

# COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 18, 2010

Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Room

### I. QUORUM

**Commissioners Present:** Andrew Valentine, Karen Hue Sing, Tracy Souza, Linda Liddell, Joseph Crugnale, Elsie Santos.

**Commissioners Excused:** Feliciano Sales, Charlotte Seales, John Briley, Jr., MD.

**Administration Present:** Deputy Corporation Counsel Kim Sloper, Staff Jan Roberson.

**Guests Present:** Charlotte Smith, Ramoda Anand, Raje Anand.

**II. CALL TO ORDER** – Commission Chair Valentine called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** to May 14, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Souza MOVED to accept the minutes as written.

Commissioner Crugnale SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

### IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

### V. REPORTS

#### A. Maui ADA Coordinator

None

## **B. Aging Disability Resource Center**

The next ADRC Partners meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2010, Wed from 1 – 3 p.m. at Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Hall.

We continue with cross training presentations. Last month Elaine Slavinsky presented about the Alzheimer's Association, Sue Haylor talked about home health services with Care Option, and Nani Watanabe shared about HCIL services for the disabled. This meeting is open to the public.

We welcome guest speakers to talk about bridging the aging and disabled populations through education and resources.

More info available at [www.hawaiiadrc.org](http://www.hawaiiadrc.org)

James Mariano, Program Specialist, Maui County Office on Aging, (808) 270-7349

## **C. Developmental Disabilities Council Report**

**1. DD Council** – The annual meeting was held on Monday June 7. DD Council Appointment to Fill Maui County Vacancy. The Governor did not forward anyone to the Senate for confirmation to the Council to replace Paul Vargas to fill the vacancy. Two emails were sent Eric Barsatan from the Governor's Boards and Commissions office for the status of the applications from Aaron Kemp and Ramoda Anand. We are awaiting the status of the applications. The Governor may make an interim appointment pending Senate confirmation during the 2011 Legislative Session.

**2. Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum** Update from Planning meeting, Wednesday, June 16, 2010. Letter sent out to 90 candidates on June 10, Easter Seals will follow up with calls. We are working on Position Papers and speakers. Next planning meeting, July 7, from 12 – 2 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of State building Wailuku.

### 3. Education updates

1. On June 3, 2010, we co-sponsored a presentation by Jean Nakasako on Chapter 19 DOE Admin Rules Revisions.
2. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) presentation by Ellen Caringer, PhD –we will co sponsored with Mental Health America, and Maui Community Children’s Council on July 6, Noon, at the Cameron Center
3. Autism Training **Dr. Norall from CASE Hawaii** will be presenting on **June 24, 2010 from 5pm to 7pm** at Luana Gardens, 615 W. Papa Ave., Kahului. Dr. Norall is a Licensed Educational Psychologist (LEP) and a nationally certified Cognitive-Behavioral Therapist. Dr. Norall is the Clinical Director of C.A.S.E. Inc. and an Educational and Behavioral Consultant in many school districts around San Diego and Riverside counties. She is creator of Friends' Club and the author of the book Quirky Yes, Hopeless, No. Comprehensive Autism Services and Education Inc. (C.A.S.E., Inc.) is an agency specializing in behavioral, social and educational needs of children with Autism. For more information about CASE visit [www.casefamily.com](http://www.casefamily.com)..

### **Aging and Disability Resource Center**

Next meeting is Wednesday June 23, at Elima bldg.

**Announcement: ADA celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next month.** The Maui DD Committee and some others are thinking of doing a celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act 20th Anniversary on July 26, 2010. Lots on info on the web .

The 2010 by 2010 Campaign's goal is to collect 2010 "Proclamations of Recommitment" to the mission of the ADA by the 20th anniversary of the ADA--**July 26, 2010**. Join us and become part of a nation-wide effort to proclaim a recommitment to vision and spirit of the **Americans with Disabilities** Act--full inclusion of **people with disabilities** into American life!



The [National ADA Symposium](#) is spearheading the **2010 by 2010 Campaign** as a lead-up activity to the June 20-23 conference in Denver, Colorado. In recognition of the passage of this landmark civil rights legislation, the National ADA Symposium invites state and local governments, schools and colleges, businesses, organizations, service providers, and advocates to join our "Proclamation of Recommitment" to the spirit of

the ADA.

The list of entities submitting proclamations will be posted on this website, as well as activities that communities are doing to recognize the 20th anniversary of the ADA and improve accessibility to their citizens. This site also suggests a number of activities that state and local governments, organizations, educational institutions, and businesses can conduct as part of their "Proclamation of Recommitment".

**Note:** Attendance at the National ADA Symposium is not required to be a part of the campaign.

#### **D. Parks and Recreation Commission on Disabilities**

1. Wheelchair Tennis program continues June 12 and 26.
2. Accessible Parking Signs replacement project for all Parks parking lots continues, currently working on Phase III which is now the sign implementation phase.
3. Community Classes: American Sign Language Classes are in session June 19, 16 and 23 on Wednesday from 6-9pm, Saturdays June 12, 19, and 26 from 12-3 pm. See Flyer. Inclusive Yoga class did not get enough participants to continue this quarter.
4. PALS program is successfully Inclusive, currently several larger sites have Inclusion Recreation Specialists that work directly with the Inclusion Specialist and the Recreation Specialist to assist in specific areas of need pertaining to children that received SPED services with the DOE.

5. Planning and Development: ADA Modifications in process are Lahaina Aquatics Pool and Coach Sakamoto Pool. Any specific questions to those projects can contact the CIP Robert Halvorson 270-8017.

Tara Sabado, Inclusion Specialist, (808)270-7979

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Theater accessibility - Sheldon Rabanes presentation

Tabled

B. Letters review

*Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper refreshed Commissioners on policies developed in June 2009 regarding Commission correspondence. Content must be approved by a vote of the majority of Commissioners before sending to the Director of Housing and Human Concerns for review and editing for style and tone (not content). The Commission can expedite the letter process by having a draft of a letter present for review and approval at one meeting. The Commission may vote to have someone draft a letter outside the meeting that will be reviewed, amended and approved at a subsequent meeting. Also: agenda items must be descriptive, offering details and specifics. Rather than "Letter to the Mayor," the agenda item should read: Letter to Mayor Tavares requesting response to Marguerite Rowland's letter to the Mayor dated 3/10/10.*

### **1) Letter to the Mayor**

Commissioners edited the draft letter. Commissioner Hue Sing **MOVED** to amend the draft letter and approve to send to Director Tshuko for review. Commissioner Santos **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **2) Commissioner Liddell's Drivers Manual letter**

The Commissioners reviewed the draft letter to State Director of Transportation Brennan Morioka and added a paragraph to request the process for amending the manual and invite the DOT to feel free to contact the commission as needed for input on the driver's manual. Commissioner Hue Sing **MOVED** to approve the letter as amended. Commissioner Crugnale **SECONDED. MOTIN CARRIED.**

### **D. Makawao town accessibility**

Rather than develop the letter and questions for planner Erin Wade at this time, the Commissioners decided to form a standing committee and appoint Commissioner Crugnale to research accessibility issues in Makawao and report back to the Commission monthly. Commissioner Hue Sing **MOVED** to have Commissioner Crugnale serve on the standing committee for Makawao town accessibility. Commissioner Santos **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **E. Parks accessibility**

Tabled

### **F. Awareness Fair**

Chair Valentine reported he had contacted Maui Mall and had received no response to his request to hold the Awareness Fair on the second Saturday in October. A subcommittee on the Awareness Fair is comprised of Commissioners Liddell, Santos, Hue Sing and Valentine. They will meet from 12-1:30 p.m. prior to the July 9 Commission meeting.

## **G. Disabled Transportation on Maui**

In light of a letter received from the Department of Transportation regarding bus fee increases and rider passes, the following agenda items were deferred to the July 9 meeting:

- 1) Questions for Department of Transportation
- 2) Questions for Maui Bus/Roberts of Hawaii
- 3) Other Transportation Options
- 4) Committee Assignments

Commission Chair Valentine asked Commissioners to “do their homework” about how the bus passes can be used and report back to the group in July. Commissioners Santos and Valentine are assigned to this committee.

## **H. Disaster Action Plan for Disabled**

Commissioner Santos reported that a questionnaire had been distributed. Commissioner Chair Valentine said he will order copies of the ADA handbook and Action Plan for the Disabled from the website.

- 1) Committee assignment – Commissioners Valentine and Hue Sing are assigned to this committee.

## **VIII. AGENDA SETTING**

1. Mayor Tavares will attend to read a proclamation marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
2. Maui County Fair Director Sherri Grimes will attend the meeting
3. Disaster Action Plan for Disabled on Maui
4. Information on bus passes for disabled riders on Maui
5. Awareness Fair update
6. New Meeting Schedule

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

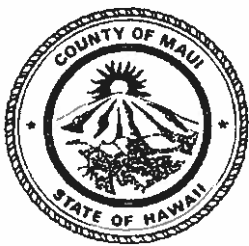
- 1) Next Meeting: 1:30-3:30 p.m., July 9, 2010 at Hale Mahaolu Elima
- 2) Maui Wheelers will hold a fundraising rummage sale Saturday June 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 615 S. Papa, Kahului.
- 3) Workshop on Actions to Keep Small Towns Thriving is set for 11:30 – 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 23 at Good Shepherd Church Hall in Kahului next to McDonald's.
- 4) Tennis Clinic is set for 10-12 noon, in Pukalani.
- 5) Due to Furlough Fridays, the meeting schedule will need to be changed from August 2010 meeting through June 2011. Jan will research dates and get back to Commissioners.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Souza **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Commissioner Hue Sing **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**





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June 21, 2010

**MAYOR**

Charmaine Tavares

The Honorable Charmaine Tavares  
Mayor, County of Maui

**DIRECTOR of HOUSING &  
HUMAN CONCERNS**

Lori Tzuhako

Madam Mayor,

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR of  
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Jo-Ann Ridao

Aloha and kudos for your leadership during these trying fiscal times.

