



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2023
12:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via BlueJeans Video/Teleconference
Meeting Link: <https://bluejeans.com/406459082>

Call to Order: 12:31 pm.

Commissioners Present: Chair Evalina “Nani” Watanabe, Vice-Chair Andrea Rodgers, Commissioners David Tallant III, Sarah M. Collins, Beverly Stanich, Rainey Dock Matthews and Victor Lesa

Commissioners Absent: None

Guests Present: Daintry Bartoldus, Che Silvert, Julia Althoff, Brian Hauser, Kathleen Kenney, Raymond Morris, Judy Guajardo, Genesis Leong, Telicia Blythe, Fosborne

County Staff Present: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA): Executive Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Secretary Karen Sumer, Program Specialists Dionne Carvalho, Claudette Medeiros, Juno Vega, MEO Transportation Director Patty Copperfield, Planning Department Richele Lesa, EEO Specialist Diana Merantza and County of Maui Corporation Counsel Selina Pannel.

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Chair Watanabe at 12:31 pm.	Quorum was met.
2. Roll Call	Roll call taken: 7 members present.	



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<p>3. Public Testimony on Agenda Items</p>	<p>Item 5. B3 - Kathleen Kenney commented that the planning process for emergency shelters should include the Disability and Communication Access Board from the start, so that individuals with access needs can immediately benefit from sheltering projects and not be turned away.</p> <p>Item 5. B3 - Brian Hauser questions about that happens when we can't meet the unmet needs? There should be services for emergency shelters as such hygiene stations; places to park hygiene stations and accessibility the hygiene stations and garbage pick-up. He also invites the public to participate in the Disability Task Force meetings on Wednesday at 9:00 AM.</p> <p>Chair Watanabe suggests that the Commission invite the Deputy Director (Housing and Human Concerns) Saumalu Mataafa to provide an update on the long-term recovery efforts relating to housing.</p> <p>Item 5. B3 – Telicia Blythe commented about transportation to emergency shelters during events such as evacuations because not all vehicles are wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>Item 5. B3 - Patty Copperfield explained that MEO offers reservations-based transportation services and that they have ADA specific transportation. They have been providing services for clients to and from the Pu'uhonua o Nene emergency shelter.</p>	
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	<p>Commissioner Lesa mentioned 12-46-187 - Failure to make reasonable accommodation. He expresses that homes/accommodations for individuals with disabilities should be based on the individual because they have certain needs.</p>	
<p>4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2024</p>	<p>Commissioner reviewed the meeting minutes of October 12, 2023 No corrections made to the minutes.</p>	<p>Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the October 12. Commissioner Lesa seconded the motion. All in favor of the motion; motion passed.</p>
<p>5. New Business</p>	<p>A. Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities (HSCDD) Legislative Update – Presentation by a representative of the HSCDD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) The Commission may discuss the information provided by the HSCDD and may provide recommendations and suggestions to the HSCDD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They are a Government Appointed council with 28 Council Members, where they advise the Governor, Directors of other divisions, City and County about the best practices when working with and implanting programs from individual with developmental disabilities. ○ Mission – Empower, advocate and support individuals with intellectual and developments dishabituates statewide to control their own destiny and determine the quality of the life they desire ○ Vision – Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are equal to all persons and enjoy fundamental 	<p>Members requested to have the HSCDD provide an update at the January 2024 Meeting.</p>



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human rights including life, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. They have choices about where they live, work, learn, play, pursue their spiritual beliefs, and are respected and receive the support they need.

