



# MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CPD)

May 9, 2019

12:32 p.m.

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

**Call to Order: 12:32 p.m.**

### Introductions

**Members Present:** Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, Faraz Azizsoltani, Joseph D'Alessandro and Kimberly West

**Members Excused:** David Courson, Sheila Villanueva, and Nani Watanabe

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Josiah Nishita (Office of the County Clerk), Maggie Clark (Office of the County Clerk), Roxann Kehus (State Council on Developmental Disabilities), and Harry Johnson (MEO)

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

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
I. Call to Order II. Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes.	Commissioner Azizsoltani moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner D'Alessandro seconded.



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		Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.
III. Public Comments and Testimony	No Public Testimony	
IV. New Business	<p>a. Presentation from County of Maui Department of Transportation Regarding the County's New Buses Deferred to the July meeting.</p> <p>b. Letter From a Concerned South Maui Resident Regarding A Recent Experience County Bus System.</p>	<p>Commissioner Sanches will contact Commissioner Watanabe to follow up on this presentation; presentation will depend on availability of the presenter.</p> <p>Commissioner D'Alessandro moved to forward the letter to the attention of the Department of Transportation; Commissioner Azizsoltani seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
V. Old Business	<p>a. Status update by Josiah Nishita, Deputy County Clerk, regarding Closed Captioning. Mr. Nishita reported it had come to the Office of the County</p>	



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Clerk's attention through Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez that there had been communication between the Economic Development and Budget Committee and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities with regard to Closed Captioning. To give some background, the Office of the County Clerk and the Office of Council Services for some years have evaluated Closed Captioning for meetings and for various reasons, it was not implemented. Mr. Nishita stated that the Office of the County Clerk independently began looking into the possibility of Closed Captioning at the beginning of this calendar year and implemented Closed Captioning for the first time on May 3, 2019, at the Maui Council meeting. Mr. Nishita confirmed that as of now, all meetings of the Maui Council, excluding Committee meetings, will be captioned. He further stated that this is a Pilot Program and the benefits, accuracy, technical challenges and cost are being evaluated. Mr. Nishita expressed a desire to continue to work with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities with regard to Closed Captioning.

Commissioner D'Alessandro asked how long the Pilot would run. Mr. Nishita stated that the Pilot is scheduled for the first 50 hours of meetings or depending on how long the meetings are and how many meetings the Maui Council has, he anticipates it will run close to the end of this calendar year. There will be a re-evaluation of the current method and whether or not the Maui Council will be willing to pick up the additional cost.

Commissioner D'Alessandro asked how the Office of the County Clerk would be assessing the Pilot Program. Mr. Nishita responded that currently his office staff do verbatim minutes in-house for all of the Council meetings and public hearings. His office will use the Closed Captioning transcripts and using that as a base for their verbatim minutes and determine the accuracy rate of those transcripts. Mr. Nishita further stated that the month of May will be an internal evaluation with a public announcement in June. Mr. Nishita welcomed feedback from the Commission on Persons with Disabilities with regard to how to measure success in the Community and its benefits to the Community.



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	<p>At present the Pilot program utilizes the same program used by the Hawaii County Council and the Kauai County Council.</p> <p>b. 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.</p> <p>Commissioner Kapoi testified at the April 17, 2019 Council meeting and submitted the April 11, 2019 letter to the Council.</p> <p>Commissioner Kapoi testified to the Council that his disabled family member would like to go out often and the need for transportation. Roxann Kehus of Maui Disability Alliance, stated that Councilmember Kama had requested that she do some research on other counties on the mainland that offer monthly para-transit passes. On the mainland, there are several states that offer a variety of discounted para-transit passes that range from monthly passes, such as what Maui County previously had, to discounted tickets. Ms. Kehus further noted that currently there are para-transit monthly passes for students and ages 55 and older, but no monthly passes for ages 18-54. A discussion ensued regarding income-eligible para-transit monthly pass regardless of age. Ms. Kehus through the Maui Disability Alliance will follow up with the Councilmembers.</p>	
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<p>VI. Upcoming Events/Announcements</p>	<p>a. Events None</p> <p>b. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Maui Wheelers Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office; contact K. Alohilani Hue Sing at <a href="mailto:MauiWheelers@gmail.com">MauiWheelers@gmail.com</a>.</li><li>ii. Community Children’s Council – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office; contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or <a href="mailto:roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov">roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</a>.</li><li>iii. Maui Independent Living Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in MEO Classroom 1; contact Nani Watanabe at 243-4328 or <a href="mailto:evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org">evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org</a>.</li><li>iv. Self-Advocacy Advisory Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office; contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or <a href="mailto:roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov">roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</a>.</li><li>v. Maui Developmental Disability Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ohana Health Plan Office; contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or <a href="mailto:roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov">roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</a>.</li><li>vi. Maui Disability Alliance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; contact Roxann Kehus at 984-8218 or <a href="mailto:roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov">roxann.kehus@doh.hawaii.gov</a>.</li><li>vii. Maui Independent Living Center Event: Abilities’ Awareness on June 22, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center; contact Nani Watanabe at 243-4328 or <a href="mailto:evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org">evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org</a>.</li></ul>	<p>Ms. Kehus mentioned that vendors will be coming from O’ahu for the Maui Independent Living Center</p>
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	<p>viii. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training (see date and times below) at the Kalana O Maui County Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor; contact the Maui Emergency Management Agency at 270-7285 or <a href="mailto:cert@mauicounty.gov">cert@mauicounty.gov</a>. See also <a href="http://mauicounty.gov/cert">mauicounty.gov/cert</a>. Participants must register to attend the training.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. April 8, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</li> <li>b. April 10, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</li> <li>c. April 13, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>d. April 15, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</li> <li>e. April 17, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</li> <li>f. April 20, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</li> </ol>	<p>event. The event is seeking additional vendors and each vendor will be asked to provide a drawing.</p>
<p>VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presentation from County of Maui Department of Transportation Regarding the County’s New Buses (Vice-Chair Watanabe is following up on this potential presentation; presentation will depend on availability of the presenter in July).</li> <li>b. Response from Department of Transportation regarding letter from a concerned South Maui resident regarding a recent Experience with the Maui County Bus System (presentation will depend on availability of the presenter in July).</li> </ol>	<p>Chair West tasked Commissioner Sanches to follow up with Vice-Chair Watanabe on the presentation from the County of Maui Department of Transportation Regarding the County’s New Buses.</p>
<p>VIII. Next Date</p>	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019 at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku HI 96793 at 12:30 p.m.</p>	



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IX. Motion to Adjourn	1:34 PM	Chair West moved; Motion carried unanimously.
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