



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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October 10, 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: Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, Nani Watanabe, and Kimberly West

Members Excused: David Courson and Faraz Azizsoltani

Members Absent: Petrina Castillo

Guests Present: Roxann Kehus

County Staff Present: Claudette Medeiros (Office on Aging) Alida Murray (Office on Aging), Jerrie Sheppard (Dept. of the Corporation Counsel)

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order 2. Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the September 12, 2019 meeting minutes.	Commissioner Sanches moved to approve the minutes; Chair West seconded. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.



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3. Public Comments and Testimony	No Public Testimony	
4. Old Business	<p>a. Commissioner Azizsoltani submitted, by email to the Commission, a draft letter to the Mayor requesting additional training for Roberts Hawaii and MEO bus drivers. The contents of the letter were reviewed by the Commissioners. After some discussion on what the training should focus on and how the letter could be edited, Chair West agreed to edit the letter and add background information as to why additional training was requested. The focus on customer service training was indicated. In addition, it was suggested by Deputy Corporation Counsel Sheppard that once Chair West revises the letter, to preview it with the Contract Manager at the Department of Transportation. The Contract Manager at the Department of Transportation will know what the contract covers with regard to required training for bus drivers. If applicable, the required training, as it appears in the contract, could be included in the letter. In addition, the letter must be on Commission on Person with Disabilities' letterhead and come from the Commission as a whole.</p> <p>b. A discussion ensued regarding affordable housing for persons with disabilities. Chair West brought to the attention of the Commission, the Maui Nui Attainable Housing Forum to be held October 15 and 16, 2019. Vice-Chair Watanabe will be attending the Forum on both days along with several clients with disabilities. Vice-Chair Watanabe commented on the lack of affordability, as many persons with disabilities are on fixed incomes, and the lack of accessibility. She mentioned that senior housing has wheelchair accessibility but due to the age criteria, many in the disabled community do not qualify and if they do qualify, the wait list is many years long.</p>	<p>Chair West moved to defer the letter until revisions are made and reviewed by the Commission at the next meeting in November. Commissioner D'Alessandro seconded, motion to defer carried.</p>



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	<p>Commissioner D'Alessandro brought up the ARC of Maui and its long wait list. Commissioner D'Alessandro also expressed frustration at the lack of a central place for information with regard to housing and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Roxann Kehus of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities mentioned, to identify what the gaps are, what services are needed and what can be done legislatively to address those concerns would be helpful. The discussion then focused on housing with support services vs. independent living. The discussion then progressed to not separating the housing needs of individuals with physical disabilities from individuals with developmental disabilities, rather focus on integration of both. It was suggested that in order to understand what projects are in place, what the timelines gaps are, and what is available for transitional housing, invite guest speakers who could provide some background information. The Commission could then take this information and advocate to the County Council or to the Mayor on specific items with regard to housing for the disabled community.</p>	
5. New Business	a. Presentation by Housing and Human Concerns Deputy Director Linda Munsell on the Inclusion of Universal Design for the Disability Community with Regard to Affordable Housing	



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6. Upcoming Events/Announcements	a. Upcoming Events/Announcements i. October 26, 2019 – 2019 Senior Fair War Memorial Gymnasium – 7:30 am – 11:30 am ii. November 22, 2019 - Caregivers Conference Grand Wailea 8:00 am – 3:30 pm	
7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings	a. Review of Letter to Mayor Victorino with Training Recommendations for Roberts Hawaii and MEO Bus Drivers b. Debrief on Maui Nui Attainable Housing Forum c. Recommendations for Future Topics and Guest Speakers	
8. Next Date	The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2019 at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku HI 96793 at 12:30 p.m.	
9. Motion to Adjourn	1:34 PM	Vice-Chair Watanabe moved to adjourn; Commissioner D’Alessandro Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.