



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

September 8, 2016

12:30 p.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku

Call to Order: 12:31pm

Introductions

Members Present: Faraz Azizoltani, David Courson, Cranston Kapoi, Kealoha Laemoa, Vivian Lindsey, Kevin Souza, and Sheila Villanueva

Members Excused: Mikey Tomita

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Three guests were present representing a community agency and the general public.

County Staff Present: Deborah Stone-Walls, Ailina Tagupa-Laborte, Kevin Dusenbury, Michael Hopper

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair	Commissioner Laemoa opened the nominations for Chair— Vice-Chair nominations: Chair Laemoa opened the nominations for Vice-Chair.	Commissioner Courson nominated Commissioner Laemoa to resume the role of Chair. Commissioner Azizoltani seconded. Members unanimously voted Commissioner Laemoa as Chair. Chair Laemoa nominated Commissioner Souza for Vice-Chair; seconded by Commissioner Azizoltani. Members unanimously voted Commissioner Souza as Vice-Chair.
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the June 9, 2016 minutes.	Commissioner Souza moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Lindsey



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		seconded. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.
Public Comments and Testimony	<p>Mr. Victor Lesa offered public testimony regarding transportation issues with paratransit. Mr. Lesa thanked Mr. Harry Johnson for putting up the schedules for the Paratransit Advisory meeting. Mr. Lesa testified to difficulties with Paratransit Group transportation when he tried to arrange for transportation with another individual, and they were actually placed on different busses. Mr. Lesa also indicated that several public pools do not have chair lifts that assist individuals with disabilities to allow full access to the pools. Some of the pools have broken lifts. Mr. Lesa asked a Parks and Recreation employee about the broken lift at the War Memorial pool. The employee indicated that a new lift would be installed. Mr. Lesa indicated that no lift is present at War Memorial at this time.</p>	
Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Paratransit Transportation Reservations Process and Ridership: A discussion ensued regarding difficulties when attempting to access Group Rides with Paratransit. Members indicated that even though transportation starts from different locations/residents, the bus should be able to pick both people up so that a joint trip happens on the same bus. Members indicated that paratransit should be a reliable service. Sometimes there are communication problems that cause confusion. Members voiced difficulties and confusion with why the busses take certain routes and indicated that routes are often very long and require people with disabilities to spend too much time on the bus. Mr. Harry Johnson of MEO, Inc. responded that the rules and regulations for paratransit must be understood. He requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission to clarify the rules. Mr. Johnson requested that Commissioners visit the County website to look up the Paratransit Rules and Regulations prior to his presentation at the next meeting. b. Underemployment of Persons with Disabilities: Members discussed the upcoming Ka Lima O Maui Job Fair that will occur at the Velma Wayne Santos Community Center on October 14, 2016 from 9-11:30am. The space will allow for approximately 30 employers to be present. Commissioner Villanueva asked the staff of Ka Lima O Maui on a phone call 	



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	<p>prior to the Commission meeting how many job offers actually occurred as the result of previous job fairs. The Ka Lima O Maui staff indicated uncertainty about the exact number but indicated that this topic would be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Chair Laemoa indicated a desire to know about Ka Lima O Maui's efforts to partner in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. American Sign Language Training and Funding for sign language interpreter: This topic is deferred due to Commissioner Tomita's absence from the meeting. d. Concerns about Department of Transportation regarding Proviso of Services in General and Paratransit: Deferred until next meeting and will be addressed by Mr. Johnson's presentation and ensuing discussion e. Upcoming Events: Maui Disability Alliance Quorum—10/12/16, 4-7pm at Wailuku Community Center; October is Disability Awareness Month; Senior Fair—10/29/16, 7:30-11:30 at War Memorial Gym; Caregivers Conference—11/18/16, 9am-3:30pm at The Grand Wailea; Ron Higei, Sunrise Trailride—10/15/16 at Haleakala Crater; first wheelchair dance at Kaahumanu Mall on 10/15/16 with time to be announced; Universal Design for Life—9/30/16, 10:00-11:30am, Hale Mahaolu Elima Community Hall; Maui Disability Alliance is requesting pictures of individuals to publicize the different faces of disability. 	
New Business	None	
Orientation Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Duties and Responsibilities: Chapter 2.32 of the Maui County Code of Ordinances (available on the County of Maui Website) summarizes the duties and responsibilities of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The broad goal of the Commission is to serve as an Advisory Board to the County with regard to services, facilities, and accessibility that fall within the authority of the County of Maui. b. Chapter 92, HRS—The Sunshine Law—Reviewed the Handout, "Open Meetings: Guide to The Sunshine Law for State and County Boards" (website: oip.hawaii.gov): General purpose of the Sunshine Law is to ensure that meetings are conducted in public and not in private. 	Mr. Michael Hopper of Maui County Corporation Counsel reviewed the documents and provided an orientation to Commission Members.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic requirements: public meetings; posted agenda; no discussion whatsoever of agenda items outside of established meetings with other Commission members; Commission actions must have majority agreement; and quorum is needed for a meeting to occur (at least 5 of 9 members must be present). • The Sunshine Law does permit investigative groups in which temporary investigation of a specific matter occurs and discussions are not bound by Sunshine Law. Investigative group restrictions include: group must have a defined purpose and tasks, assigning the group has to be included on the agenda, and no action may be taken until the information is presented to the entire Commission and a vote by the Commission occurs. • If no quorum exists for a regular Commission meeting, the Commission may still hear testimony and presentations as long as a report is made to the entire Commission, but no action may be taken until presentation is made to a quorum. • Up to four (4) Commissioners may attend informational meetings but can make no commitment on how to vote on Commission matters; • May have Executive meetings that are closed to the public for specific reasons. The actions resulting from Executive Session require a full Commission majority vote; • The main point is to NOT discuss Commission business outside of Commission meetings. <p>c. Robert’s Rules of Order—Provide a guideline for how public meetings are conducted; Mr. Hopper provided a verbal summary of the Robert’s Rules of Order handout.</p> <p>d. Ethics—Article 10 of Maui County Charter provides guidelines for the maintenance of Ethical behavior as a Commissioner. Mr. Hopper made specific reference to section 10-4 that lists the prohibitions of Commissioner.</p>	
Agenda Items for Next Meeting	Presentation by Mr. Harry Johnson of MEO regarding Paratransit services.	



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	Discussion ensued regarding how to best prioritize the Commission's concerns and move those concerns to actionable items. Crosswalk Signs.	
Next Date	October 13, 2016; J. Walter Cameron Center, Rm 1	
Motion to Adjourn	2:01pm	Commissioner Courson moved; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Unanimously passed.