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Tracy Souza

We, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, are writing to inquire of your response to the letter written to you and the Commission by former Commissioner Marguerite A. Rowland dated March 10, 2010.

We share the same outlook as Mrs. Rowland and are in need of positive direction and input so that we may fulfill our responsibilities to you and the County of Maui.

**DEPUTY  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Kimberly Sloper

We are honored to be in a position of service to the County of Maui and desire to serve with dignity and honor. Is it possible that you could find time in your busy schedule to come and address us during one of our monthly meetings?

**ADA COORDINATOR**

Dennis Schwind

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our concerns.

**CPD STAFF**

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Respectfully,

Rev. Andrew Valentine  
Chairperson

CC: Lori Tzuhako, Director, Housing and Human Concerns

March 10, 2010

To the Honorable Mayor Charmaine Tavares and the Maui County Commission for Persons with Disabilities:

Having served on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities for almost five years I am unable to attend the last few meetings due to the schedule change as I work as an RN/Social Worker. My goal originally in applying to the Commission was to help accomplish change as I am also challenged by a disability. In retrospect, my regret is that as a Commission we were unable to achieve many goals for the following reasons:

All Commission members come with the best of intentions to make a difference in Maui County and spend many hours traveling to and attending meetings. We spend the Commission time vigorously discussing issues and solutions. Jan Roberson kept impeccable minutes which, I assume, were then submitted to the office of the Mayor. To my knowledge except for attending a meeting at the beginning of Mayor Tavares' term and scheduling a meeting (which was canceled due to her illness) we received no feedback on proposals or ideas sent to the Mayor. For example: Each Commissioner was assigned an issue to follow, mine was handicap parking. Letters were sent to the Mayor from the Commission, (Jan has letters on file) regarding ideas and suggestions addressing the problem and proposing solutions for handicap parking. We received no feedback or comment on our proposals.

My understanding is there are certain specific guidelines for a Commission but even working within those parameters it is indeed frustrating to spend valuable time and energy without any response or action. Is this true of all the Commissions? It is difficult to encourage others to apply if the effort is fruitless. A suggestion is that the Mayor at least acknowledge proposals and inform the Commission of the steps being taken or planned to address an issue. To follow-up on the handicap parking example, despite our many hours of discussion and work, the problem is worse than when I started five years ago. Could progress been made if the Commission and the Mayor collaborated? Handicap parking is but one example.

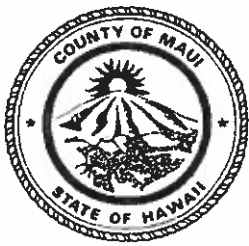
I am not convinced Denny Schwind is the most effective advocate for Persons with Disabilities for the County of Maui. I would be happy to share my reasons if asked. In contrast, Tamara Horcajio and Parks and Recreation have accomplished incredible feats in a very short time.

The Commission for Persons with Disabilities could be a valuable resource in terms of reviewing accessibility of plans for buildings or projects for the County.

It has been my privilege to serve on a Maui County Commission and my Aloha to all Commissioners with whom I have worked as they have sincerely shared their expertise and knowledge. The issues addressed by this Commission directly affect our lives. My hope is that this letter will enhance the effectiveness of the commissions of Maui County.

Sincerely,

Marguerite A. Rowland R.N., L.C.S.W.



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Aloha Marguerite,

The Commissioners would like to extend a great mahalo to you for your years of service to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

Your efforts to make a difference for the residents of the County of Maui are much appreciated.

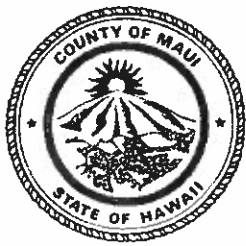
We wish you the best in your future endeavors and want to remind you that we are here to address any concerns you may have.

With our warmest aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Valentine".

Andrew Valentine, Chair  
For the Commissioners

CC: Lori Tshako, Director, Housing and  
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Mr. Brennon Morioka

Director of Transportation

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Aloha Mr. Morioka,

The Maui County Commission on Disabilities finds that many people violate the accessible parking rules by parking in the accessible spaces, or in the access lanes beside them.

We notice that there is only one sentence (page 29) in the State of Hawaii Driver's Manual that refers to disabled drivers and special parking placards. When the disabled parking permits are issued, only disabled drivers receive the rules.

We would like to make the following suggestions for improving awareness of the issues above:

- All drivers receive a list of disabled parking rules with their driver's licenses.
- Include more about the rules governing accessible parking for the disabled in the State of Hawaii Driver's Manual.
- Include more questions related to accessible parking rules on the written examination.
- The information could be transferred from the fact sheet distributed with parking placards.

Please apprise the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities of the process for updating the State of Hawaii Driver's Manual and the written examination. Also, please feel free to contact the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities should you have need for our input on these matters.

Sincerely,

Andrew Valentine, Chair

Commission on Persons with Disabilities

CC: Charmaine Tavares, Mayor, County of Maui  
Lori Tshako, Director, Housing and Human Concerns