

Hawai'i Commission on Fatherhood  
Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Meeting  
Director's Conference Room  
Hawai'i State Department of Human Services

Members present:

Chet Adessa (chair)  
Carl Makino (vice chair)  
Mike Dias  
Walter Yoshimitsu  
Bruce Berger  
Alan Sunio (arrived at 1:55 p.m.)  
Russell Suzuki (ex officio nonvoting)

1. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chair Adessa.
2. Public Testimony: None
3. Review and approval of minutes of February 13, 2015.

Discussion: Carl Makino inquired whether the version of the minutes included the draft unapproved minutes. His concern was that if so the minutes should reflect the changes that were made. Chair Adessa confirmed that only the corrected approved minutes are posted on the website.

Vote: Upon a motion by Mr. Makino that was seconded by Mr. Dias, the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion Items:
  - A. Federal USDHHS grant opportunity.

Discussion: There is available between \$250,000 and 2 million in federal grant opportunities. The proposal is to collaborate with other agencies and work with the University of Hawai'i to prepare one grant application, possibly by the State of Hawai'i through the Commission and the University that would include a coordinated project that would include other agencies that have fatherhood programs that can participate and for which the UH could have a research component included. The Commission should seek participation from other agencies to submit letters of intent should a grant be received. Before April, Chet should contact Selva of the University to see if there is interest in assisting in preparing a grant proposal. A committee was designated to consist of Mike Dias, Alan Sunio, and Bruce Berger to contact agencies to partner with and obtain letters of intent. Chair to draft letter to send to agencies with list of agencies to contact. Mike to assist Chet in preparing the letter.

- B. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii Teddy Bear Roundup.

Bruce requested that Chet send a letter to Bruce to support his participation and need for military participation to support Bruce's participation at the event. Carl volunteered. Mike discussed developing interactive games for these events to attract people's attention to the booths.

- C. April 18<sup>th</sup> Event at Kapolei Fire Station (Healthy and Hapai) Bruce may attend.
- D. Celebrate Fathers Day. Alan Sunio to coordinate. Obtain Hawaiian musicians for entertainment. Find celebrity judges. Suzanne Chun Oakland will be invited to be a judge.
- E. Conference on International Fatherhood, Philadelphia, PA, cost about \$1,800. per attendee.

Motion made by Mike Dias to send up to two persons, subject to availability of funds. Seconded by Walter Yoshimitsu. Passed unanimously.

If there are remaining funds before the end of the fiscal year, should stock up on printing brochures.

Meeting adjourned around 3:15 p.m.