



Maui County Council on Aging

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COUNCIL ON AGING

December 18, 2018

12:30 p.m.

J. Walter Cameron Center

95 Mahalani Street

Wailuku, HI 96793

Call to Order: 12:30 p.m.

Introductions

Members Present: Louise Corpuz, Doreen Forsberg, Valerie Janikowski, Susan Lussier, Judith Mikami, Miguel Morales, Walter (Jim) O'Brien, Lois Prey, Katherine Smith, and Hannah Werth

Members Excused: Robert Carrol, Kathleen Harrowby, and Vivian Lindsey

Members Absent: Paul Wickman

Guests Present: None

County Staff Present: Norma Circle (Office on Aging), Charlene (Liloa) Kihune (Office on Aging), James Mariano (Office on Aging), Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging), and Jerrie Sheppard (Deputy Corporation Counsel)

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Introductions	Introductions of Members and County Staff Present	
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes.	Councilmember Prey moved to approve the minutes; Councilmember Morales seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Public Comments and Testimony	None	
Regional/Area Reports	a. Veteran's Report Deferred b. Lanai Update: Mr. James Mariano, Program Specialist at the Maui County Office on Aging, shared a brochure from Councilmember	



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Janikowski, regarding a new home health provider on Lanai, Lanai Kina'ole, Inc. Since its inception, the agency has been providing in-home care on Lanai, but an administrative change at the Office of Health Care Assurance now requires home health providers to obtain licensure to provide care in the State of Hawaii. Councilmember Janikowski mentioned that Lanai Kina'ole, Inc. applied for their licensure with the Office of Health Care Assurance, but they are still awaiting a response on the status of their application.

According to Councilmember Janikowski, Lanai Kina'ole, Inc. will continue to provide home care until the end of December. In the event Lanai Kina'ole, Inc. is able to partner with a licensed agency and work under their current home care license, they will continue to provide service in January 2019. However, Councilmember Janikowski expressed concerns of identifying a partner agency due to limited time and other regulations.

Councilmember Corpuz inquired if Bayada could provide service on Lanai, and Councilmember Janikowski replied that Bayada is not interested at this time.

c. Molokai Update:

Councilmember Mikami expressed concern over the employment vacancy on Molokai with the Office on Aging, and she shared that the Molokai office is "closed...and even if the Office on Aging sends a person over once per week, the Kupuna would like to see a similar face each time".

Councilmember Mikami also informed the Council that workshops regarding Medicare have been held over the past few months on Molokai to help inform the kupuna of their options during Medicare Open Enrollment.

Councilmember Corpuz inquired if the legislators on Maui should provide more interest or assistance for Molokai's aging population. Councilmember Mikami responded that she believes it is a concern in all rural areas for long-term services and supports and/or senior care. Councilmember Janikowski notified the Council that Lanai Kina'ole, Inc. mailed requests for support of their in-home care and home health license from the Office of Healthcare Assurance to all legislators, but they have only received one response, which was provided from Representative Gabbard's office.



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	<p>Ms. Norma Circle, Program Specialist at the Office on Aging, provided clarification regarding the vacant position opening at the Office on Aging on Molokai. Ms. Circle shared that the Office on Aging is open on Molokai each Wednesday, and Molokai community members will always be promptly served via telephone by the Office on Aging on Maui as the Molokai office phone extension is call forwarded to the Wailuku office. Ms. Circle further stated that appointments for assessments and care coordination are conducted by Office on Aging staff from Maui until the vacant position is filled on Molokai.</p> <p>Councilmember Lussier inquired what the qualifications for the position opening on Molokai are. Ms. Circle responded that she believes the position requires a bachelor's degree. Further discussion ensued regarding specific bachelor's degrees and other details; and Chair O'Brien encouraged Councilmembers to contact Deborah Stone-Walls, Executive on Aging for Maui County, directly if they should have further questions regarding personnel concerns. Councilmember Janikowski reiterated that she would like Ms. Stone-Walls to be aware of the Council's concerns regarding the employment vacancy on Molokai.</p> <p>d. Hana Report: Deferred</p>	
MCOA Report	<p>a. Conference Updates Ms. Circle provided an update from the Maui County Office on Aging's 17th Annual Caregivers Conference. Per Ms. Circle's report, there were around 325 attendees, and she shared the results of the Caregivers Conference satisfaction surveys. A brief summary of the conference, including the Barclays presentation about living well with dementia, was also provided to the Council.</p> <p>Ms. Circle further informed the Council that it was the 17th Caregivers Conference under her direction, and it has grown from 88 attendees to over 300 in 2018.</p> <p>b. General Program Updates <i>(Councilmember Corpuz excused herself at 1:09 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Mr. James Mariano provided an update regarding the area plan surveys. At the Senior Fair in October, 60 surveys were completed with the assistance of Councilmember Forsberg. At the Caregiver Conference, almost 200 surveys were completed. Councilmember Prey inquired who will evaluate the data, and Mr. Mariano responded that a team from the Office on Aging will</p>	



