



# MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

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June 4, 2013

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium  
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI

## MEETING MINUTES

### PRESENT

Stacy Crivello  
Rhonda Fosbinder  
Clifford Hashimoto  
James Jackson  
Dionne Phillips  
Rosie Poree-Hogin  
Robert Santry  
Nancy Tamashiro

### EXCUSED

Autumn Arase  
MaryMargaret Baker  
Heather Greenwood  
Tania Joao  
William Myrter  
Iris Peelua  
Gwen Ueoka

### GUESTS

Robert Carroll  
Nancy Moser  
Caroline Cadirao  
John Grant  
Steve Hansen  
Roy Katsuda

### STAFF

Deborah Arendale  
Norma Circle  
Jennifer Oana  
Mercedes Neri  
Jill Matsui

### I. Call to Order

Chair Rhonda Fosbinder called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. in the J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium located at 95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

### II. Roll Call of COA Members

Chair Rhonda Fosbinder then commenced with the roll call and quorum was established so the meeting was able to convene.

### III. Introduction of MCOA Staff and Guests Attending

MCOA staff in attendance included: Ms. Deborah Arendale, Ms. Norma Circle, and Ms. Jill Matsui. Our Deputy Corporation Counsel is Ms. Jennifer Oana. Today's guests included Councilman Bob Carroll and the State Executive on Aging Yearly Monitoring Team members: Ms. Nancy Moser, Ms. Caroline Cadirao and Mr. John Grant.

### IV. Review, Correct & Approve Minutes (with corrections, if applicable)

Chair Rhonda Fosbinder called for a review of the April 9th minutes, asking for any changes or corrections. Mr. Robert Santry moved to accept the minutes with no corrections and Councilmember Stacy Crivello seconded the motion. A unanimous vote carried to accept the April 9, 2013 meeting minutes without any changes.

### V. Follow-up Discussion from Previous Meeting

#### A. Hale Mahaolu Senior Housing Plans in Hana

Ms. Deborah Arendale asked that this agenda item be moved to later on the agenda because Mr. Roy Katsuda indicated that an important meeting came up at the last minute that would delay his arrival. There were no objections to moving the agenda item.

**B. Fall in Love with a Senior Day**

There will be no Maui Falls Prevention Coalition meeting this month but there will be a meeting in July. This event is scheduled for February 14, 2014 and will be focused on assisting with simple home modifications. Starting in the fall, efforts to recruit and identify intergenerational teams of 2-3 to perform simple home modifications. In November, efforts to identify seniors needing modification assistance and who are willing to allow teams into their homes will begin.

Ms. Nancy Tamashiro inquired about the possibility of Lanai being involved with this project and Ms. Deborah Arendale indicated that if a local committee is willing to handle details, MCOA would be very supportive of extending the program to both Lanai and Molokai.

**VI. Announcements of Upcoming Events**

- A.** June 15, 2013 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: MCOA will be placing an ad in The Maui News as well as printing an informational brochure for widespread distribution. Akaku will also be airing a nationally produced PSA. Coincidentally, the Hawaii State Legislature recently passed legislation that will require financial institutions to directly report any financial abuse to police departments as well as to Adult Protective Services.
- B.** July 10, 2013 – The Governor will be here to honor the Outstanding Older American Awards winners at the MEO Presidents' luncheon meeting from 9 am to 12 noon. The agenda for the event is still in formation, but if you are interested in attending, please let Ms. Deborah Arendale know by the end of June. (Please note: since the day of the COA meeting, this event has been postponed.)
- C.** June 4-12, 2013 – Tropic Care is occurring this week and medical, dental, and vision services are available to anyone regardless of whether or not individuals have medical insurance. There are 400 military staff participating in Maui County with half of them on Lanai. This is the first time Tropic Care has occurred in Maui County. Last year the event was held on the island of Kauai. This is a great opportunity for children to obtain school physicals—parents simply need to bring the school forms.
- D.** June 21, 2013 – Ms. Norma Circle and Ms. Deborah Arendale will be meeting with HMSA regarding the CCTP program. The current CMS-funded program can only serve Medicare Fee-for-Service consumers, so HMSA is interested in purchasing this program to serve Akamai Advantage members. The opportunity to bill HMSA for hospital discharge services will be another new revenue stream and may open other new sources of revenue for other programs HMSA may also be interested in funding.
- E.** There will be a Shredding Event in the Home Depot parking lot which is open to the public. More information regarding this event will be coming soon.
- F.** July 23, 2013 – The PrimeTime Wellness Fair will be at the Binhi At Ani - Filiipiino Community Center in Kahului, from 8:15 am to 12 noon. It is open to the public and admission is free.
- G.** November 13, 2013 – MCOA has set this as the tentative date for the Caregivers Conference. Ms. Norma Circle is interested in input regarding workshop topics as well as information regarding speakers that COA members would recommend for the event. Please contact Ms. Circle with any suggestions.

