

MINUTES
Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 17, 2015

Commissioners Present:

Chet Adessa, Chairman
Carl Makino, Vice Chairman
Mike Dias
Shannon Carrier
Dan Kittredge

Others Present:

Keith Yamanaka (Child Support Enforcement Agency/AG)
Malia Taum-Deenik (DHS)
Tara Buckley (Parents Inc.)
Matthew Taufetee (First LAP)
Russell Suzuki (AG)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm in the Conference Room, State Department of Human Services (DHS), by Chairman Adessa. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony:

There were no testimonies from the public.

III. Briefing: State Child Support Enforcement Agency:

Mr. Yamanaka of the Child Support Enforcement Agency provided an overview of the duties and operations of the Agency. He reported that the Agency currently monitors approximately 115,000 cases statewide. He explained how child support is calculated and the various mechanisms to insure for payment of child support.

IV. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2015:

Commissioner Carrier moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dias and unanimously carried.

V. Decision-Making Items:

1. Establishing an investigative committee for the possible hosting of the International Fatherhood Conference.

Chairman Adessa requested that the Commission approve the formation of an investigative committee to explore the feasibility of hosting the International Fatherhood Conference in Hawaii in 2017.

Following a brief discussion Commissioner Dias moved to form an investigative committee to explore the feasibility of hosting the conference and to authorize the Chair to appoint its members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kittredge and unanimously carried.

2. Fund the purchase of the latest "National Fatherhood Initiative Father Facts."

Chairman Adessa requested that the Commission approve the purchase of the latest National Fatherhood Initiatives Father Facts at a cost of \$49.99. Commissioner Carrier informed that his agency might already have a copy which could be duplicated at no cost to the Commission. He will check to see if it is available. Commissioner Dias moved to approve the purchase of the National Fatherhood Initiatives Father Facts at a cost of \$49.99 should non-cost resources be unavailable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carrier and unanimously carried.

VI. Discussion Items:

1. International Fatherhood Conference in 2017.

Chairman Adessa announced that since the Commission had approved the formation of a feasibility committee that he would be appointing himself and Commissioner Sunio as its members. They will be looking into the feasibility of hosting the conference as well as possible funding sources. Deputy AG Suzuki advised that any findings must be presented at an open meeting. Recommendations may be placed on the Commission's following meeting agenda.

2. Judging the media contests.

Chairman Adessa asked that Commissioners be on the lookout for possible judges for the logo and essay contests. The information has been disseminated to the schools.

3. Sunshine Law.

Deputy AG Suzuki updated the Commission on the provisions of the State Sunshine Law. He reiterated the caution to remain within the mandates of the law when communicating with other Commissioners via electronic media.

4. Updating commission's brochure.

Chairman Adessa requested that Commissioners review the Commission's current brochure to see if any changes are needed. He will place this on a future agenda.

VII. Reports:

a. Budget for FY 2015-16.

Ms. Taum-Deenik informed that the Commission needs to encumber some of its budget items or face lapsing the funds. Chairman Adessa stated that the contract extension with UH for \$7500 along with conference travel will be encumbered shortly. He will meet with FMO to resolve some of the encumbrance issues.

b. Media contest.

Discussed during earlier agenda item.

c. Reports on commissioner involvement in community events.

Chairman Adessa reported on meetings he attended in an effort to publicize the Commission. Commissioner Kittredge attended a Department of Health workshop on Kauai on domestic violence. Commissioner Carrier reported that he had participated on a panel discussion on family, Hoo Ikaika.

VIII. Commission/Public generated issues:

No issues were brought to the Commission's attention.

IX. Announcements/Adjournment:

Chairman Adessa announced that the next regular monthly meeting of the Commission would be held on December 15, 2015 at 1:30 pm in the DHS conference room.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Prepared and Submitted by:
Vice Chairman Carl Makino

Date: November 25, 2015

Approved by Commission: _____