

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Minutes
January 22, 2014
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Lt. Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol

Attendees: Voting: Chet Adessa, Russ Awakuni, Bruce Berger, Shannon Carrier, Michael Dias (phone), Carl Makino, Darrin Sato (phone), R. Malia Taum-Deenik, Walter Yoshimitsu

Guests:

Agenda:

- I. Call to order: meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. Quorum.
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. November 19, 2103 minutes: Shannon Carrier moved to approve, Russ Awakuni seconded: motion carried, minutes approved.
 - b. December 16, 2013 minutes: Russ Awakuni moved to approve, Carl Makino seconded: motion carried, minutes approved.
- III. RFP
 - a. Status: per Suzy Kawamoto at DHS, to publish the RFP, need authorized evaluation team of 3 or 4 people. Chet Adessa will be the chair; Bruce Shimoda said he would serve as a government employee, Gordon Miyamoto, agreed to be the 2nd and Todd Robertson the 3rd government employee, and Bruce Berger will serve as the private non-government member. R. Malia Taum-Deenik may serve if Todd is not available. Chet will ask Suzy Kawamoto, unless policy dictates other wise. Chet will give Suzy names of the committee members, to be given to the Director so the RFP may be published. By end of the week, the evaluation team will be named. Would like to get this done by February 1, 2014.
 - b. RFP was paired down.
- IV. Resources: National Fatherhood Initiative Father Facts Book, 5th Edition. Trends in Father Absences, work-time conflict.
- V. 24/7 Dad Flyers
 - a. Biggest draw back: location, Chet is looking for space
 - i. YMCA: not available
 - ii. Kukui Center: not available
 - iii. Catholic Charities: need to go before its board
 - iv. Kuhio Park Terrace: lots of restrictions
 - v. Foster Village: \$60/hour
 - vi. QLCC-Halona Street
 - vii. CFS Ewa Beach
 - viii. DHHL-Kapolei
 - ix. University of Hawaii campuses

- b. Dinner: \$30 per night; need to clarify “shared,” clarify “participation” pre-survey, post-survey
- c. First 30 to sign up gets Safeway card after exit survey
- d. Half randomly selected to attend the class, there will be a control group
- e. Children: age: clarify age
- f. Chet will revise flyer, redistribute. Chet asked members to print out and distribute. Chet already distributed to a number of agencies.
- g. Chet brought materials available from the National Fatherhood Initiative.

VI. Partnerships

- a. National organizations: previously talked about partnership with Maui Family Support Services, or non-profits. Need to check with Russell Suzuki whether a commission can establish partnerships. MFSS currently serves as the fiscal agents for 3 other programs, and as a non-profit can apply for grants. Shannon was looking at a federal grant for agencies partnered or connected with a State agency. Another large grant coming up at Fatherhood.gov releasing, if there’s a partnership, the Commission or agency could write the grant, there would be an allotted budget amount to go to the Commission, partnership would make proposals stronger, funds would be more accessible than if the funds were within the state agency. Todd asked about administration fees; MSFF wouldn’t charge the Commission a fee, they would build in the admin fee within the proposal. The particular grant not restricted to state agencies. Could do a MOA that clearly list responsibilities. Potential conflict of interest with Shannon being part of the commission. MFSS would only be the fiscal agent.
 - i. Commission statute allows for partnerships to happen.
 - ii. State is always concerned regarding self insurance and need to make clear dividing line; what the other agency does doesn’t affect the state; several examples of private public partnerships. DHS partnerships? What are expectations that DHS would have? Russell Suzuki would be the person to rely upon to give advice. Russ will talk to Russell Suzuki, and the National Fatherhood Initiative.
- b. Boot Camp for New Dads: Master Coaches Training-April in Colorado, military is currently only one doing, training coaches, training is usually done in hospitals.

VII. 2014 and beyond

- a. Celebrate Fathers, Day before Father’s Day, State wide event: Saturday, June 14, 2014, Celebration of Fathers. East Hawaii person was asking about Fatherhood activities. Michael was with a different division of Alu Like when he previously worked on this, it’s harder for him now to do Fatherhood activities. Parent programs: YWCA, home visiting, Kamehameha Schools. Alu Like’s program is West Hawaii. Mike will put a list together for Chet of the East Hawaii programs.

- b. Children & Youth Day, October 5, 2014: manning a booth, interactive activities with children, handing out flyers. Application to is due in July. Will request a waiver of fees from Senator Chun-Oakland.
 - c. Keiki Ho'olaulea at Pearl Ridge, during Aloha week. Interactive activities with fatherhood.
- VIII. Media: Brochure: rip off of national fatherhood brochure, do we have license to use brochure; will make tri-fold brochure; or can get it professionally done. "This is what we do and this is what we've done," brochures may not be enough to warrant the expenditure. Make the thing useful, refrigerator magnet, Chip clips. Chet will put together a list. Media connections: great videos, can get permission to use the videos. Public Service announcements.
- IX. Legislature
 - a. Fill vacancies
 - i. Kauai-Shannon has a friend
 - b. Update to leg: Senator Chun-Oakland, let her know what we're during
- X. Next meeting: February 18, 2014, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- XI. Motion to adjourn: Shannon, Russ seconded. Adjourned. 3:00 p.m.