

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood  
Minutes  
December 16, 2013  
Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Lt. Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol

Attendees: Voting: Chet Adessa, Shannon Carrier, Michael Dias, Carl Makino, R. Malia Taum-Deenik

Guests: Steven Morris and Rich Klein, Blue Print For Change

**Agenda**

- I. Call to order: meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. No quorum
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2013, tabled.
- III. Introductions
- IV. Discussion of final RFP-Chet

Working to reduce the detail in the RFP and to stick to the basics to get the pulse of fatherhood services. Intent is to develop a survey, fact book of resources and programs available to fathers. In terms of outreach, 1) who are we (the Commission), 2) What's out there? 3) Where are the gaps?

The Commission is going to be a resource, not a direct service provider and will have a list of recommendations. Chet will meet with Suzy Kawamoto of DHS on Thursday, to talk about the paired down version of the RFP. The Commission is not going to make any major changes, all of the state responsibilities will remain the same. The RFP timeline will be developed along with contact information, blanks in there for costs, with a \$25,000 set aside. Chet will send out the proposal after he meets with Suzy. Commissioners may call Chet with any further comments.

Motion made at the last meeting was to authorize release of the RFP, can't make substantive changes, the current draft captures Russ's specific language.

After the RFP is released, there will be a pre-conference held with interested parties, questions asked and answers regarding what the Commission wants. Once the consultant is selected; may ask for progress report from consultant; submit the final product, can add, then exit.

A subcommittee for the review was already authorized, can't have a quorum because of Sunset Law. Committee of 2 is allowed. All information shared will be related back to the Commission. Subcommittee can't go beyond its authorization.

Once RFP is released, review committee, what's the review criteria? May need to add one more person to add to subcommittee to the process, need an odd number to make decisions. Clarification for the process, points, who is going to be evaluating.

Agency is usually the one to select. Subcommittee would be the ones to bring it back. Chair prerogative to add to the subcommittee, to make an odd number of people.

V. Items/Responsible/Due Date

a. Subcommittees for events:

- i. Celebrating Fatherhood at Windward Mall: Annual event @ Windward Mall. Maui event same weekend, get Big Island to participate; influence on statewide events; Maui does a proclamation; Hawaii has done a proclamation once; Celebrate fatherhood on all islands. Events Committee: Shannon, Michael, and Bruce.
- ii. Donations to DHS for the Fatherhood Commission
- iii. Partnership with Maui Family Support Services: National Fatherhood Commission, has a lot of training available; there were partnerships in the past with Keiki O Ka Aina, working with dad's being released from prison, and TIFFE Nurturing Father's program. For the future, will have survey, will have more information to talk about partnerships
- iv. Promotional campaign: Want to continue to promote Commission. Entertainers want to do events; same circles of Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.
- v. Is there a budget subcommittee? Not really. Will have to talk about it? Would be good to have a budget for events; make sure we're on track; budget making sure funds being appropriated. Would like to have the budget sheets available. The budget sheet does not currently reflect the appropriated legislative funds post 6/30/13. Malia will find out from DHS. Budget for statewide fatherhood events; neighbor islands, need to be intentional about including neighbor islands. Will have budget sheets at next meeting with breakdowns.

Commission did receive a grant from National Fatherhood Commission: \$700 Kiosk for fatherhood materials.

Legislature gave the funds; with the money for commissioner travel, some was for conference,

Russ Suzuki got \$30,000 as a grant

- vi. Annual award: Father friendly workplace

- b. Commissioners Terms of office: 3 year terms, 1 time renewal, maximum of 6 years, then can sit out, and come back again. The Commission needs a commissioner from Kauai, application is on the DHS website

VI. Other Notes or Information:

- a. Partnership with Neighborhood Place: Neighborhood place in Waianae, Kalihi, Wailuku, Kona, Hilo, Waimanalo, and 2 on Kauai at Nana's House and Hale O Malu
- b. Father's groups: in Kalihi-24/7 dads, groups of fathers to work with, 1 group last year very successful, a lot of engagement, consistent attendance, work and try to get dad's more engaged in their families, working with the COFA populations, residents of KPT, a lot of what they do includes cultural activities; they have volunteer translators. In Kona, Kauwila Ho, new director, early stages of developing fatherhood programs. In Wailuku: Greg Delacruz, doing something like Nurturing Fathers, goes into Maui CCC works with groups transitioning out, Ka Malama/Bowl of Light training, works with groups of 12.
- c. Shannon will connect with Greg. Inside/Out Dad designed specifically for incarcerated dads, last 6 months to be reintegrated with family. Shannon trained. Can partner with Greg. Inside/Out dad only evidence based program.
- d. Keiki O Ka Aina: play group in prisons
- e. Chet is working with on 24/7 Dad program with UH School of Center of Family, Selva Lewin-Bizan, Department of Family & Consumer Sciences and Center on the Family. Getting out marketing, ask for registration; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January, 12 weeks, 2 hours in the evening; funds for 2 facilitators, \$40 gift cards, \$24 dads, randomly select 12; 1<sup>st</sup> day is pretest; program following week; have flyers can use; maximize publicity; registration. Chet will check with Kayla about putting on the DHS website. Need to find a location to hold sessions.
- f. HCAP-Head Start Waianae: started to do engagement with fathers as part of its parent engagement work.

VII. Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, January 14, 2014

VIII. Meeting adjourned: 3:00 p.m.