



# MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

February 14, 2019

12:30 p.m.

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

**Call to Order: 12:30 p.m.**

### Introductions

**Members Present:** Faraz Azizoltani, Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, Kevin Souza, and Kimberly West

**Members Excused:** Petrina Castillo, David Courson, and Sheila Villanueva

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Roxann Kehus (Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities), Brian Houser (Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, and Jennifer Gladwin (Kelea Foundation)

**County Staff Present:** Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging), Jennifer Oana (Dept. of the Corporation Counsel), Deborah Stone-Walls (Office on Aging), and Darren Konno (Department of Transportation)

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
II. Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes.	Commissioner Azizoltani moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Kapoi seconded. Motion to



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		approve minutes carried unanimously.
III. Public Comments and Testimony	<p>Ms. Jennifer Gladwin, representing the Kelea Foundation, provided a general overview of her nonprofit organization to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. According to Ms. Gladwin, the mission of the Kelea Foundation is to make sports and the ocean accessible to everyone. Within the organization, their Adaptive Maui group provides physical activities, such as surfing for persons with disabilities as well as offering community outreach and networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition to providing background information about the Kelea Foundation, Ms. Gladwin informed the Commission that there is a great need for accessibility to businesses for persons who utilize wheelchairs, and Ms. Gladwin believes that this may be a great future agenda item for the Commission. Regarding accessibility, Commissioner Azizoltani expressed his concerns regarding the lack of sidewalk infrastructure throughout Maui County.</p> <p>Deputy Corporation Counsel, Ms. Jennifer Oana, informed Ms. Gladwin that the Commission may provide support on the non-profit's initiatives, especially with letters of support to the Mayor's Office because the Commission acts as an advisory board to the Mayor.</p>	
IV. New Business	<p>a. Presentation from the County of Maui Section 8 Housing Voucher Program regarding reasonable accommodations, alternate housing projects, and other potential housing opportunities for persons with disabilities (tentative, depends on availability of the speaker)</p> <p>Deferred until March due to a scheduling conflict with the presenter.</p>	



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- b. Monthly passes for paratransit services (Commission may discuss and authorize writing a letter to the Economic Development and Budget Committee in support of monthly passes for paratransit services; Commission may discuss and authorize the same commissioner to attend the Economic Development and Budget Committee meetings to testify in support of monthly passes for paratransit services on behalf of the Commission

Commissioner Azizsoltani sought further clarification regarding this agenda item, because he believes that this item resembles the subject matter that was provided previously in the recommendation letter to the Mayor's Office. Mr. Kevin Dusenbury, the facilitator for the Commission on Persons with Disabilities agreed with Commissioner Azizsoltani, but he reminded Commissioner Azizsoltani that the previous recommendation letter was sent only to the Mayor's Office. Mr. Dusenbury further stated that the intention of this agenda item is to provide a recommendation letter from the Commission to the County Council (specifically the Economic Development and Budget Committee) regarding their support for the reinstatement of monthly paratransit bus passes.

Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners present, and Chair Souza requested if there was anyone interested in drafting a recommendation letter for the reinstatement of monthly paratransit passes. Commissioner Azizsoltani agreed to complete the recommendation letter, and Ms. Oana encouraged the Commission to include their support for the inclusion of closed captioning on Akaku in the same document.

Commissioner West motioned for Commissioner Azizsoltani to complete a recommendation letter to the County Council's Economic Development and Budget Committee regarding the Commission's support for the reinstatement of monthly paratransit bus passes and for the inclusion of closed captioning for the county's meetings on Akaku; Commissioner Sanches seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Azizsoltani requested the Commission's facilitator to follow-up with him regarding the name of the Chair for the Economic Development and Budget Committee, and Mr. Dusenbury agreed to provide the information via email.



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	<p>c. Closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku (Commission may discuss and authorize writing a letter to the Economic Development and Budget Committee in support of closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku; Commission may discuss and authorize the same commissioner to attend the Economic Development and Budget Committee meetings to testify in support of closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku on behalf of the Commission</p> <p>While addressed in item IV. New Business, (a.), Commissioner Kapoi informed the Commission that he recently spoke with the County Council's budget chair regarding closed captioning of the county's meetings on Akaku. According to Commissioner Kapoi, the County Council is seeking to identify the cost for the addition of closed captioning on Akaku. Ms. Roxann Kehus, representing the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, encouraged the Commission to follow-up with Akaku as she believes that they may know the cost involved to add closed captioning. Commissioner Kapoi agreed to follow-up on this item.</p> <p>Commissioner Kapoi further stated that the County Council's Chair of the Economic Development and Budget Committee, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, will review the Commission's recommendation letter once it is received regarding the addition of closed captioning on Akaku.</p>	
V. Old Business	<p>a. Status update on the recommendation letter to Mayor Victorino regarding the support for the reinstatement of the monthly paratransit bus pass and the support for closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku.</p> <p>Mr. Dusenbury informed the Commission that he forwarded the recommendation letter, along with a memorandum, to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns where it was reviewed and transferred to the Mayor's Office.</p>	



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<p>VI. Upcoming Events/Announcements</p>	<p>a. Events Imua Inclusion Preschool Bake Sale, Thursday, February 14, 2019</p> <p>b. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mayor’s Proclamation that March 2019 is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. on the 9th floor of the County Building, Mayor’s Conference Room)</li> <li>ii. American Sign Language for Beginners by MEO’s Maui Independent Living Center – 8 sessions every Monday from 2/4/19 to 4/1/19 (excluding 2/17/19) from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon; contact Nani Watanabe at 243-4328 or evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org</li> <li>iii. Maui Disability Alliance Monthly Meeting – 3rd Thursday of each month, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office; contact Roxann Kehus at roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</li> <li>iv. Maui Developmental Disability Committee Monthly Meeting – 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office; contact Roxann Kehus at roxanne.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</li> <li>v. Self-Advocacy Advisory Council Monthly Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office, contact Roxann Kehus at roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</li> <li>vi. Maui Wheelers Monthly Meeting – 1st Wednesday of each month, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office, contact K. Alohilani Hue Sing at MauiWheelers@gmail.com</li> </ul>	
<p>VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings</p>	<p>a. Presentation from the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding areas of concerns (such as sidewalks and other infrastructure) for persons with disabilities (April 2019, tentative)</p> <p>Commissioner Azizsoltani agreed to follow-up with the presentation request. Since he had trouble contacting the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization,</p>	



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	<p>Mr. Dusenbury agreed to share the contact information he has on file for the organization with Commissioner Azizoltani.</p> <p>b. Presentation from the County of Maui Section 8 Housing Voucher Program regarding reasonable accommodations, alternate housing projects, and other potential housing opportunities for persons with disabilities (tentative, depends on availability of the speaker)</p>	
VIII. Next Date	March 21, 2019 at 12:30 PM at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI.	
IX. Motion to Adjourn	12:53 PM	Chair Souza adjourned the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.