Fire Response Update by Julia Althoff

- DD Council was designated the unit head for access and functional needs response for the state
- assisted Red Cross in identifying people with disabilities
- Coordinated over thirty thousand dollars' worth of durable medical equipment
- initiated the Disability Task Force daily meetings - transitioned that Disability Task Force meeting to Aloha Independent Living

Legislative Update by Che Silvert

- SB755 relating to the health disparities
- HH163 relating to Hawaii's ABLE (Achieve a Better Life Experience) Savings Program
- Partnering with Alzheimer's Association – Emergency Responder Training
- Silver Alert – similar to an Amber Alert, but specifically for adults with IDD and kupuna
- HB916 Personal Needs Allowance relating to Social Service
- HB1145 Adult Changing Tables relating to Equity
- HB1440 Guardian Uniform Law



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	<p>B. Emergency Shelter Accessibility</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Red Cross Designated Shelter Presentation by Tracey Singh, Pacific Division Disability Integration Advisor, American Red Cross 2.) Red Cross Designated Shelter Presentation by Tracey Singh, Pacific Division Disability Integration Advisor, American Red Cross 3.) Commissioner Matthews explained that the basis of her visit to the Pu’uhonua o Nene emergency shelter in Kahului was to thank the staff and volunteers and to assess the needs and supports they could use. 4.) The Commission may discuss the letter from Commissioner Matthews and prepare a letter to the Mayor proposing recommendations for the Pu’uhonua o Nene emergency shelter. 	<p>Tracey Singh from the American Red Cross was not available to do the presentation on the Red Cross Designated Shelter.</p> <p>Commissioner Matthews made a motion to defer Item 5B4 to another meeting to be inclusive to all emergency shelter, seconded by Commissioner Collins. Vote taken: All in favor 7-0, motion passed.</p>
<p>6. Unfinished Business</p>	<p>A. Report from the County of Maui, Office of the County Clerk, Elections Division on efforts to ensure equal and independent access to voter registration, casting of ballots, and all other county elections division services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive on Aging Dagdag-Andaya reported that there is no update at this time, but the Mayor’s Office is looking to recruit members to fill positions for this committee. She suggests that if 	



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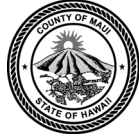
	<p>anyone expresses interest in taking part in that committee, they can contact the Boards and Commissions Liaison Cory Vicens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boards and Commissions Application<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ https://mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6353/Board--Commission-Application?bidld <p>B. Counseling Compact</p> <p>1.) The Commission may discuss recommendations to a letter to the Mayor in support of the Counseling Compact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Counseling Compact letter will be updated with the current information and will be formatted with the County of Maui letterhead. The Maui County Office on Aging will submit the letter to the Directors Office, to which they will send transmittal letter to the Mayor's Office.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rowena Dagdag-Andaya – Executive on Aging○ Evalina “Nani” Watanabe – Chairperson for the Maui County Commission on Persons With Disabilities○ Kenneth Fink – Director of Health• Vice Chair Rodgers mentioned that a letter was sent to the Developmental Disabilities Council regarding having the Council Compact contacted into Appendix K for emergency use. Daintry confirmed that the letter was received and was forwarded to the Developmental Disabilities Division.	<p>Commissioner Collins made a motion to have the Counseling Compact letter forwarded by the Commission on Persons With Disabilities to Mayor Bissen and Council Chair Lee, cc the appropriate parties. Commissioner Lesa seconded the motion. Vote taken: All in favor 6-0, motion passed.</p>
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<p>7. Maui County Aging and Disability Resource Center Report</p>	<p>Executive on Aging covered topics listed on her report</p> <p>A. Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY25 budget was submitted with the request to fund a position under the Aging and Disability Resource funds that would allow the Office on aging to have a Program Specialist that could oversee programs and serve as a liaison to aging and disability. <p>B. Personnel/Staffing Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive on Aging explained that there are 5 vacancies. <p>C. Community Outreach and Visits for November and December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 8, 2023 Hale Mahaolu P&CC Meeting • November 15, 2023 Four Seasons Health and Wellness Fair • November 18, 2023 50th Maui County Senior Fair from 10am to 2 pm at the Maui Mall. • December 9, 2023 – Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s 	
<p>8. Upcoming Events/Announcements</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to share any upcoming events known to be happening across Maui County.</p>	<p>None Shared.</p>
<p>9. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.</p>	<p>Commissioner Lesa moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tallant seconded. No discussion. All in favor of the motion; motion passed.</p>



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Submitted by Karen Sumer, Office Operations Assistant | Interim Board Secretary--Maui County Office on Aging, 2/2/2024