



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

March 21, 2019

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, and Kevin Souza

Members Excused: Faraz Azizoltani, Sheila Villanueva, and Kimberly West

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Brian Hauser (Aloha Independent Living Hawaii), Gerry Lum (Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.), and Nani Watanabe (Maui Independent Living Center)

County Staff Present: Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging), James Mariano (Office on Aging), Alida Murray (Office on Aging), Jerrie Sheppard (Dept. of the Corporation Counsel), and Maria Zielinski (Office of Council Services)

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
II. Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the February 14, 2019 meeting minutes.	Commissioner Castillo moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Kapoi seconded. Motion to



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		approve minutes carried unanimously.
III. Public Comments and Testimony	Mr. Brian Hauser, representing Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, encouraged the Commission to testify at tomorrow's (March 22, 2019) County Council meeting to support the reinstatement of monthly paratransit bus passes.	
IV. New Business	<p>a. Presentation from the Director of Council Services regarding the associated costs to include closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku (tentative, depends on availability of the speaker)</p> <p>The Director of Council services, Ms. Maria Zielinski, provided a presentation to the Commission regarding the associated costs to include closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku. According to Ms. Zielinski, the County Council has researched this topic quite extensively due to requests from the community. The research has identified that closed captioning is either completed by human transcribers or artificial intelligence software services. Since meetings can be lengthy in nature, the County Council estimated the annual cost to equal \$150,000 per year for personnel if the closed captioning is completed by human transcribers. However, costs may be slightly less if the closed captioning is delayed and provided to the public at a later date. Ms. Zielinski shared that Hawaii County currently provides delayed closed captioning; while Kauai County offers real-time closed captioning.</p> <p>Ms. Zielinski informed the Commission that she met with Akaku, and they do not have the staff to complete closed captioning. However, Akaku's research has identified that artificial intelligence software could be implemented at a one-time cost from \$20,000 to \$85,000 and only require update fees as necessary. Ms. Zielinski informed the Commission that the Council could hire a consultant from North Carolina to test the artificial intelligence software's ability to correctly display all of the languages used in Hawaii with previously recorded Council meetings.</p>	



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The Director of Council Services reiterated that the Council is very supportive of closed captioning, but the Council also would like to know how many individuals will benefit from this service. Due to Council Chair King's recommendation, Ms. Zielinski encouraged public testimony in front of the Council to demonstrate a community need for this service.

Ms. Nani Watanabe, representing the Maui Independent Living Center (MILC) at MEO, informed the Commission that she works very closely with the Deaf community; she believes that the addition of closed captioning will not only aid the Deaf community but it will also help with individuals that cannot hear very well and provide an option for community members to read the meeting dialogue. Ms. Watanabe also shared that she recently attended a national conference where attendees tested the artificial intelligence software's ability to dictate Pidgin English; which had poor results. Ms. Watanabe also ensured Ms. Zielinski that the Deaf community will provide testimony in front of the County Council.

Due to his experience as a college instructor, Commission Courson recommended the Council to research the Hawaii Interactive Video Services (HITS) available at the University of Hawaii; and he referenced Mr. Jeff Ady from the School of Communication as a point of contact for the HITS.

Deputy Corporation Counsel, Ms. Jerrie Sheppard, inquired if this topic should be placed on next month's meeting agenda for follow-up; Ms. Watanabe and members of the Commission present agreed.



