

MINUTES

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Meeting
June 30, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Carl Makino (Interim Chairman), Alan Sunio, Bruce Barger, Kawika Riley, Richard Kebo

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Malia Taum-Deenik, Department of Human Services

Others Present:

Chet Adessa, Administrative Asst to Commission

Matthew Taufetie

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm in the Department of Human Services, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu by Interim Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony: There were no testimonies from the public.

III. Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2017: The minutes were reviewed, Commissioner Riley moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger and unanimously carried.

IV. Decision Making.

- a. Chairman Makino spoke about his position of chairperson and his term expiration of June 30, 2017. Chair Makino said that he spoke to the State Attorney General's Office concerning the possibility of him being a "holdover" on the commission and how it is interpreted. Chair Makino said that he spoke to Commissioner Sunio and Commissioner Riley concerning the possibility of being nominated for chair and vice chair respectively. Commissioner Berger nominated Commissioner Sunio for chairperson and Commissioner Riley as Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Kebo and unanimously carried.
- b. Chair Makino spoke about the excess of funds in the commission's account and the need to do a better job encumbering the funds prior to the end of the State fiscal year, June 30, 2017.

V. Discussion. Chair Makino introduced Commissioner Kebo as the person spearheading the strategic plan for the commission. Commissioner Kebo said that the strategic plan needs to be a "road map" for the future of the commission. Commissioner Kebo spoke about some weaknesses in our current plan, such as; staffing, marketing and public awareness events are not the best use of our time. Commissioner Kebo emphasized that the commission needs to make more of an impact on the community in the support of the fathers of the State. Commissioner Kebo spoke further about the lack of funds and that we need to decide how to raise more funds. Ms. Taum-Deenik spoke about how the commission needs to work with the Ohana Nui Project to make it known that the commission is working in concert with the Department of Human Services and other state agencies to support the father's role in the family. Mr. Adessa mentioned that at least one National data concerning fatherhood programs and services in our state is out of date. Commissioner concluded by saying

that the strategic plan needs to be sustainable and a “working” document. Commissioner Kebo will present a draft. Chair Makino asked that Commissioner Kebo chair the updates. Input is need from all commissioners.

VI. Reports.

a. Budget. The Expense and Encumbrance Report was discussed. Ms. Taum-Deenik mentioned that there is a possibility of an across the board 10% reduction in the budget this FY.

VI. Commission/Public Generated Issues:

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2017 at DHS unless otherwise determined.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: August 8, 2017

Chet Adessa, Administrative Asst to the Commission

Approved by the Commission: _____