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Youth Committee Meeting
Hosted on Zoom
(Copy of audio link available upon request)

Friday, January 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Noy Worachit (Chair), Chassidy Kruse, Bailey Monick, Anastasia Neumann

Members Absent: Cedric Gates

Members Excused: Delia Ulima

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, Norene Machida

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I. Call to order/Establishment of Quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions of attendees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair, Noy Worachit • Quorum established. 4 of 5 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noy Worachit, Youth Committee Chair, Epic Ohana 2. Anastasia Neumann, Youth Committee Vice-Chair, Epic Ohana 3. Chassidy Kruse, JJSAC Member, Epic Ohana 4. Bailey Monick, JJSAC Member, University of Hawaii Psychiatry 5. Norene Machida, Office Asst III, Office of Youth Services 6. Shannessy Ahu, Federal Grants Manager, Office of Youth Services 			
II. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for the following Meeting(s): Friday, December 11, 2020	(10:11) N. Worachit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of minutes for December 11, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move to approve the minutes by Bailey Monick ○ Motion seconded by Chassidy Kruse 			
III. Community Input [Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Community Members will	(10:17) N. Worachit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community input 			

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<p>have 3 mins. to speak, i.e. per person, per item, or written testimony can be submitted on agenda items]</p>				
<p>IV. Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentives for youth focus group participation 	<p>(10:18) N. Worachit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were the \$25 VISA gift cards delivered to HYCF? <p>(10:19) S. Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, Delia was able to deliver the gift cards to HYCF on Monday, 1/4/21. 			
<p>V. Focus Group Debrief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review responses from HYCF youth focus group Determine next steps 	<p>(10:20) N. Worachit</p> <p>Review responses from HYCF youth focus group. (Copy available for public viewing upon request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does everyone agree our Committee goal is to identify what needs to be improved and how we can help? If everyone agrees please show a thumbs up <p>(10:25) Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed with thumbs up <p>(10:26)</p>			