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	<p>mine the data in early February, and it will be shared at a subsequent Council on Aging meeting. Mr. Mariano provided the location of the online surveys, which are available on the Maui County Office on Aging website (www.mauicountyadrc.org) through late January. Mr. Mariano also shared details about the caregiver survey, which is for caregivers over the age of 18.</p> <p>Mr. Mariano also informed the Council that he will be holding focus groups to help identify further areas of concern and focal points for the Area Plan on Aging, such as workforce issues.</p> <p>Councilmember Mikami inquired which councilmember will sit on the Council on Aging. Ms. Jerrie Sheppard, Deputy Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui, responded that the decision will be made by the County Council in early January 2019.</p> <p>c. Personnel Update Mr. Mariano provided the following personnel updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Molokai position will be filled in early 2019. • Mrs. Maile Harding was recently hired as an Aging and Disability Services Specialist I at the Wailuku office location. • LoriAnn Tshako, Wellness Coordinator at the Office on Aging, has been named the Deputy Director for the Department of Housing and Human and Concerns. 	
<p>Upcoming Events and Additional Information</p>	<p>a. Senior Depression and Suicide Presentation (December, tentative and pending availability of a presenter)</p> <p>Deferred.</p> <p>However, Councilmember Lussier provided an update regarding this agenda item. Per Councilmember Lussier Dr. Andrew Kayes, M.D., who is the medical director of Maui Diagnostic Imaging, contacted the Maui County Office on Aging because he would like to partake in the senior depression and suicide presentation. The Office on Aging staff members present at the meeting were unaware that Dr. Kayes attempted to contact the Office on Aging.</p> <p>b. Discussion of options for seniors with urgent home and community based services Deferred</p>	<p>Councilmember Lussier agreed to follow up with Dr. Kayes, and she will notify the Office on Aging when the presentation should be placed on a Council on Aging meeting agenda.</p>



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Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- a. Discussion regarding the increasing prevalence of homelessness and seniors (February 2019, tentative)

Councilmember Lussier mentioned her involvement with the Red Cross and her experiences with the Red Cross shelter that opened for Hurricane Lane. According to Councilmember Lussier, there were several elderly homeless individuals who required care while the Red Cross shelter was open for the hurricane; but there was no place for them to go after the shelter closed.

Councilmember Lussier mentioned that there was a specific homeless individual that especially concerned her and the other shelter volunteers, because they were uncertain of where she would go or who would help her upon the closure of the shelter.

(Councilmember Prey excused herself at 1:27 p.m.)

Chair O'Brien shared his thoughts and he believes that letters of recommendation should be sent to the County Council to make legislative changes to help the homeless population.

Ms. Sheppard recommended that a short summary should be provided by Councilmember Lussier to be included in each letter of recommendation provided as individuals or in a letter of recommendation from the Council on Aging as whole. However, Councilmember Lussier expressed concerns for creating an anecdotal story because she is concerned about health information and privacy laws. Councilmember Janikowski and Chair O'Brien shared their thoughts that privacy laws will not be violated, and Ms. Sheppard agreed as long as personal health information is not shared in the letter.

Discussion ensued regarding who, if anyone, from the Council on Aging can make a recommendation to the County Council on the budget. Ms. Sheppard shared the following best practices to make a recommendation to the County Council on behalf of the entire Council on Aging:

- Create an agenda item regarding the development of a budget input item at the Council of Aging meeting
- Formulate and discuss the ideas at the Council on Aging meeting; draft a recommendation letter; and collectively review it
- Provide the recommendation letter to the Chair to distribute to the appropriate parties and appoint a representative to provide the recommendation at the County Council budget hearings



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	<p>Councilmember Lussier responded that she only wanted to inform the Council that she saw this problem regarding homeless seniors, but she does not have a solution for this problem. Ms. Sheppard informed the Council that the letter of recommendation might not necessarily provide a solution to the problem; rather, it is informing the County Council that a community problem exists and time and resources should be allotted to remedy the concern.</p> <p>b. Additional suggestions from the Council on Aging Chair O'Brien offered a suggestion that he would like Councilmember Janikowski's concerns addressed at February's meeting regarding the recruitment status of the vacant position on Molokai and the special needs on Lanai, specifically regarding the status of the home health license (which may be discussed during the Lanai update).</p>	
Next Meeting Date	J. Walter Cameron Center February 12, 2019 Time: 12:30 p.m.	
Adjournment	1:36 p.m.	Councilmember Janikowski moved and Councilmember Werth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.