I. Call to order

II. Public testimony

III. Decision Making Items

1. Vote on plan for University of Hawaii to assist the commission on writing a grant proposal for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services forecasted request for proposals (RFP) titled “New Pathways for Fathers and Families for fatherhood programs. The plan is preliminary and non-committal. The proposal is a 4 year plan to fund agencies throughout the state, which have the capacity and capability of conducting fatherhood programs and services in accordance with grant parameters. The grant will be posted on April 4, 2015 with a deadline for submission of June 4, 2015. Prior to writing the grant proposal, the State Commission on Fatherhood and the State Department of Human Services would solicit Letters of Intent for multi-year agency-led fatherhood programs that aim at increasing paternal engagement and parenting skills, improving fathers’ ability to provide economic support, and increasing positive co-parenting and healthy relationships. The project would support up ten selected agency-led fatherhood programs and would incorporate program evaluation as an integral part from the outset. The project would be organized around two teams working in coordination: Program Administration Team and Program Evaluation Team. An oversight committee comprised of the heads of these teams and a DHS representative will coordinate and monitor the work of these teams. A more detailed “basic plan” is attached to this agenda.
IV. Reports: None

V. Commission/public generated issues (No decision making)

VI. Adjournment (announce next meeting date of the Commission) and confirm attendance.

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