



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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February 13, 2020

12:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 12:31 p.m.

Introductions

Members Present: Joe D’Alessandro, Faraz Azizsoltani, Robert Carroll, Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, Nani Watanabe (Vice Chair), and Kimberly West (Chair)

Members Absent: Petrina Castillo (unexcused)

Guests Present: Roxann Kehus (State Developmental Disabilities Council- Maui), Brian Hauser (Aloha Independent Living Hawaii- Maui)

County Staff Present: Claudette Medeiros (Office on Aging), James Mariano (Office on Aging), Sanya Lucas (Office on Aging) Jennifer Oana (Dept. of the Corporation Counsel)

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order 2. Review/Approve Minutes	Members reviewed the October 10, 2019 meeting minutes.	Commissioner D’Alessandro moved to approve the minutes; Vice Chair Watanabe seconded. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.
3. Public Comments and Testimony	No Public Testimony	



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<p>4. Old Business</p>	<p>A. Chair West gave an update on the letter stating that she reached out to the County Transportation Department to obtain more information on their current training but did not receive a reply. Corp Counsel said that the County Transportation Department has had a presence at past meetings but not of late. The group decided to invite someone from county and MEO transportation to get more information first so that they can support or recommend specific training(s) needed. Letter tabled for now but look into inviting the two reps (County Transportation Department and MEO Transportation) to come to a future meeting and ask them about their trainings.</p> <p>B. Vice Chair Watanabe presented on the Attainable Housing Forum she attended. A new housing development in Kihei, Kaiwaihine, is in the works. While there may be 122 units, only 5 are ADA accessible. She stated a need more units for people with disabilities. She noted that there is a shortage of available housing for those with HUD vouchers. There's also a need for more subsidized housing like Luana Gardens/ Hale Mahaolu where rent is a percentage of income. Discussion about stigma of Section 8 and lack of interest by landlords to rent to them which led to other types of housing discrimination: large families, kids.</p> <p>R. Kehus pointed out that certain housing discriminates based on income and in some counties that is illegal. Corp Counsel asked if there was current legislation that can be supported by this group. B. Hauser of AILH said that this commission can advise and educate the local Administration about adopting recommendations on helping to subsidize housing for people with disabilities</p> <p>Vice Chair Watanabe suggested inviting a Section 8 representative to talk about some the issues like Hale Mahaolu housing. Faraz liked the presentation from before. Chair West would like to work more 'upstream' in helping those who have higher needs and could somehow be put on a priority list. e.g. family with children. Brian said that people</p>	<p>Chair West moved to defer the letter until information about training is received. Unanimously passed.</p>
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	<p>with disabilities can ask for a Section 8 extension from the original 30 days but they have to ask for it. Not many people know that they can.</p>	
<p>5. New Business</p>	<p>A. Discussion about which County Departments should be invited to present to the Commission regarding Accessibility, Affordability and Availability of Housing for our Disabled Community members Members came up with list of people to invite to present on various topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Linda Munsell – Depty Dir., Housing and Human Concerns, ask to come to March meeting, before Budget sessions occur regarding availability, subsidy rent, and any new developments, e.g., what percentage of a housing project has to be approved for people with disabilities ii. Gail Rumbaoa-Section 8, speaker for April or May on housing for people with disabilities and current policies iii. Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Director, Public Works, to speak on accessibility in the building code, visitability policy, enforcing building codes and what types of codes are in the ADA, future plans around accessibility in public works projects iv. Dept of Transportation & MEO Transportation, types of training that are done by both groups for their drivers <p>B. County Travel Policy- copies of newly adopted policy handed out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mileage reimbursement form handed out ii. Submit all necessary paperwork in a timely manner: mileage forms within 1-2 weeks of meeting iii. Commissioners were asked to review and understand the travel policy. Important to document arrangements, save receipts, complete necessary paperwork, do post activity report as appropriate <p>C. Commissioner Robert Carroll handed out an article <i>“New Report Shows Persistent Workforce Crisis, Ballooning Waiting Lists are Jeopardizing</i></p>	<p>Ms. Munsell will be invited to the next meeting in March.</p>



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	<p><i>Community Inclusion for People With Disabilities</i>” that spoke about the Waiver services status, workforce and waitlisted status of Hawaii with regards to persons with intellectual disabilities (IDD).</p> <p>Roxann Kehus, of DD Council pointed out that the article is erroneous in that rate of 1% working is in integrated employment. So while 2300 have waiver services and not working; there are 50 people actively working. Employment is the answer for this group of people. Hawaii doesn’t have a waitlist because the state has a stringent eligibility requirements. While there are 20,000 people with IDD, only 2300 are serviced. 17,000 are not qualified for Medicaid waiver. There is a need for more education and advocacy about these issues/matters.</p>	
<p>6. Upcoming Events/Announcements</p>	<p>A. Upcoming Events/Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. March 5, 20th Annual Day at the Capitol, Maui contingent of 45 individuals with disabilities plan to attend to foster/advocate awareness about developmental disabilities, network and talk with lawmakers. State Capitol, Honolulu. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ii. March 6, Dragonfly (sign language to voice system). 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (2 sessions). Innovative Accessibility Technology. Hosted by Maui Independent Living Center/MEO. iii. Mayor’s Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Month- March 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. County Building 9th Floor, contact the Mayor’s office for confirmation and information. Open to the public. 	<p>R. Kehus</p> <p>N. Watanabe</p> <p>R. Kehus</p>



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<p>7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings</p>	<p>A. Recommendations for Future Topics and Guest Speakers i. Roxann Kehus and Brian Hauser on income discrimination related to housing for people with disabilities. B. Discuss and Approve to write a letter to the Mayor and Council ii. Providing testimony at County council during Budget/Special Committee and Regular Council meetings C. Discussion and approval of invitation to Councilmember Tasha Kama, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee to attend a Commission meeting to discuss the affordable housing issues in the county.</p>	<p>A. Corp Counsel J. Oana recommended this item. B. Same as a. C. Chair West reviewed the draft letter with the entire body. Commissioner D’Alessandro moved to approve the letter as such. Vice Chair Watanabe seconded. The motion was carried. MCOA staff will transcribe letter content on official letterhead and email to Chair West for signature. Letter will be mailed as soon as signature is secured.</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2020 at the J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku HI 96793 at 12:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>9. Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>1:50 PM</p>	<p>Vice-Chair Watanabe moved to adjourn; Commissioner Sanches seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

Submitted by James Mariano, Program Specialist (Office on Aging) 2/28/20