



MEETING MINUTES
Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Meeting on August 31, 2018

Commissioners Present:

Richard Kebo -Chair, Kawika Mattos (Maui), Dan Kittredge (Kauai) Caleb Milliken (Hawaii)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Malia Taum-Deenik, Department of Human Services
Angela Tokuda, Attorney General Representative

Others Present:

Linda Komatsu Wong, DHS
Chet Adessa, Consultant to the Commission
Paula Sainz, Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Robert Quartero
Bob Raasch, Program Director, Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii
Kehele Porter, Liliukalani Trust
Margaret Cadiz, Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Kaina Bonacorsi, County of Maui

I. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am at the Department of Human Services Conference Room, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 by Chairman Kebo. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

- II. Public Testimony:** Introductions of commissioners, Ex-Officio members and guests were made. Testimony was heard by Ms. Komatsu-Wong concerning the Strategic Plan and how it aligns with the DHS “Ohana Nui” project. Ms. Wong shared the mission, vision, core values and goals. Ms. Wong spoke about how “taking of own” is important. Ms. Taum-Deenik spoke about the importance working with other agencies and that things are changing at the Department of Human Services. Commissioner Kittredge emphasized that the goals need to be realistic and achievable. Ms. Wong explained that this is a “working document” and has many actionable items. Mr. Quartero as about the timeline. Commissioner Mattos emphasized that “grass roots” input needs to be part of the document. Ms. Taum-Deenik explained how government works with respect to this type of project. Chairman Kebo encouraged those present to work with DHS. The representatives from Big Brothers Big Sisters made a few worthwhile comments.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from June 18, 2018 were reviewed and a motion was made by Commissioner Kittredge to approve the minutes, with corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milliken and unanimously approved.

IV. Decision-making:

- a. 24th Annual Men's March Against Violence, October 4, 2018. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Kittredge to participate in the Men's March and fund the travel for neighbor island commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mattos and unanimously approved.
- b. Children and Youth Day at the State Capitol, October 7, 2018. After some discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Kittredge for Oahu commissioners to participate in this event with minimal costs to the commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milliken and unanimously approved.
- c. Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and PARENTS, Inc. conference on October 12, 2018. After much discussion and questions concerning the conference and its "fatherhood" theme. The questions mainly addressed the commission's participation and funding assistance for the conference. Mr. Adessa stated that since he is the Board Vice President for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, any funding from the commission should be paid to PARENTS, Inc. It was determined that Commissioner Milliken would be the commission's contact for this event. A motion was made by Commissioner Milliken to participate in the conference, provide funds for scholarships and commissioners travel to attend, and hold the commission meeting at the conference site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kittredge and was unanimously approved.

V. Discussion. Items a&b (Neighbor Island Commission meeting schedule and Oahu meeting location schedule were deferred by Chairman Kebo.

c. Budget. Chairman Kebo stated that the University of Hawaii study contracted by the commission has not been invoiced or paid. Chairman Kebo said that he and Vice-Chairman Riley will meet with the UH contact to resolve this. Chairman Kebo suggested that the commission continue to fund the awards for neighbor island fatherhood events. Ms. Taum-Deenik stated that now is the time to begin submitting a request a budget increase for FY 2019-2020. Chairman Kebo spoke about the Strategic Plan and the need to increase the budget. Ms. Taum-Deenik mentioned that she would look into obtaining DHS emails for the commissioners. Ms. Bonacorsi spoke about Maui County initiatives that support the commission's mission. Chairman Kebo said that this would be good collaboration. Commissioner Kittredge mentioned that the Commission on the Status of Women has county representatives and the commission establish something similar. Chairman Kebo said that the commission needs to address the Ohana Nui principles.

VI. Reports:

- a. Commissioner's report on community involvement, events, trainings or meetings attended.

VI. Commission/Public Generated Issues: No decision making) No issues generated

VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Kittredge made that the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am, was seconded by Commissioner Milliken and unanimously approved.