimonies. The commission will look into that at further meetings.

## **V. DISCUSSION ON PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Starbuck asked the board if there was anyone who they should ask to start the presentations. Member Bonacorsi recommended they start with Early Childhood programs. Co-chair Yamashita suggested the commission also take Written presentations to speed up the process. Member Solomon mentioned that we are a County, and we should look into video conferencing for Molokai and Lanai. Counselor Murai stated we would need to go to a room that is equipped with the correct conferencing software. We would also need to put the remote site on the agenda and open it to the public. He asked members to be aware doing meetings remotely has its benefits but also has its downsides. A potential downside is losing connection. If that happens, the meeting as a whole cannot continue.

Members would like to see presentations grouped by topic and/or common theme. Member Bonacorsi stated this is important to see the gaps in service or areas that agencies struggle with. This also helps show the commission members the areas programs show their strengths as well. Chair Starbuck asked if there would be a template for presentations. Member Bonacorsi suggests agencies do a 20 minute presentation, and then give about 20 minutes for questions and answers. Members can then evaluate what worked and didn't work starting with Early Childhood. Members agree consistency is key. To conclude, Chair Starbuck summarized that for the next time the commission is going to get the presentations, they're going to put on the agenda to discuss the process and they will be reaching out to the next people/group category.

## **VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Chair Starbuck re-capped the following of HB2169, which includes \$25,000 for suicide prevention. He stated the governor has signed off on the bill for Maui County. Chair Starbuck did testify on behalf of the Commission regarding HB2169, but had not testified on behalf of bill SB2436, the surrendering of firearms. Chair Starbuck opened discussion on the floor of having a way to identify bills that are a benefit to children and how as a commission they can submit testimony for these bills. This would help the commission gain strength although tricky. Member Ooki, spoke up about being able to have a plan on supporting the right bills. Ms. Ooki agrees of course they would support all the bills that benefit children, but states we don't want to just support every bill as that could look like we don't have a purpose or a plan. She feels we just still figure out what we're working towards. Member Bonacorsi suggests we closely follow Keiki Caucus priorities and focus them in on Maui County. Ms. Bonacorsi recommends we each take on a different state, and or county board, advisory, or taskforce and be the conduit to our Commission on Children and Youth reporting back what bills or updates affect our youth in Maui County. Examples could include, Commission on Fatherhood, Keiki Caucus, Commission on the Status of Women, etc.

Secretary Laborte will be able to receive information and knowledge by all Commissioners and disseminate bills, events, and updates to other Commissioners for

review and familiarity. Corp Counsel reminds us that we need not reply all to the email Ms. Laborte sends out. Member Solomon stated we can discuss the matters in our meeting, and choose which bills we can provide testimony on as a Commission. Co-chair Yamashita mentioned it would be good to go to events such as mayoral proclamations and have her title of being a member of the Commission on Children and Youth stated. Secretary Laborte will provide members a calendar of youth events to keep abreast of when events occur.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. – location to be announced.

Agenda items for next meeting to include:

- Presentation – Early Childhood Resource Center/DHHC
- Discussion on presentations
- Discuss Upcoming Events as an Agenda Item
- TIG Formation Discussion

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Starbuck entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion moved by Member Solomon, seconded by Vice-Chair Yamashita. The motion passed unanimously with all members present voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. by Member Starbuck.