



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021
12:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via BlueJeans Video/Teleconference
Meeting Link: <https://bluejeans.com/268768907>

Call to Order: 12:31 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Kimberly West (Vice Chair), Beverly Stanich, Ricky Sanches, Sarah M. Collins, Susan Lussier, Andrea Rogers, Melissa Johnson

Commissioners Absent: Chair Evalina “Nani” Watanabe (Excused), Joseph D’Alessandro (Excused)

Guests Present: Hawai‘i State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Zosimo Arista Jr.; MEO: Patty Ann Copperfield, Gay Sibonga

County Staff Present: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA): James Mariano, Rae-Ann Pagatpatan, Claudette Medeiros; County of Maui Deputy Corporation Counsel Jennifer Oana; Maui County Council Member Tasha Kama, Sr. Executive Assistant Evan Dust, Executive Assistant Davideane Sickels

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Vice Chair West at 12:31p.m	There is quorum.
2. Roll Call	Roll call taken: 7 members present and 2 members excused	
3. Public Testimony on Agenda Items	No one present to provide public testimony.	
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2021	Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of October 14, 2021.	Commissioner Collins moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lussier. No corrections or discussion. All in favor of approving the minutes; motion passed.



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5. New Business	None	
6. Unfinished Business	<p>A. A bill for an ordinance amending Chapter 3.36, Maui County Code, relating to the Maui County Grants Program, related to self-sufficiency preference. – Discussions with Councilmember Tasha Kama regarding amending Maui County Code Chapter 3.36, Relating to the Maui County Grants Program, related to self-sufficiency preference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councilmember Tasha Kama responded to questions from the commission. (see attachment for written responses provided courtesy of Councilwoman Kama’s Office). Councilwoman Kama is open to clarify language in the proposed measure. Several commissioners expressed concern that individuals with disabilities and the groups that provide service for them will be unfairly penalized for not being able to achieve self-sufficiency and thereby lose out on funding support.• Councilwoman Kama acknowledged this and also emphasized that the preference is intended to guide all grant writers in preparing their requests to include goals and measures that can show attempts towards that end. “It doesn’t mean we give up teaching people,” she says. The county is not the only source of funding; there are federal and state opportunities out there and it is important to note that funding is subject to the amount of county revenue.• Vice Chair West asked what percentage of grantees have self-sufficiency as part of their goals as stated in their applications. Councilwoman Kama replied that she isn’t aware but she can check with the Department of Housing &	



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	<p>Human Concerns to get that answer. Vice Chair West asked if the matter could be made part of the actual grant application rather than in a county ordinance? The response was that it can be a consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Andrea Rogers suggested that this commission take time to review the language more and come up with further input for Councilwoman Kama regarding this proposed bill. <p>B. The Counseling Compact – Status report by Commissioner Collins on potential conflict of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Collins met with Ethics Board in a Closed Session Meeting on October 27, 2021. The Board is in deliberation. She is hoping to hear from them soon. 	<p>This item is deferred for discussion in a future meeting.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>
<p>7. Upcoming Events/ Announcements</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>8. Agenda Setting</p>	<p>A. Scheduled or Pending Scheduling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by Gail Rumbaoa of Section 8 Rental Assistance Program (December) ○ 2. Follow-up group discussion relating to the Maui County Grants Program, related to self-sufficiency preference ○ 3. A presentation requested by Commissioner Andrea Rogers about changes coming up with the HCBS Rule for Community Integration. This item to be researched further. 	<p>Commission staff to follow up and confirm the presenters for November and December.</p>



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9. Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. and will be virtual using BlueJeans.	
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.	Commissioner Lussier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sanches seconded. No discussion. All in favor of the motion; motion passed.

Submitted by Rae-Ann Pagatpatan, Secretary--Maui County Office on Aging, 12/01/21