



Maui County Council on Aging

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COUNCIL ON AGING

June 4, 2019

12:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 12:35 p.m.

Introductions

Members Present: Katherine Smith, Robert Carroll, Mei Lani Aki, Judith Mikami, Lois Prey, Hannah Werth, Debra Cabebe, and County Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura

Members Excused: Kathleen Harrowby, Vivian Lindsey

Members Absent: Susan Lussier, Doreen Forsberg, Miguel Morales

Guests Present: None

County Staff Present: Deborah Stone-Walls (Office on Aging), Alida Murray (Office on Aging), James Mariano (Office on Aging) Kevin Dusenbury (Office on Aging), Vicki Belluomini (Office on Aging)

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Introductions	Introductions of Members and County Staff Present Since the Chair and Vice Chair roles are currently vacant, Councilmember Carroll agreed to facilitate the meeting.	
Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes.	Councilmember Prey moved to approve the minutes; Councilmember Sugimura seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nomination for Vacant Position Openings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chair (for the 2019-2020 Board Year) ii. Vice Chair (for the 2019-2020 Board Year) b. A brief discussion ensued as to a change in the start time of the meeting to ensure Councilmember Cabebe had offered the use of a conference room at MEO. For the present, the 	Councilmember Prey nominated Councilmember Carroll as Chair and Councilmember Forsberg as Vice Chair.



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	meeting will remain at 12:30pm at the Cameron Center conference room.	Councilmember Sugimura seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
MCOA Report	<p>a. Maui County Office on Aging Four-Year Area Plan on Aging – Public Hearing</p> <p>Executive on Aging, Deborah Stone-Walls, introduced the draft Area Plan and noted that it is required by the Older Americans Act for every aging agency in America. These area plans vary from two to five years. Maui County’s Area Plan is for the next 4 years. Over 400 surveys and a variety of focus groups were used to obtain the information from community members and groups in every area, Central, Hana, Molokai, Lanai, and Upcountry. The information gathered from these various communities helps inform the next 4 years covered in the Area Plan. The Office on Aging has until June 12 to receive input from the public and from the Council on Aging. This Council has the opportunity to steer the Office on Aging in the direction the Council thinks is best for the community. Ms. Stone-Walls summarized the five goals consistent with the State’s goals for each county as mandated by the Older Americans Act of 1965. Ms. Stone-Walls then summarized the objectives that support these goals. For each one of the goals and objectives, there are major action steps to achieve each objective with anticipated outcomes for each goal and effective measures to ascertain if those goals and objectives have been met. The prevailing viewpoint is that in order for older adults to age well, remaining active and engaging in their communities is key. To that end, one of the objectives is to ensure the evidenced-based Enhanced Fitness program is readily available to older adults and persons with disabilities throughout Maui County. Ms. Stone-Walls identified a gap in both Molokai and Hana. A barrier to developing Enhanced Fitness in these two areas is the lack of individuals who would meet the criteria for certification at the national and state level. A discussion ensued regarding the national certification process necessary for an evidenced-based program. Ms. Stone-Walls noted that as a community, it is prudent to support and encourage elderly individuals to remain active and healthy to help them avoid or delay the need for in-home services. This area plan has a forward focus on health and wellness. A summary sheet of the Enhanced Fitness program was distributed. Bob Carroll will present information on the program to Hale Hulu Mamo. Ms. Stone-Walls discussed the current pursuit of Medicaid money that can become available to our Community as a way of expanding revenue sources. The idea is to keep people at home with their needs met and not on Medicaid. The more people on Medicaid,</p>	



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the more of a financial burden on our overall State system, stated Ms. Stone-Walls. She noted that it has been estimated that by tracking the amount of time MCOA employees assist seniors to delay enrollment on Medicaid and the amount of time employees assist eligible individuals to apply for Medicaid, Maui could pull in an additional \$450,000 per year. She went on to say that dementia awareness is another area that the Office on Aging is seeking to make inroads, particularly with the business community. Ms. Stone-Walls stated that the Office on Aging will continue to look at ways we can interact with the business community, however, there would seem to be a barrier to business engagement. MCOA is doing some work with the Alzheimer's Association to that end. Although there is recognition of the huge impact that individuals with dementia will have on our economy, there isn't sufficient interest in addressing ways to mitigate that impact. The discussion segued into a discussion regarding bracelets that can be used to track individuals with dementia who wander off. Vicki Belluomini of the Office on Aging spoke about Project Lifesaver. It is a band with GPS that an individual can wear that works in conjunction with the fire department. Ms. Stone-Walls noted that previously on Maui some families felt that having this tracking device was a violation of civil rights and prohibited ongoing interest in the project. The Office on Aging remains interested, however, in pursuing a re-boot. Ms. Belluomini said she would revisit what the status of the Project Lifesaver program is. She noted that because of the stigma of dementia, families were hesitant to participate. This is the prevailing attitude which also affects the business community making them reluctant to engage. Ms. Belluomini noted that The Office on Aging had held an evening dementia workshop, free of charge, for businesses, and very few businesses participated. She noted that there was a need to work more closely with the Alzheimer's Association in order to engage with the business community with the idea that open discussion may help to reduce the stigma.

Ms. Stone-Walls summarized the comments for the record to include the increase in marketing so that the Maui community has a better understanding of what programs the Office on Aging has available.

- b. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference Update
Vicki Belluomini provided information on the second World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It will be at the Grand Wailea on Friday, June 14, 2019, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. It is a free, but invitation-only, conference with the primary focus to help professional



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	<p>service providers and care providers increase their awareness to identify and or prevent elder abuse when interacting with this vulnerable population. Members of the Council on Aging are invited as well as Adult Protective Services, community service providers, other area agencies, the Executive Office on Aging and members of the prosecutor’s office. There will be two keynote speakers from the mainland, Mr. Bob Blancato, who has been called “the father of elder justice in America” and Mr. Paul Greenwood, who started the nation’s first self-contained prosecution unit for elder abuse in San Diego.</p> <p>c. General Program Updates Commissioner Katherine Smith distributed the Veterans Report</p> <p>d. Personnel Update We have 3 open positions in the Access and Assistance section. A supervisor position, a case manager position and another direct service position in that section. We are pleased to have added Tony Krieg to our staff.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Additional Information</p>	<p>a. Legislative Update: Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events and Additional Information</p>	<p>a. None</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Items for Future Meetings</p>	<p>a. Discussion and presentation from Dr. Andrew Kayes, MD, regarding senior depression and suicide (tentative August 2019, pending availability of Dr. Kayes)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>J. Walter Cameron Center August 13, 2019 Time: 12:30 p.m.</p>	



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Adjournment	1:35 p.m.	The meeting adjourned when a Councilmember had to leave the due to a schedule conflict.
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