- H. Mr. Steve Hansen announced that Roselani Place will rent a kiosk at Queen Kaahumanu Center to promote their services, activities and functions.

**VII. New Information**

**A. Veterans' Affairs Report by Dr. Robert Santry**

The next teleconference is this Friday and the update will include Veterans' Healthcare, Veterans Directed Home and Community-Based Services (VD-HCBS) and the \$5.5 million addition to the Makawao Veterans' Cemetery. Also, we are closer to getting the approval for acquiring the property by Maui High School in Kahului for the new Veterans Center. We now have a new Veterans Center for the Veteran students on the UHMC campus which will connect the collegiates with the senior Veterans. There was a great turn out for the Memorial Day ceremony and there is still a push to try to get Memorial Day moved back to May 30<sup>th</sup>, as Senator Daniel Inouye wanted it to be. On a last note, we are beginning a partnership with Neighbors Helping Neighbors where Ms. Gerri Shapiro is recruiting Veteran volunteers to help other Veterans.

**B. Lanai Report by Ms. Nancy Tamashiro**

Tropic Care is a free health care clinic provided by military medical personnel that is servicing Lanai starting today, June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. A Senior Health Fair is being planned for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, and is being planned indoors. We thank Ms. Deborah Arendale for offering support of the MCOA. Hospice Hawaii will be servicing Lanai. A space is now being prepared to accommodate the needs of Hospice patients. The MEO Senior Club will honor Mothers and Fathers with a luncheon on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A "Better Choices, Better Health" workshop is being planned for July or August. A "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" workshop will be held in the fall.

**C. Molokai Report by Ms. Tania Joao**

Ms. Tania Joao was excused from the meeting. She, however, emailed her report for COA review. See attachment dated June 4, 2013.

**D. Hana Report by Mr. Clifford Hashimoto**

Mr. Clifford Hashimoto reported that he continues to feel disconnected from the Hana community. He stated that he is not sure who runs programs and how these programs run. He expressed strong belief that there is no plan on how things are being done. Mr. Hashimoto indicated that although Hana has a Public Health Nurse, there has never been a public community meeting that he has ever attended. Mr. Hashimoto expressed confusion regarding his role as a Council on Aging member. He has passed out the MCOA Area Plan but he's not sure if this activity is effective or not. Mr. Hashimoto expressed that seniors do need information, but he remains uncertain as to whether or not people needing information are getting that information. Mr. Hashimoto believes that many of the elders in Hana are being served but that service provision is a "hit or miss kind of thing."

**E. MCOA Report by Ms. Deborah Arendale**

Ms. Norma Circle and Ms. Deborah Arendale were in Hana for the Hana Health Fair on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Medicare system remains extremely complicated. If members of the COA are interested in volunteer activities, an excellent contact is Ms. Pamela Cunningham with SHIP/Sage of the Executive Office on Aging. Pamela is always looking for volunteers to help people understand Medicare

since the system is very difficult to navigate. SHIP has volunteers in each County, and more assistance is always welcome.

MCOA was asked by Project Dana to help sponsor an End of Life seminar in May presented by Dr. Lani Leary. MCOA will most likely invite Dr. Leary to the Annual Caregivers Conference because the end of life is a very difficult time often times individuals are resistant to discussing end of life issues.

The County did approve a half-time employee for Hana and Lanai and we are in the process of the recruitment stage. Timmy Satot has been on contract for MCOA in Hana and works out Hale Hulu Mamo. MCOA has served the Lanai community with a MCOA employee until such time as the recruitment and hiring process for Lanai can be completed.

