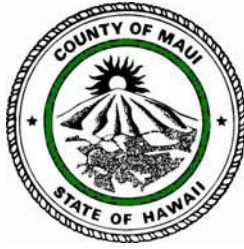


COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



2:00-3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14, 2008
Maui Economic Opportunity, Classroom 2

MINUTES

- I. **QUORUM:** Chair DeLima called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chair Norita DeLima, Vice Chair Andrew Valentine, John Briley, Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma, Linda Liddell, Marguerite Rowland
- EXCUSED:** Charlotte Seales
- ABSENT:** Darren Quinn
- STAFF:** Dep. Corp. Counsel Kimberly Sloper; ADA Coordinator Denny Schwind; Jan Roberson
- GUESTS:** Charlotte Smith, Tracy Souza, Norma Circle
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Karen Hue Sing Ledesma MOVED to approve the minutes to the July 10, 2008 meeting without changes. John Briley SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED
- III. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** None
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
A. Bylaws
Deputy Corporation Counsel Kimberly Sloper stated that the correct term for the "bylaws" was administrative rules and procedures. She stated that the updated document had been forwarded to the Director of Housing and Human Concerns. The next step was to advertise for a November 13, 2008 public hearing. Denny Schwind suggested the item be placed on the September 11 Commission meeting agenda for review. The document can be distributed to members with the next meeting minutes. The Mayor will attend the October 9 meeting, so there will not be sufficient time to review the document then.

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B. Increased funding for MEO chore services

Acting Executive on Aging Norma Circle explained that the County Council had approved additional funding for an increase of service units and service hours per client. Ms. Circle identified the additional problem of worker retention after training. She stated that MEO has had trouble keeping staff so they are not able to take advantage of all the funds available. Commissioner Briley stated the problem could worsen if the state goes to a four-day work week. Commissioner Rowland stated that MEO is in competition for workers with the hotels. MEO should offer a better package. Once trained, the workers can get better jobs with benefits at the hotels. Ms. Circle advised the Commission to send a letter to MEO about their concerns. Commissioner Valentine suggested MEO have workers sign a retention clause once trained. Commissioner Briley MOVED to write a letter to MEO Executive Director Sandy Baz. Commissioner Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. June 12, 2008 workshop evaluation

- Commissioner Hue Sing-Ledesma: microphone troubles
- Commissioner Valentine: Content was “very well” and the Commission should pick a date now.
- Commissioner DeLima: needed more time to set up than we were allowed; volunteers back out; we need case workers present to counsel participants who show up with problems. She also stated longer meetings were not possible.
- ADA Coordinator Schwind: Panel did a good job. Get them back. Next year invite Director of Health as well as someone to represent Housing and homeless programs.
- Commissioner Briley: Hold a pre workshop meeting to decide topics, a second pre-workshop meeting to decide and divide responsibilities. He suggested a retreat to set goals and workshop planning.
- Commissioner Rowland: publicize earlier, venue was good, presenters did not “get lost.” She suggested the Commission follow up with letters to the participants who left comments to refer them to services; longer meetings to cover all the agenda items; next year’s evaluation form ask participants for comments related to the workshop not their personal issues.
- Commissioner Liddell suggested the commissioner make connections for the workshop participants, suggest agencies to call. She suggested that case managers attend the next workshop to make service referrals.
- Deputy Corporation Counsel Sloper cautioned it was beyond the duties of the Commission to serve as case managers.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Roberts Hawaii Wheel Chair Tie Down trainings

Chair DeLima stated Art Takabayashi was scheduled to address the Commission but that he had failed to show up. She will follow up.

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Commissioner Valentine wants Roberts Hawaii and MEO to sponsor tie down trainings. He suggested sending a letter to County Director of Transportation Don Medeiros asking the criteria for training drivers. He said the letter should request a joint wheel chair tie down training with MEO and Roberts Hawaii driver and that the Commissioners be notified so that they can be present to help with the trainings. Commissioner Hue Sing Ledesma MOVED the Commission's Transportation Committee comprised of Chair DeLima and Commissioners Liddell and Quinn work on the letter addressed to Transportation Director Medeiros, and copy the letter to Mayor Tavares and Housing and Human Concerns Director Vanessa Medeiros asking for clarification on training policies and procedures and standards for tie down. ADA Coordinator Schwind stated that Roberts and MEO must follow ADA transportation guidelines. He suggested the letter request information about complaints. Commissioner Liddell SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Agenda setting

The Commissioners requested the following items be added to the September 11, 2008 meeting agenda:

- Disabilities workshop
- Refining issues for discussion with Mayor Tavares
- Meeting length
- Letter clarifying intent of May 8 letter to Mayor Tavares
- County recognition for Maui Special Olympics athlete Beth Arnoult who will perform Sept. 7 in Beijing.

VI. REPORTS

Reports were deferred due to lack of time. Staff Roberson suggested that committees submit written reports for copying and distribution with the monthly meeting minutes.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Meeting: 2 p.m., Sep. 11, 2008, MEO Classroom 2
- B. ADA Special Fair Day applications are available from Audrey Reed at 243-0065.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Delima adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.