

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

Chair: Hannibal
Starbuck

December 16, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Vice-Chair:
Maria Larrucea
Solomon

Early Childhood Resource Center
251 Napua Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Members:

Ex-Officio, Kaina
Bonacorsi

Alexandria
Domingo

William Kinaka

Zane Lacaden

Clifford Libed

Nancy Ooki

Kelly Pearson

Cassiopia
Yamashita

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Chair Hannibal Starbuck.
Introduction of members.

Members Present:

William Kinaka
Maria Larrucea Solomon
Kelly Pearson,

Cassiopia Yamashita
Cliff Libed
Nancy Ooki

Excused: Alexandria Domingo, Hannibal
Starbuck, Zane Lacaden, Kaina Bonacorsi, Ex-
officio

Guests:

*Maui Police Department:
Viki Roemmling, Supervising Juvenile Counselor
Brandon Phillips, Police Officer II
Nichole Comilang, Police Officer III
Nephi Laga, Police Officer III

Staff Present:

Jerrie Sheppard, Corp Counsel
Stephanie Chen, Corp Counsel
Ailina Tagupa-Laborde, Secretary, DHHC

- 2. Public Testimony – All testimony shall be relevant to the meeting agenda’s specific items. At the discretion of the Chair, public testimony may also be taken when each agenda item is discussed. Individuals who cannot be present when the agenda item is discussed may testify at the beginning of the meeting instead and will not be allowed to testify again when the**

agenda item is discussed unless new or additional information will be offered.

No Public Testimony. No objections to close public testimony.
Testimony closed.

3. Presentations/Discussions – Maui Police Department

Maui Police Department presented their Juvenile Crime Prevention programs to the Commission on Children and Youth. The Department provided a Supervisor from the Juvenile Prevention section, as well as three Police Officers who work in the MDP Juvenile Section. The Maui Police Department shared the following community programs:

- Project P.O.I. – Positive Outreach Interventions
 - Purpose: To divert youth from the juvenile justice system.
- Kalo Program
 - Purpose: A family strengthening program that focuses on relationship building and is open to all families with school-aged children. The program is also meant to divert youth from entering the juvenile justice system.
- Maui Police Activities League
 - Maui Police Activities League was established as a collaboration between the Maui Police Department and the County of Maui Parks and Recreation Department to reduce juvenile delinquency and develop responsible citizenship through the traditional principles of sportsmanship, goodwill and friendship promoted in youth athletics provided at no cost to participants.
- Teen Academy
 - Teen Academy builds relationships with the youth of Maui County by providing an interactive learning experience via a multi-week simulated recruit program. The program also serves to further the interest of juveniles who are interested in a law enforcement related career.

Each representative gave an overview of their program, how long each has been in existence, the ages and populations served, the service location of the program, and their funding sources. The staff also included the current highlights of each program, the successful impacts on the youth and community, the obstacles the program faces, and their future needs, and wants to sustain the programs and its missions/goals.

Member Pearson inquired with MPD regarding programs for homeless children. The officers responded, they do not have formal programs, however throughout the year officers and staff have gone out to deliver food and school supplies to the youth of that population. Also, any child homeless or housed, may participate in their programs. Member Solomon mentioned advertising their vision of their programs so the community can see the positive work they do.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Kelly Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction on an typing error. Member Cassi Yamashita seconded the motion. All in favor, no oppositions; motion carried.

5. Review Mission and Vision

Deferred to next meeting – Chair Starbuck will lead discussion.

6. New TIG (Temporary Investigative Group) – Regarding members taking on different, specific topics the Legislature or Council may be discussing.

*****No New TIG Formed, Discussion Only**

Several members in the past wanted to address specific hot topics that are discussed at the legislature. Such topics included: Suicide Prevention, vaping, etc. Member Kinaka would like to hear from real sources about the description of these problems and how we can help these experts. Member Kinaka asked, what can groups such as ourselves do to help these presenters and experts. He would like to know what those groups would like us to do to help them. Member Ooki, shared in response to Member Kinaka's question that she feels these groups don't know what they could have us do, because we, as the CCY don't know what we can do. Her explanation is that we don't have money, we can't provide specific items or supplies, such as MPD's need for a van. Secretary Laborte explained the CCY is an advisory board, and the limitations of what we can do are: writing letters of support or testimony for certain topics, subjects, and groups to the Mayor Offices, County Council, the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, or the legislature. Member Libed asked where we would find information on flavored cigarettes for example. Secretary Laborte explained members would need to follow legislative bills and hearings on the state legislative website: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

Secretary Laborte followed up on why the formation of a New TIG was brought up at last meeting. She reminded the members that there yearning for more subject matter, would need to be visited by themselves in workshops or hearings etc., and then discussed at the TIG, and brought back to the general membership for information sharing and discussion. Each member would also be able as individual citizens to submit testimony or have Hannibal as chair write a letter on behalf of the Commission for submittal. Member Pearson reiterated that they are on pace for hearing department presentations and would like to assist as a Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, such as offering their clubs up for events. Secretary Laborte clarified Member Pearson is welcomed to offer any assistance through her capacity as the Director there. Member Ooki said she would not be able to commit to another TIG, however she believes it is a good group to have. In moving forward, it was agreed the discussion would continue in February's meeting when Chair Starbuck would return.

7. Calendar of Meetings –Secretary Laborte explained Director Tsuhako is requesting a letter from Chair Starbuck and or Vice Chair Solomon with specific dates proposed to increase meetings. Secretary Laborte clarified her position, as her specific job requirements may preclude her to attend every month, however if certain months don't work out, they've been rescheduling if possible. The Commission currently meets more that the Charter states, however Secretary Laborte suggested revisiting the calendar to include an October and November meeting, since December is hard to make quorum for example. Moving forward, we will defer the rest of discussion until next meeting when the Chair returns.

8. Review Plans for Original TIG on Presentations –

Member Ooki, will be pulling out common themes from the presentations and analyze it and find bigger issues such as transportation for example. Member Ooki reported back: We will meet to complete reviews of presentations delivered to the Commission from invited organizations and then summarize review and incorporate that or information to the chair to include into the semi-yearly report. The members discussed their semi-yearly report to be published in January and July, but will discuss further with Chair Starbuck.

9. Chair's Letter – Parks and Recreation needs to reschedule their date.

Secretary Laborte asked for three other departments the Chair could write a letter to present to. Department of Transportation (County of Maui), Department of Health (Environmental Branch), Homelessness (County of Maui), and Department of Education (McKinney Vento), Department of Education (Truancy), and Mental Health.

10. Legislative Updates

Opening session at the State Legislature starts on January 15th.

11. Education Update

*Will get a follow up on next meeting from Kaina Bonacorsi about the Education Network Meeting, which is today, 12/16/19.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting will be on February 10, 2020 at the Early Childhood Resource Center, 251 Napua Street, Wailuku, HI 96793

- a. Review Mission and Vision, Place on County Website
- b. Continue Discussion on new TIG on specific topics
- c. Presentations TBD
- d. Review/Revise calendar of meetings
- e. New TIG Report

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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