One current area of MCOA focus pertains to the state Medicaid system. Once an individual is deemed eligible for Medicaid, MCOA cannot serve that individual by law. The state utilizes contracted service providers for home and community-based services for people over sixty-five years of age that are aged, blind or disabled through the QExA program. An individual who may have been eligible for HCBS through MCOA may now be deemed ineligible for those same services under the QExA providers. While MCOA can provide in-home assistance using a social model of service provision, QExA providers utilize a medical model of service provision. In short, individuals may be "too poor" for services through MCOA but not "sick enough" for Medicaid for services. At this time, we are uncertain as to whether the State QExA contract and Medicaid Waiver guidelines have contributed to this disparity or if the problem is due to the service provider guidelines. Whatever the base issue, the results are that individuals with no personal resources "lose" in-home services that can be very instrumental in helping to maintain current level of functioning and in preventing further decline. MCOA remains committed to working with DHS to find solutions to this dilemma.

Councilmember Stacy Crivello needed to leave the meeting, so quorum was lost at this time.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Jennifer Oana read the by-laws regarding lack of quorum and cited Reference 92-2: Minutes Officially Unofficial. According to Ms. Oana, information may be presented at a meeting that lacks quorum as long as the information presented is recorded and reported at the next meeting and as long as no decisions occur during the period without quorum.

**VIII. Public Comments, Concerns and Testimony**

None—lack of quorum

**IX. Adjournment**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**I. Next Meeting Date: August 13, 2013**

Cameron Center Auditorium, 12 noon to 2 pm. – previously scheduled

**II. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Define Outreach and bring in MCOA staffers.
- Inform COA regarding all of the ways in which outreach occurs.
- Inform COA regarding MCOA's involvement with transportation in Hana.

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **Hale Mahaolu Senior Housing Plans in Hana Summary by Mr. Roy Katsuda, Executive Director**

Several years ago, Hana Ranch offered ten acres to Hale Mahaolu out of the hundred acres master plan development. Hale Mahaolu normally does their own due diligence prior to accepting gifts of land. The survey of the land to be donated revealed the Hale Mahaolu would need to build three bridges at a cost of \$1 million dollars each in addition to normal costs of development such as building construction and bringing in electric and water infrastructure. Therefore, Hale Mahaolu determined the initial ten acre parcel was not a cost-effective option.

One month later, Hana Ranch offered ten acres near the Hasegawa General Store. This land appeared to be a good offer, and Hale Mahaolu again decided to perform due diligence prior to acceptance of the land. The results of the survey indicated the presence of potentially significant archeological findings. The process to receive clearance regarding these findings took twenty-two (22) months to complete. By the time the land was deemed suitable for the Hale Mahaolu project, Hana Ranch was in the process of being purchased by new owners. The new owners are currently not offering the property to Hale Mahaolu, so the project is on hold. However, the project is still of interest to the Hana community, Hale Mahaolu, and the new owners of the "old" Hana Ranch.

Hale Mahaolu's preliminary plans for Hana included the following: twenty-one (21) units of housing, an Adult Day Care Center and a combined multipurpose room and drop-in center for seniors. To put this site in perspective, Hale Mahaolu currently has twenty-four (24) units of housing on Lanai.

Hale Mahaolu currently has another expansion job on approximately four acres in the Pukalani area. The location has very beautiful views and actually contains a Chinese burial site. Hale Mahaolu is working with archaeologists to preserve the burial sites. This location will have sixty-one (61) housing units, an Adult Day Care Center, and a Center for Upcountry Seniors.

Funding for housing continues to become more and more difficult. Hale Mahaolu pursues low income tax credits and the next one available will be in January 2014. Currently the emphasis for tax credits is on family rentals. The Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corp. previously weighted requests for families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities evenly. With the emphasis on family rentals, Hale Mahaolu hopes that funding will be sufficient to cover senior housing. If Hale Mahaolu obtains the necessary funding, the project could commence as early as the end of 2014 for the Kulamalu site.

Hale Mahaolu accepts applications for units when those units are ready for occupancy. For the first five days a location is receiving applications, Hale Mahaolu accepts only original applications that are color coded. Applications received during this time are placed in a lottery to determine the initial waitlist. Applications received after the fifth day will be placed on the waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis.