

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, February 12, 2010
Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
11 Mahaolu Place, Kahului

I. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Briley, Jr.; Karen Hue Sing Ledesma; Linda Liddel; Elsie Santos; Charlotte Seales; Tracy Souza; Andrew Valentine, Jr. **EXECUSED:** Marguerite Rowland. **ABSENT:** Feliciano Sales.

STAFF PRESENT: DJ Schwind, ADA Coordinator; Jan Roberson, Staff. **EXCUSED:** Mary Matsukawa; Tara Sabado.

GUESTS PRESENT: Joseph Crugnale; Ramoda Anand; Jessica Janiga; Raje Anand; Nani Watanabe, Myra Chavez; Mike Tomita.

II. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 1:47 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 21, 2009. Commissioner Briley MOVED to accept the minutes. Commissioner Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

Commission Chair Valentine reported he testified at the County Council Human Services Committee meeting that the Commission supports affordable/accessible housing on Lanai. Staff Roberson advised Mr. Valentine that the subject was not an agenda item and could be an announcement at the end of the meeting or placed on a future agenda.

V. REPORTS

A. Americans with Disabilities – DJ Schwind

- County Planner Erin Wade will be invited to make a presentation at May 14, 2010 Commission meeting on revitalization plans for Makawao Town.
- The Komoda side of the street is privately owned and County has no authority to enforce ADA standards.
- There is some hesitation to move forward with changing the two parking stalls on corner of Main and High Street into one

accessible stall since it could be hazardous to off load a wheel chair on a busy corner.

- The parking stall on the corner of Vineyard and Main may be converted to accessible.
- Checking into Hawaii County's design standards and Maui's proposed rules.
- Still working on Skaff with Parks Department.

B. Aging Disabilities Resource Center – James Mariano

- The next ADRC meeting is 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wed., Feb 24 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Hall. Open to the public. Brown bag lunch.
- ADRC agency partners are signing up to do 20-30 minute presentations
- First cross-training agency presentations: February 24, 2010: Hui No Ke Ola Pono, John Tomoso.
- Lined up for future trainings:
 - MasterCare, Chelvi Renganathan
 - Maui PACE, Cheryl Adolpho

C. HI Centers / Independent Living - Nani Watanabe

- Introduced Mikey Tomita who was coordinator for HCIL for 11 years.
- Lanai and Molokai need CNAs to work in home health care. Will look into Nursefinders.
- Commissioner Liddell informed Ms. Watanabe that there is a vacant office at Home Pumehana on Molokai.

D. Parks and Recreation - Tara Sabado

1. Wheelchair Tennis program begins March 13, 2010 on two Saturdays monthly through September at the Pukalani Tennis Courts.
2. Parks Department is replacing and revising all accessible parking placard signs, van accessible signs, and aisle signs to meet the ADA standards with appropriate fee information and locations in all Districts County Wide.
3. Ms. Sabado will attend the "Capacity Building to Address Vulnerable Populations in Natural Disasters" 2010 third annual

Pacific Preparedness Conference with Parks Department Safety Specialist on March 31, 2010.

4. Inclusion training is scheduled for Parks Department Maintenance Division Golf, Beautification and Maintenance sections. The goal is to implement an accessible golf program to utilize accessible golf cart at the Waiehu golf course.
5. Completed revisions to the Beach Access guidelines to add "Due to limited County Resources, the use of the Beach Access Chair is limited to water ingress and egress ONLY." And "The Beach Access Chair will not be available when hazardous ocean conditions are present signaled by red flag."

E. Molokai – Linda Liddell

- Part of the parking situation at Home Pumehana is resolved.
- Petitions are circulating to restore Island Air flights.

F. State Council on Developmental Disabilities - Mary Matsukawa

- **Legislative**

The 25th State Legislature opened January 20. Bills had to be introduced by January 27 deadline. The Legislature will end one week earlier this year on April 29.

Approximately 2,323 House and Senate bills and resolutions have been introduced.

To request to be on the DD Council Legislative Network, e-mail: deborah.miyasaka-gushiken@doh.hawaii.gov. She will send you the notices of bill hearings, notice of decision makings regarding bills the DD Council is tracking. There will be instructions on how to submit e-mail testimony on her alerts.

E-mail testimony is encouraged. Often the turn around between hearing notices and deadline for testimony is 48 hours.

You may also go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov under Bill Status and Documents to view the measure status, text, committee reports, and testimony submitted by typing in the measure number. The site is fairly easy to use.