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<p>V. Old Business</p>	<p>a. Status update on the recommendation letter to the Economic Development and Budget (“EDB”) Committee regarding the support for the reinstatement of the monthly paratransit bus pass and the support for closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku (Commissioner Azizsoltani); Discussion on the Commission’s testimony to the EDB Committee and to the Maui County Council during the County Council’s FY2020 Budget Hearings/Meetings (Commission may discuss and authorize a Commissioner to appear and publicly testify and/or submit written testimony to the EDB Committee and to the Maui County Council on behalf of the Commission in support of the reinstatement of the monthly paratransit bus pass and for closed captioning of county meetings on Akaku).</p> <p>Chair Souza inquired if a Commissioner would be willing to testify on behalf of the Commission at the Council’s EDB Committee meeting on March 22, 2019 regarding the reinstatement of monthly paratransit bus passes.</p> <p>Ms. Watanabe shared that many paratransit riders cannot attend at 9 a.m. because they are unable to get to the county building in time. She also shared that many paratransit riders have a difficulty writing or mailing their testimony.</p> <p>A side discussion was held by Commissioners Castillo and Kapoi on whether he should mention the inclusion of closed captioning on Akaku. Ms. Sheppard checked the Council website to provide an update on the EDB Committee meeting. After reviewing the EDB Committee meeting agenda, Ms. Sheppard concluded that item 19-34 will only address paratransit services.</p>	<p>Commissioner Castillo nominated Commissioner Kapoi to represent the Commission on Persons with Disabilities and provide their support of the reinstatement of monthly paratransit bus passes at the County Council EDB Committee Meeting on March 22, 2019; Commissioner Sanches seconded; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Sheppard reminded the Commission that other members are able to attend the Council meetings as individuals and mention they are members of the Commission; but they must be clear to state that they are not there to represent the Commission. Ms. Sheppard also informed the Commission that testimony can be made online mauicounty.us/how-to-testify.</p>
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<p>VI. Upcoming Events/Announcements</p>	<p>a. Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Imua Family Services – Carnival de Venice – The Grand Mascheranda Ball on March 30, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Maui. For more information, see https://imuafamilyservices.org/carnival.ii. “Fair Housing: There’s No Place Like Home” Workshop on April 12, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at UH Maui College, Ike Lea, Room 144. For more information, contact the County of Maui Housing Division at 270-7351 or jessica.crouse@co.maui.hi.us.iii. Imua Family Services – The Color Festival on April 13, 2019 at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center. For more information, see www.imuafamilyservices.org/colorfestival.iv. 33rd Annual SPIN Conference “SPIN on Down the Road” on April 13, 2019 at the UH Manoa Campus Center. For more information, visit www.spinhawaii.org, call (808) 586-8126, or email spin@doh.hawaii.gov.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Ms. Watanabe informed the Commission that SPIN helps families with children that have disabilities; scholarships are available for the conference.v. Camp Cool 2019 (Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii program) on April 27 and May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Kapiolani Community College. For more information, contact Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong at (808) 532-7112 or barbara@atrc.org OR Hannah Goldblatt at (808) 532-7114 or hannah@atrc.org.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Per Ms. Watanabe, the program is for children 8-15; scholarships are available.vi. Imua Family Services – Paddle Imua on May 4, 2019 at Maliko Gulch. See http://paddleimua.com. <p>b. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!!! – Mayor Victorino’s Proclamation was held on March 6, 2019 at the Mayor’s Office.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Maui Disability Alliance Meeting on March 21, 2019 (3rd Thursday of the month) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office. For more information, contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov. iii. Maui Wheelers Meeting – 1st Wednesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office. For more information, contact K. Alohilani Hue Sing at MauiWheelers@gmail.com. iv. Community Children’s Council Meeting – 1st Thursday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office. For more information, contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov. v. Maui Independent Living Center Meeting – 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at MEO Classroom 1. For more information, contact Nani Watanabe at 243-4328 or evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ms. Watanabe shared that this is her program under MEO. The entire community is encouraged to attend, and they recently discussed closed captioning and emergency preparedness; event upcoming in June (further details will be provided by Ms. Watanabe as the date approaches) vi. Self-Advocacy Advisory Council Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office. For more information, contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov. 	
<p>VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nomination and election for vacant position openings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chair (for the 2019-2020 Board Year) ii. Vice-Chair (if the current Vice-Chair is elected as Chair) b. Presentation from the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding areas of concerns (such as sidewalks and other infrastructure) for persons with disabilities (April 2019, tentative) 	



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	<p>Commissioner Courson expressed his belief that it is imperative for the presenter to be confirmed for the meeting. Mr. Kevin Dusenbury, the Commission's facilitator, shared that he provided Commissioner Azizoltani with the contact information to Ms. Lauren Armstrong, Director at the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization in an email on February 14, 2019 but a response was never provided by Commissioner Azizoltani (who was tasked in February's meeting to follow-up on this request).</p>	<p>While Mr. Dusenbury was explaining his correspondence with Commissioner Azizoltani, Ms. Sheppard left a voicemail with Ms. Armstrong, requesting a confirmation for her attendance and presentation at April's meeting.</p>
VIII. Next Date	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019 at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku HI 96793 at 12:30 p.m.</p>	
IX. Motion to Adjourn	<p>1:19 PM</p>	<p>Commissioner Courson moved and Commissioner Sanches seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p>