

**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
COUNTY OF MAUI**

April 15, 2019  
10:30 A.M.

Early Childhood Resource Center  
251 Napua Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m. by Chair Hannibal Starbuck.  
Introduction of members.

Members Present:

Kaina Bonacorsi, Ex-officio  
Cliff Libed  
Nancy Ooki  
Maria Larrucea Solomon  
Hannibal Starbuck  
Cassiopia Yamashita

Excused: Zane Lacaden, William Kinaka, Kelly Pearson

Guest: Yes, Department of Education Makini Vento, Homeless  
Families Program- Jewelyn Kahele and Amy McMillan

Staff Present: Jerrie Sheppard, Corp Counsel  
Ailina Tagupa-Laborate, Secretary, DHHC

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No public testimony. Motion by Member Libed, Seconded by Co-Chair Yamashita,  
All in Favor, Motion Carried

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Corp-Counsel, Jerrie Sheppard's name to replace Corp Counsel Gary Murai.

Secretary Tagupa-Laborate will make modifications on final minutes adding when the  
presentation was given by Kaina and when the TIG met.

Member Solomon makes a motion to modify the minutes. Member Libed seconds the  
motion. All in favor, no oppositions, motion carried.

#### **IV. Chair's Letters**

Chair Starbuck did not send out the letters to the County Council and Mayor regarding presentations, nor did he send out the letter inviting agencies, departments, and groups to present as he wanted us to further discuss and review the draft letters as a whole. After members discussed the content of what should be in the letters they agreed to what each letter should address. The Chair will work with Ailina to draft the final letters to be sent to the Mayor and Council, and to agencies and departments, respectively.

#### **V. TIG Update from Members M. Solomon & N. Ooki on April 15, 2019**

*TIG was formed to conduct the process and structure of all future presentations by County Departments and Community Agencies receiving funding for children and youth programs.*

The TIG met to reformulate the questions to presenters in a more clear and concise manner. They re-wrote and synthesized the original 10 questions so each presenter would be able to convey who they are and the purpose of their programs to the commission upon presentation. The TIG revised their presenter questions to 11, Members contributed suggestions to the revised questions and the TIG. (See handout on TIG questions.) Motion to accept the recommendations of the TIG as presented today with changes to new questions, replacing the original table, the final work product, as the new structure, as a completed agenda item - by Member Libed, seconded by Co-chair Yamashita. All in Favor, motion carried.

#### **VI. Legislative Updates**

SB1009 – Tobacco Ban Update – Deferred to next year's legislative session  
HB921 – Relating to Education Update – Still alive, moving to conference committee. Members who like to provide testimony may do so, individually.

The commission discussed the "tasking of testimonies for bills". The members decided each could testify individually on their own, and if there is a bill or topic that a member would like the commission to testify on as a body, that member would bring the issue up at a meeting for further discussion. The agenda would state, "Proposed testimony on behalf of the commission." That would be the time to discuss the topic and see if the body agrees to a Commission testimony. Corp Counsel, Jerrie Sheppard noted the Commission should start planning ahead and thinking of legislation to follow and bring forth for future testimony discussions.

Ex-officio member Bonacorsi, suggested one or two members of the commission attend the annual Keiki Caucus event that usually happens in the fall. The members noted it can be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Co-chair Yamashita did inform the members that the County Council would like one or two people from an agency present in the budget hearings to testify, and if they have more in their group, the others are encouraged to stand behind the presenters rather than having 30 individual testimonies on the same issue come before the Council. The current Council is seeking information on the scope of a program rather than the amount in numbers of who shows up to support an issue.

## **VII. Upcoming Events**

- a. Valley Isle Keiki Fest, Saturday, April 13, 2019 at UH Maui College
  - Kelly Pearson and Cassiopia Yamashita will attend.
- b. Coalition for Underage Drinking, Teen Expo, May 11, 2019
- c. –Added, April is the Month of the Young Child.

## **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting will be on June 17, 2019 at the Early Childhood Resource Center, 251 Napua Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

- a. Chair's letter to County Council and the Mayor regarding presentations and brief description of the Commission on Children and Youth.
- b. Chair's invitation letter/email to those agencies and programs that will be presenting.
- c. HB921 – Relating to Education Update
- d. Temporary Investigative Group (TIG) Update
- e. Keiki Caucus Discussion
- f. Presentations to Schedule or Discussion
- g. Election of new chair

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Libed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Member Solomon. All in favor, no oppositions, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 12:17 pm.