- **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

The Council is sponsoring The Day at the Capitol on March 18. Please contact Mary 984-8242 if you are interested. Last year, over 300 people attended the event.

The BIG MAC Transition Event will be held February 10, at the Wailuku Community Center. The event is intended for High School Students who have IEP's. There will be a Resource Fair followed by a training on Transition

G. Transportation – Andrew Valentine

- Commissioners Santos and Valentine met with County Councilmember Pontanilla Monday, February 8, 2010.
 - The Councilmember said he was unaware of the Commission's concerns. He took 5-6 pages of notes. He chairs the Finance Committee and Co-chairs the Human Services Committee.
 - Councilmembers Medeiros and Victorino are scheduling appointments to meet with Commissioners and Maui Wheelers next.
- MEO has been meeting with the Ohana Wheelers.
 - MEO is trying to expand its Ala Hou services.
 - They need Commission support for more funding.
 - Applications are available from County Department of Transportation and MEO.
 - Commissioners are encouraged to utilize the weekend and after hours services.
- There is a problem with Roberts' para-transit drivers are independent contractors.
 - They do not receive proper training on wheel chair tie downs.
 - Commissioner Liddell suggested a few commissioners volunteer to instruct drivers at shift changes to ensure they have the right tie down straps and the right number of tie down straps.
 - Commissioner Liddell MOVED to send a letter to MEO, County DOT and Roberts to requesting them to meet with Commission members to discuss the possibility of the Commission members attending training with the staff on tie down training and express ADA awareness concerns.

Commissioner Hue Sing Ledesma **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED**. Commission Chair Valentine to draft letter and send to Jan to place on letterhead and send to Director Tshako for approval or revisions. Letter will be read aloud and signed at the March 12 meeting.

- Commissioner Liddell suggested Commissioners attend County Council meetings.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **County Fair accessibility**: Kareyann Oura / Sherri Grimes – deferred to April 9 meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aging with Aloha Survey – Rita Barreras

- Ms. Barreras administered the Tri-Isle Older Adults and Persons with Disability Consumer Survey that will be analyzed by Dr. Lorrin Pang who chairs the Aging with Aloha's Policy and Advocacy Committee.

B. Planning for Commission's June awareness fair

- Commissioner Liddell **MOVED** and Commissioner Briley **SECONDED** the motion for Commissioners to conduct their own awareness fair. **DISCUSSION**: Commission Chair stated the Commission is not fulfilling its responsibility for promoting public awareness. Partnering with the Legislative Forum for Persons with Disabilities was not sufficient. The Commission will seek partners but will not partner with existing fairs for people with disabilities. Staff suggested they discuss the matter with Director Tshako but Commission Chair Valentine said they will wait until their plans are more concrete. Commissioner Liddell amended her **MOTION** to: the Commission will conduct its own awareness fair independent of all other fairs. Commissioner Briley **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED**. Commissioners Liddell, Ledesma, Santos and Valentine will form a subcommittee to work on the details of the fair, and no letter will be sent to the Director of Housing and Human Concerns until the plans are firmed up.

C. Updating Commission Duties

- Commissioner Santos **MOVED** and Commissioner Seales **SECONDED** that the Commission appoint a subcommittee to

review current Rules of Practice and Procedure and make recommendations to Mayor via the Director of Housing and Human Concerns. Commissioner Souza AMENDED MOTION to include all Commissioners to sit on the panel to review the rules. Commissioner Seales SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. Current rules to be included with the minutes and available at the next meeting.

VII. AGENDA SETTING

- A.** Election of Officers – April 9, 2010
- B.** Hawaii Canines for Independence - Mo Maurer
- C.** Review Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure
- D.** Awareness Fair subcommittee report
- E.** Letter regarding transportation
- F.** Para-transit rider concerns
- G.** Ex-Officio members

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Meeting:** 1:30-3:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room
- **March 12 Guest:** Mo Maurer, Hawaii Canines for Independence
- **April 9 Guest:** Sheri Grimes, Maui County Fair
- **May 14 Guest: County Planner** Erin Wade on Makawao Revitalization Design
- **Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities**
 - Sunday April 11 through Tuesday, April 13, 2010
 - Cost
 - \$295 Regular, \$245 Kamaaina
 - \$155 One Day, \$175 Student both days
 - \$190 Group Rate 10+
 - Must be postmarked by March 22, 2010
 - Deadline to apply for scholarships: Feb 28, 2010
 - <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/registration/>

IX. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.