

**MINUTES**  
**Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**August 30, 2016**

**Commissioners Present:**

Carl Makino, Interim Chairman  
Shannon Carrier  
Dan Kittredge  
Alan Sunio  
Alex Harris  
Kawika Riley

**Others Present:**

Chet Adessa, Admin Assistant  
Matthew Taufetee  
Malia Taum-Deenik (DHS)  
Joy Bounds  
Jeff Irons (CFS)  
Diane Erickson (AG)

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm., by Interim Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum. The Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Public Testimony:** There were no written public testimonies.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Kittredge moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunio and unanimously carried.

**IV. Decision-Making Items:**

- 1. Approval of activity and authorization for funds for a resource table at the annual Children and Youth Day:** Mr. Adessa explained that due to a misunderstanding, the funds previously approved by the Commission for the Children and Youth Day event had expired. This item was therefore withdrawn from the agenda.
- 2. Approval of participation in the 18th annual Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii Teddy Bear Drive:** Mr. Adessa explained that Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii was holding its annual teddy bear drive at Windward Mall on September 10th. Resource tables are available. If the Commission does decide to participate the resource table needs to be

manned from 10am to 2 pm. Commissioner Carrier moved to participate in the event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley and unanimously carried.

3. **Participation in the annual Men's March Against Violence:** Mr. Adessa explained that the annual event will be held on October 13th at the Capitol. Commissioner Harris moved to participate in the event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunio and unanimously carried.

## **VI. Discussion Items:**

1. **Involvement in Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii Workshop in January 2017:** Mr. Adessa informed that this event will take place on the Big Island in January 2017. Interim Chairman Makino commented that the Commission might be able to hold its meeting on that date, enabling all Commissioners to attend. Mr. Adessa will obtain more information.
2. **Commission partnership with DOE in moving forward with Every Student Succeeds Act:** Mr. Adessa informed about the State of Hawaii Department of Education's "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA). He felt that there would be a path to partnering with the DOE due to the importance of father involvement in schools. Mr. Adessa mentioned that he normally attends the Keiki Caucus and he will mention that the commission stands ready to become involved in the discussion and investigate how the commission can be a part of this Act. Commissioner Harris informed that he was familiar with ESSA and could propose an initiative at a future meeting.
3. **Involvement with DHS child welfare services:** Mr. Adessa suggested the Commission become involved with the Department of Human Services (DHS), Child Welfare Services as it pertains to father involvement. Ms. Taum-Deenik added that DHS and the Department of Health (DOH) were planning to integrate programs, services, data and information. Commissioner Carrier stated that Maui Family Support Services worked with DHS and DOH concerning child welfare services and cases involving child abuse and neglect. Interim Chairman Makino stated that he would place this on the agenda when more definitive plans can be placed before the Commission.
4. **Legislative package:** Commissioner Kittredge moved to enter into executive session in order to consult with the Commission's attorney on the powers of the Commission relative to proposing legislation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley and unanimously carried. The meeting was recessed at 1:50 pm in order for the Commission to enter into executive session. The public meeting was reconvened at 2:20 pm.

Interim Chairman Makino explained that when this item was placed on the agenda, Commissioner Riley had offered to make a brief presentation on the process since he was intimately familiar with the legislative process. His presentation centered on the legislative process and how the Commission could begin to affect State policy.

Mr. Adessa and Matthew Taufetee commented that the majority of incarcerated men are fathers and the Commission should be more involved by securing a seat on the State Criminal Justice Task Force.

Interim Chairman Makino thanked Commissioner Riley for his presentation. He then appointed Commissioners Riley and Harris to a Special Committee for Legislative Affairs. The Committee is to take the comments made and to research a budget for the coming biennium and requirements for a 0.5 FTE administrative assistant position to provide the needed assistance for the Commission. In addition the Committee is to fashion a legislative package for submission at the next legislative session.

**VI. Reports:**

1. **Budget:** Deferred to the next meeting
2. **Commissioner Activities.** None reported
3. **VII. Commission/Public Generated Issues:** None

**VIII. Announcements/Adjournment:** There being no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned by Interim Chairman Makino at 3:10 pm. It was announced that the Commission will be holding an additional meeting on September 13, 2016 to receive a report from the Special Committee on Legislative Affairs. The meeting will be held at 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: September 13, 2016  
Chet Adessa, Administrative Assistant

Approved by Commission: \_\_\_\_\_