



# MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

April 12, 2018

12:30 p.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center  
95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI 96793

**Call to Order: 12:31 p.m.**

### Introductions

**Members Present:** Petrina Castillo, David Courson, Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, Kevin Souza, Sheila Villanueva, and Kimberly West

**Members Excused:** Faraz Azizoltani

**Members Absent:** none

**Guests Present:** Oliver Caberto, Gay Sibonga (MEO)

**County Staff Present:** Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging), Jerrie Sheppard (Dept. of the Corporation Counsel), and Deborah Stone-Walls (Office on Aging)

<b>Topic/Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the February 8, 2018 meeting minutes.	Chair Souza moved to approve the minutes; Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.



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Public Comments and Testimony	None	
New Business	<p>a. Review draft invitation letter to Councilmember Atay regarding his attendance at a future Commission meeting to discuss closed captioning concerns on Akaku and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Commissioner Kapoi shared his invitation letter to Councilmember Atay regarding his attendance at a future Commission meeting to discuss closed captioning concerns on Akaku and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>b. Presentation from Ms. Amy Gonzalez regarding the Hire Abilities Hawaii Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) (pending availability of presenter). Upon Commissioner Castillo’s arrival to the meeting at 12:41 p.m., she shared that she was unable to confirm a presentation from Ms. Gonzalez at the Hire Abilities Hawaii Disability Employment Initiative (DEI).</p> <p>c. Presentation from the Blue Zones Project (pending availability of presenter). Commissioner Castillo informed the Commission that she was unable to confirm a presentation from a representative at the Blue Zones Project. Chair Souza requested more information about the Blue Zones Project, and Commissioner Castillo shared that she learned about the project at the Queen Kaahumanu Center. Commissioner West inquired if the Blue Zones Project only serves individuals with disabilities. Commissioner Castillo, along with other guests at the meeting, mentioned that the Blue Zones Project is a national initiative to help increase general health and wellness for all.</p> <p>d. Upcoming events The Maui Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is sponsored by the Maui Police Department, will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018. For more information, please contact Terry Jones at the Maui Police Department.</p>	<p>Commissioner Villanueva moved to approve Commissioner Kapoi’s invitation to Councilmember Atay; Commissioner Sanches seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><i>(Chair Souza originally deferred items b. and c. to a future meeting since Vice-Chair Castillo was not present when the meeting started.)</i></p>



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	Free Kidney Early Detection Health Screenings will be offered on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Queen Kaahumanu Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	
Old Business	a. None	
Agenda Items for Future Meetings	<p>a. Discuss opportunities for children with parents with disabilities Commissioner Castillo shared that she has witnessed many children with disabled parents, and she expressed her feelings that there are not any programs to help them. Since there are not any specific programs that she was able to identify for parents with disabilities raising children, Commissioner Castillo shared that she believes the lack of programs may lead to children developing disabilities. Other than the Boys and Girls Clubs, Commissioner Castillo has not identified any comparable solution for this concern. Commissioner Courson recommended Commissioner Castillo to further research this item and provide further discussion during June’s meeting.</p> <p>b. Discuss and identify an area of Section 8 Housing that pertains to persons with disabilities Regarding the previous presentations from Section 8 Housing, Commissioner Castillo inquired about their subject matter. The Commission’s facilitator, Kevin Dusenbury, informed Commissioner Castillo that he would provide her with the meeting minutes that contain the presentations from Section 8 Housing. Commissioner West also shared that she believes everyone with a disability should be able to obtain housing. Commissioner Courson shared that he believes that the item should be placed on a future meeting agenda. Chair Souza requested the item to be added on May’s meeting agenda. Commissioner Castillo shared that she would like a representative from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to attend May’s Commission meeting.</p> <p>c. Due to a schedule conflict at the Office on Aging, discuss a meeting date change from Thursday, May 10, 2018 to Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. Discussion ensued amongst the Commission regarding the proposed meeting change.</p>	<p>Commissioner Villanueva agreed to assist Commissioner Castillo with the research regarding opportunities for children with parents with disabilities. The item will be discussed in June.</p> <p>Commissioner West agreed to contact the HUD office.</p> <p>Per the discussion among the Commission members, next month’s meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at the J. Walter Cameron Center.</p>



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	<p>d. Other suggestions for next meeting's agenda Due to the open invitation to Councilmember Alikea Atay, the item will be placed on May's meeting agenda. Deborah Stone-Walls, the Maui County Executive on Aging, informed the Commission that Councilmember Atay may be unable to attend May's meeting since the County Council is currently in budget session. The agenda item will remain continuous, pending the availability of Councilmember Atay.</p> <p>Chair Souza informed the Commission that he would like a presentation from the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation regarding employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Mr. Oliver Caberto, a community member, informed Chair Souza that he can contact the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Commission. Since Mr. Caberto is not a member of the Commission, Deputy Corporation Counsel Jerrie Sheppard reminded the Commission about the Sunshine Law and the proper rules as they pertain to meeting invitations.</p>	<p>Commissioner Castillo informed the Commission that she will obtain the contact information for the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation from Mr. Caberto; Commissioner Castillo will contact the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to attend a May's meeting.</p>
Next Date	May 3, 2018 at 12:30 PM at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI.	
Motion to Adjourn	1:07 PM	Commissioner Souza moved to close the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.