

MINUTES

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Carl Makino (Interim Chairman), Alan Sunio, Shannon Carrier (Maui), Alex Harris, Kawika Riley

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Malia Taum-Deenik, DHS
Chet Adessa, Administrative Asst to Commission

Others Present:

Malia Taum-Deenik
Vernon Viernes, Lili'uokalani Trust
Tara Buckley, PARENTS, Inc.
Kawika Mattos, Maui Family Support Services
Kimberley Frank, DHS Ohana Nui Project
Chris Yannaria, University of Hawaii
Alex Nakamura, Keiki O Kaina
Jenson Kalma, Keiki O Kaina

I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm in the Department of Human Services conference room, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 by Interim Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony: There were no testimonies from the public. Commissioners and guest were introduced. Kawika Mattos was introduced as Maui candidate for commissioner. Shannon announced that the May meeting will be his last meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2017 Meeting. Commissioner Riley made a motion that the Minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting be approved with some minor corrections; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Carrier and unanimously approved.

IV. Ohana Nui Project Briefing. Ms. Kimberley Frank, Director of the Ohana Nui Project gave a briefing on the purpose, goals, and mission of the Ohana Nui Project. The Department of Human initiated a statewide project which is intended to provide delivery of services statewide through the collaboration of Department of Health, Department of Education and many statewide non-profit agencies and the business community currently serving the “whole family” with children ages 0-5 as a priority. Children in families who have been exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences are among the priority recipients. The aim is to provide a “one-stop-shop” despite the various departmental differences in eligibility requirements. All of the needs of the entire family will be addressed. The project is and will be supported by federal grant funding. There is an expectation that current applicable policies and procedures will be aligned to serve all the needs of the family. The project will look at current policies and practices that

might prevent families from receiving services. There will be a number of pilot sights in which the needs of the whole family will be assessed, apply best practice programs and determine a more cohesive and comprehensive service delivery system. DHS is currently developing an IT system or “application” that will help determine the needs of the family through a “triage” process. Several questions were posed by the commissioners concerning how the commission can become involved and support this project. The Commission on Fatherhood can be very much involved by providing information about the project and possibly participating on a panel.

V. Decision Making Items.

a. There was some discussion and an update on the 19th Annual Celebrate Father’s Day at Windward Mall, June 17, 2017. Commissioner Carrier made a recommendation that Maui receive \$250 for prizes for their Annual Celebrate Father’s Day. Commissioner Riley made a motion that the commission expend \$1,000 for prizes for the Father Child Look-a-Like Contest and allocate \$250 for the Maui Celebrate Father’s Day Father Child Look-a-Like Contest. The motion was Commissioner Sunio seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

b. Commissioner Harris made a motion that the chairperson authorizes the expenditure of a maximum of amounts under \$100 but not more than \$1,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley and unanimously approved.

c. This item was deferred.

d. Chair Makino spoke about scheduling the next meeting on the Island of Kauai. There were comments and ideas concerning the facilities available on neighbor islands. Ms. Taum-Deenik spoke about the possibility of using a Department of Human Services conference room. There was some discussion concerning the date of the meeting. It was expressed that the commissioners are discouraged from changing the flight arrangements made by DHS for personal reasons without some justification. Commissioner Riley said that he will look into the use of an OHA site on Kauai. A motion was made by Commissioner Riley that the meeting be held on a neighbor island and that the commission expend the funds to do so. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris and was carried unanimously.

VI. Discussion:

- a. Mr. Adessa spoke about the Celebrate Father’s Day event and said that Tara Buckley will be assisting him.
- b. Chair Makino spoke about the assistance of DHS on our Strategic Planning progress and will brief the commission during the May meeting.

VII. Reports:

- a. Budget: Mr. Adessa informed the commissioners of the expenses and expenditures status.
- b. Lapel pins: Deferred
- c. Commissioner attendance at community events and meetings: No reports

VIII. Commission/Public Generated Issues:

None

IX. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 217 at a neighbor island site.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: May 14, 2017

Chet Adessa, Administrative Asst to the Commission

Approved by the Commission: _____

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