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	<p>N. Worachit</p> <p>Question 1 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Capital – is there at least one adult in your life that you can rely on? • What can you rely on them to do for you? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dad, Uncle, Grandma, mom, family ➤ They provide love and care no matter the mistakes (unconditional love), food, shelter, be there for court dates ➤ Mom, Parents, Family, Sister, Grandma, Sister, Money, Food, Clothes, Encourage to do positive things, guidance ➤ Mom, Dad, Sister, Family ➤ Rely on them for anything, they bail you out when you make mistakes • It was good to know that family was a response. In the child welfare programs, they rely on programs and resources. <p>Question 2 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you want to know more about educational or housing opportunities, is there someone at HYCF who could help connect you? 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Melvea, staff, Social worker, DVR classes with uncle Pete ➤ Side comment: Ko’olau food is better than DH ➤ Warden ➤ DVR – most of us are involved ➤ Youth advocate ➤ Social worker Social worker ➤ DVR ➤ Kinai Eha ➤ Request can take a couple of months ➤ Staff & Mark Patterson <p>Question 3 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of other supports do you need? (following up on comment made on survey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Independent living ➤ Better working opportunity to earn money for girls ➤ WIC Program ➤ Housing ➤ Vocational programs for girls. Be able to go out and work for real money. It not fair that the boys have Kinai Eha and girls can only work in the cafeteria for 10 cents/hr. ➤ “PREA is real” 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Girls want more hands on and outdoor opportunities, possibly through Work Hawaii Program ➤ Side notes: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is real. Staff are same gender and at Kinai Eha it's all boys <p>(10:35) B. Monick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be a priority to afford women the same opportunity. • This seems like a violation of civil rights <p>(10:36) N. Worachit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with Bailey, and we can advocate and make this a priority. If everyone agrees, please indicate a thumbs up. • The next responses are from group 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Joining a trade ➤ Kinai 'Eha, ➤ Anger management counseling ➤ drug counseling, ➤ Learn and participate in cultural activities ➤ Special events ➤ Housing 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employment (one youth highlighted that he needs employment to support his child). Swimming program Recreational Programs: Basketball ➤ Career Opportunities: Military, Truck Driver ➤ Housing ➤ How to use credit cards ➤ Programs now: DVR, Cultural Haka – brings us together ➤ Financial literacy (ex: credit cards, etc.) <p>Question 4 Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has COVID impacted your mental, emotional, and physical well-being? What do you need to be well? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Zoom programs ➤ Starfish, Ho’ola Na Pua ➤ Zoom is boring, want more in person, hands on, outdoor opportunities – something more fun ➤ More community engaged activities to help bring them back into the community ➤ Once a month outing ➤ Wash cloth, better brand of body wash ➤ No follow-up doctor visits for alignments. One visit is not enough 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ They want more visits with the families. They get one call/wk. The calls increase when they move levels. It's hard because some of them have been locked up for over a year. ➤ Family contact should be a right and not a privilege. They would like to see their families during the holidays. ➤ "We're still juveniles" and want to see families, families want to see us ➤ Zoom visits are rare ➤ They want age appropriate activities. Some groups treat them like little kids (ex: coloring books). ➤ They want community engagement and transition services could be better ➤ Something like bobby benson – get to leave ➤ If we're "level," get to do more things back in the community instead of being kept there ➤ 1st Friday of the month they have an activity (ex. Paint nails) Strict, families cannot visit ➤ YCO's go in and out of the facility ➤ Allow families to test so they can visit 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Housing and child support for youth who have kids ➤ Contact with families. Zoom calls are once a month and often the connection is bad ➤ Everyone's safety comes first ➤ Hale kipa shut down, can't see kids or family, everyone's situation is different ➤ Want to get into stocks ➤ Could be getting money from imua kakou, shaka town, but locked up instead – foster care involved ➤ Mental health = four walls and a blanket <p>Question 5 Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you feel that your environment is safe? Is the atmosphere positive? Are you given choices and/or rewards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safety and protection from violent youth ➤ Talk to Warden & staff. ➤ Better than DH ➤ They all stated not feeling physically safe around a specific youth ➤ Getting fought out of nowhere – “sideblinded” 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff asked about whether they were ready to interact with this youth and said no ➤ No choice in the area of participating in religious activities ➤ No choice on health/hygiene products such as body wash. This is a concern for one youth because of rash ➤ Feel Safe ➤ If something went wrong, I take care of myself ➤ Run to my friends <p>Question 6 Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you have had a concern, how long did it take to get a response? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sometimes a week ➤ 2 days ➤ Immediately ➤ Sometimes a month ➤ Side note: Youth expressed concerned about not being able to take HISET Test ➤ “Begging” to get our education ➤ Never a good excuse when it comes to the reason for delay ➤ Stated that staff respond, “I know what I’m doing” Depends on what you ask 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The social worker sometimes will not respond ➤ There is not phone number to contact them on their log ➤ Staff interjection: they want to add friends not family, that's why we don't do it ➤ Sometimes they don't even bring them <p>Question 7 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your point of view on your rights while incarcerated at HYCF? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not sure, don't remember ➤ Posters are placed in facility ➤ Not sure, expressed not knowing rights because during intake they're "downing." ➤ Not really paying attention when read rights ➤ They're not posted anywhere ➤ Stated they have mentors Yes, posted in their module. ➤ Blame self for being there ➤ Bed and shower and food are rights, the rest are privileges ➤ If other rights violated, beat them up – act stupid get a stupid response Yes, they know their rights 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rights are three meals and a cot ➤ Treatment is chill ➤ Would reach out to staff, nurse, social worker, COB, supervisor, Mark Patterson if something went wrong with rights <p>Question 8 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family/youth's point of view on how HYCF might be adapting to COVID and having infrastructure for tele-visits or outdoor (courtyard) visits with family/siblings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not allowed to see family ➤ Allowed only 1 call a week ➤ An achievement "level" process is assigned to increase the number of calls per week. ➤ It takes a month to achieve the next level ➤ Talking to family should be a right, not a privilege ➤ Family should be allowed to visit if they take a COVID test and it is negative ➤ Grateful to see family on zoom ➤ Can't see parents, should be like the YCO protocol – how they come in and out ➤ Covid is never gonna end, so the whole time we're here, there's no contact with families 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saw family on zoom but it was frozen ➤ Last time seeing grandma was in court ➤ Wasn't thinking about family when doing crimes – now we can't see Can't see family ➤ Feels lonely ➤ Talking on phone depends on level <p>Question 9 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Therapy (i.e. horses, Mark's dog, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ They had a horse, but he was old and died ➤ Want a pet <p>Question 10 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything else you want to tell us? What you need or want? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Experience is terrible ➤ Experience not that bad ➤ Better than DH ➤ Want swimming program ➤ Want to be able to talk to friends – call logs ➤ More programs – activity-based ➤ Basketball, more sports ➤ Let people work somewhere and come back 			

