

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Minutes
February 18, 2014
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Director's Conference Room, Department of Human Services

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

Guests: Joshua Graham (DVAC), Kayla Rosenfeld (DHS), Chris Yanuaria (DVAC)

Agenda:

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m., Quorum present.
- II. Approval of January 22, 2014: Carl Makino moved to approve. Russ Awakuni seconded. Motion carried, minutes approved.
- III. Introductions
- IV. RFP: Chet spoke to Suzy Kawamoto at DHS, RFP is ready to be published. Scope of services looks good, Chet needs to review one more part. Pre-proposal Evaluation team meeting needs to be scheduled. Chet will be the contract coordinator and will be the recipient of the inquiries. IRP should go out by February 26, 2014. Chet will keep everyone up to date.

Closing date: Chet will let everyone know.

Scope of Work: Chet briefly described, survey of programs, collect data: more of an assist with recommendations/information

Publication question: can the RFP be posted on the State website, and DHS website?

- V. 24/7 Dad Program: UH Joint Venture: Research study: needs at least 24 participants; Catholic Charities offered their space for free; moved it to March to fulfill the minimum participants. Chet will send new flyers with March 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kayla will send to benefits office to post. Also check with Diane at YMCA and DOH WIC offices. Those participants that aren't included in the first round, will be invited to attend the fall session. Kayla will do a press release; Chet will send Kayla the information.

Chet had table set up at Kapolei Safeway. Chet will get info to DVAC members.

Shannon Carrier: their program is short on the number of attendees, at the outset they needed more specifics regarding the applicants.

- VI. Partnership with National Fatherhood Initiative

- a. Russell Suzuki: the Commission can enter into agreements, it can't do indemnity agreements, Boards and Commission members have immunity from liability; Chet will send Russ Awakuni and Russell Suzuki links to the websites of the National Fatherhood Initiative information. There are good resources, fatherhood training, webinars, and the Commission needs to know what to considering if using national materials.
- b. Motion: Chet moved to purchase more fatherhood brochures and pamphlets from the National Fatherhood Initiative with the proposal to spend \$2,000.00. Carl Seconded. Kiosk was recently damaged by win. Previously funded by a grant. Motion carried.** Homework: all look **fatherhood.org** website to pick out materials.
- c. Chet received inquiry from person in Minnesota regarding how the commission was started. This Commission started again during the Gore vice presidency.
- d. Can have own logo printed on the brochure.
- e. Purchase labels.
- f. Kayla and Chet worked on 3 fold brochure; using State and DHS logo; using preprinted paper. May have to order more. Kayla will work with Chet to order brochures. Generic overview of who we are. **Motion: Chet moved to produce brochures, made by Kayla. Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Picture on the front of the brochure has a release. Father-Child look a like contest, signed releases.

VII. Commission Budget

- a. Find out if travel expenses were appropriated to the commission for 2014.
- b. RFP process in: is it possible to encumber an amount; need a contract, need.
- c. Need to figure out how much fund will lapse by June 30, 2014.

VIII. Partnership for Grant

- a. Shannon Carrier has grant proposal that Maui Family Support Services, Inc., will apply for; Shannon received an email for a national grant for \$150,000, there is a possibility to apply for money and to set aside some money for the State Commission. What are the thoughts regarding the partnership. There may be an ethics issue if Shannon applies and is a Commissioner. Per Russell Suzuki: the State can accept a gift; so long as it's acceptable and reasonable. Would have to look at it. Shannon could get a letter of support from the State Commission, it would strengthen the application. Commission has stationary. Chet will send to Malia.
- b. Motion: Carl Makino moved to authorize the commission submit a letter in support of Maui Family Support Services, Inc.,'s grant proposal to the federal fatherhood.gov grant, provided we have advice of counsel, Gordon Miyamoto seconded. Motion approved.**

- IX. Celebrating Father's Event June 14, 2014: contact Chet, Bruce Berger and Bruce Shimoda to help. In previous years prizes were donated; now that we do have money, can purchase prizes.

- a. Goals
- b. Promote Fatherhood
- c. Prizes were to get more participation: ask Mall for donations, prizes to justify that would encourage father-child relationships
- d. Plaque: living thing item, State Commission
- e. Father of the Year: had a contest, Chet will send out, Common Core Standard: write persuasive writing
- f. Trying to get applications on line
- g. Need budget: stepping it out off of Oahu, statewide event, Maui has done it for 7 years now, same day as Oahu event; Governor proclamation, Father day weekend; Getting Proclamation, takes 6 week, Kayla can help; County proclamation,
- h. Shannon will work on Mike: celebrate fathers
- i. Hawaii Coalition For Dads and Hawaii Commission on Fatherhood organize these events together. Future meeting: may need to talk about o out to these events. Celebrate Dad's events.

- X. Guests:
Chris from Domestic Violence Action Center, Consortium of Health Safety and Support: supporting young parents, second event Chet did Empathy belly, talk story session with young parents; collaborating with Chet to create curriculum for young fathers, talk story, mentorship, talk to other dads, March 15, 2014 @ CFS
- XI. Next meeting: March 18, 2014, Lt. Gov's; 2nd site: DHS Conference Room, Director's office.