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	<p>➤ Let people have the phone lists they want</p> <p>Question 11 Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything you find helpful/you like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ tiffie, Olomana School - Miss Linda ➤ Workline program, Kinai Eha – teaches trades, get exercise, can help you get into college, construction school ➤ Work Hawaii – paying \$500 every week, trades ➤ Cultural activities – Imu for thanksgiving, Samoan culture activities, haka performance ➤ Workline – learning how to fix cars and lights makes people feel good about themselves ➤ Giving back at Waimanalo park – lau lau for homeless <p>Youth Committee Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there other wage-earning opportunities for young women that matches the higher wages paid to young men who participate in wage earning opportunities? 			

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Will there be programs like Kinai Eha for young women to earn wages and learn skills? 3. Are all the group activities and/or materials age appropriate? 4. Is there a timeframe to respond and follow-up with a youth who may have health and hygiene concerns? 5. How often are doctor's made available for youth to see? 6. Are the youth aware or informed of the difference between their civil rights and rules of HYCF? 7. If a youth has a grievance, is there a specific person they talk with and feel safe sharing? 8. Can the amount of calls allowed, especially during COVID, be reprieved from the level reward system and increased? 9. Are they able to receive calls during COVID from family, friends and community partners? 10. Can families provide negative test results to visit the youth? 11. Is there a shop or commissary where they can shop for snacks or hygiene products? 12. Have religious programs, for youth who request to attend, been available during COVID via Zoom? 			

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	<p>HYCF-Questions regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational programs for girls. Be able to go out and work for real money. It not fair that the boys have Kinai Eha and girls can only work in the cafeteria for 10 cents/hr. • They want age appropriate activities. Some groups treat them like little kids (ex: coloring books) • They want more visits with the families. They get one call/wk. The calls increase when they move levels. It's hard because some of them have been locked up for over a year • Not sure, don't remember, Posters are placed in facility, They're not posted anywhere • Allowed only 1 call a week • An achievement "level" process is assigned to increase the number of calls per week. • It takes a month to achieve the next level • Talking to family should be a right, not a privilege • Family should be allowed to visit if they take a COVID test and it is negative 			

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VI. Upcoming Trainings and Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule JDAI Connect training (C. Matsuoka) 	(11:27) N. Worachit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannessy is helping to schedule a JDAI training at the next meeting 			
VII. Future Agenda Items/Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss topics of interest for training • Diversion initiatives in Hawaii (C. Matsuoka) 	(11:28) S. Ahu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol will give an overview of JDAI and how the Youth Committee can be involved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JDAI trainers have not responded to future training 			
VIII. Next Youth Committee Meetings: <u>2020-2021 Meetings: (2nd Friday of each month 10:00AM-12:00PM</u> February 12, 2021 March 12, 2021 April 9, 2021 May 14, 2021	(11:29) N. Worachit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note on your calendar the next youth committee meeting 			

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IX.. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m. by Noy Worachit Seconded by Anastasia Neumann			