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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL (JJSAC)

Department of Human Services  
State of Hawaii, Office of Youth Services

Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee  
Zoom Video/Audio Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022  
10:00AM-11:00 AM

Members Present: Rachel Lee Soon (Chair), Venus Rosete-Medeiros, Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Diopilo Hardison, K-Nard Narruhn

Members Absent: Wayde Lee

Members Excused: Tai-an Miao, Freddy Francis, Carol Matsuoka

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, Norene Machida

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
<p>I. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Announcement of Members</li> <li>▪ Establishment of Quorum 5/9</li> <li>▪ Introductions of guests in attendance</li> </ul>	<p>(10:11) R. Lee Soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Chair, Rachel Lee Soon</li> <li>• Meeting time adjusted from 9:00 a.m. to convene at 10:00 a.m. to establish quorum. Meeting will adjourn at 11:00 a.m.</li> <li>• Introduction of members and guest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rachel Lee Soon, Member JJSAC, Chair Ethnic &amp; Cultural Diversity Committee (ECD), Behavioral Health Specialist, Kamehameha Schools</li> <li>○ Venus Rosete-Medeiros, ECD Committee Member, Chief Executive Director, Hale Kipa</li> <li>○ Shawn Kana'iaupuni, ECD Committee Member, President and CEO, Partners in Development Foundation</li> <li>○ Diopilo Hardison, JJSAC member, ECD Committee Member, Communication Specialist, We Are Oceania Youth Center</li> <li>○ Shannessy Ahu, Office of Youth Services, Children &amp; Youth Specialist V, Federal Grants Manager</li> <li>○ Norene Machida, Office of Youth Services, Office Assistant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Quorum has not been established</li> <li>• As more members join and quorum is established, we will move back to item; III. Consideration of Minutes and IV. Data Review</li> </ul>		
<p>II. Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming guests and potential members</li> <li>• Committee Overview/By Laws</li> </ul>	<p>(10:12) R. Lee Soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No guest in attendance</li> </ul>		

<p>III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for the following meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, January 11, 2022</li> <li>• Tuesday, April 12, 2022 (Informational Only) No Quorum Established</li> </ul>	<p>(10:32) R. Lee Soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 with no corrections</li> <li>• Motion seconded by V. Rosete-Medeiros</li> <li>• All in favor</li> <li>• No approval for Informational Only minutes of April 12, 2022 is necessary. To be corrected as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Correction: Pg. 5, Time Stamp 9:33, Add to sub-line; Kupa 'Aina and Hale Kipa</li> <li>○ Correction: Pg. 2, Venus Rosete-Medeiros, ECD Committee Member, Executive Director, Hale Kipa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>IV. Data Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data questions/requests as it relates to goals and objectives of the annual 3-year state plan</li> </ul>	<p>(10:38) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were looking at the data to make it meaningful and reflect a broader population but didn't have someone to do this analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We need someone to make all the data we have consumable and show any over and under representation by offenses, county and statewide</li> </ul> </li> <li>• One of our objectives in the 3-year State plan is to review data that comes to JJSAC and provides what is happening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ who brings the data to us</li> <li>○ when is this reviewed</li> <li>○ when would we provide comment</li> <li>○ how can we continue forward to meet our objective</li> <li>○ purpose is to allow us to drive policy and programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(10:41) R. Lee Soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are great questions to ask about meeting our objective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Who is responsible for turning the data into a report for the Committee to analyze</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

- Are we responsible for this or can we request funds to contract the workout

(10:42)

V. Rosete-Medeiros

- This can also help with federal applications as discussed earlier, once we know what areas to target

(10:43)

S. Kana'iaupuni

- If we have funds to contract someone, I can refer a Statistician we worked with at Kamehameha Schools, who is available. His name is Justin Han.
  - Familiar with census and familiar on where to find information on Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and Micronesians
- Wondering about recidivism
  - If its only for incarceration than we are doing okay at HYCF
  - How is it defined for other offenses or re-offenses
    - do youth need services to help them

(10:45)

R. Lee Soon

- What would be the State process for procurement in recommending and contracting work.

(10:46)

S. Ahu

- It depends on the type of procurement and the dollar threshold
- Will need to check if the following process and thresholds are correct
  - Anything under \$5000 requires 3 quotes
  - Anything over \$15,000 will require more information
  - Anything over \$20,000 is competitive
  - There is another way to hire a consultant without going thru the whole process
  - Funding source-JJSAC-Title II allows 5% or \$20K annually
    - This will need to be approved by JJSAC
- OYS advocates for funds and do the best for what is right by

programs.

- Increasing funds in some of our programs is much needed
- We were notified last week that the Governor cut some of our budget
- In the past it doesn't seem any particular position in our office was responsible for racial and ethnic disparities, outside of the person sitting in the Federal Grants manager position, I am sitting in now.
  - This position was necessary to apply for Title II.
  - Creating sub-committees is also another requirement under Title II.
- In the history of OYS this was not up on the priority list, but it is important, and we can do a better job making it a priority
  - This will require funding and having the legislature approve the position so that we can do it

(10:49)

S. Kana'iaupuni

- Over the past 2 years, I've wanted to know what the accountability of the State is when it comes to this Committee spending valuable time to come together every quarter
- Want to make sure there is an avenue for someone to be able to hear what we are saying and advocating for
  - And engagement process versus we talk among ourselves and someone takes notes
  - Where is the action and the accountability to the action
    - Struggling to understand the purpose of JJSAC and its Committee's

(10:50)

S. Ahu

- Working to problem solve and find resources for the report
  - Copied Shawn on several emails and thankful for your assistance to be linked to other resources
  - We need to step it up and work with people to figure out the how, and ask for a little more of your patience

(10:51)

R. Lee Soon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we put more voices behind this and bring it to JJSAC to advocate to the legislature or the Governor</li> <li>• Our next step may not be digging into the data but setting up a plan for OYS to add a position that focuses on analysis of racial and ethnic disparities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Write a proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Get a quote from Mr. Han to provide a concrete idea on what it would cost</li> <li>➤ Inform the legislature using that as a launching point for advocacy.</li> <li>➤ How to bring this to JJSAC for review and approval</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(10:53) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I like the idea of writing a proposal and sending it to Delia</li> </ul> <p>(10:53) R. Lee Soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be my responsibility to bring it to the Executive Committee first and they would add it to the JJSAC agenda</li> </ul> <p>(10:54) S. Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a subcommittee you can write a letter to OYS to show and document your concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opens conversation not only at our level but with the DHS Director's office</li> <li>○ There are different funding's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Depending on the dollar amount, we may not need to use the JJSAC funds of \$20.0K, which half is used for trainings</li> <li>➤ If we are able to carve out funds at OYS, we could use it towards getting a consultant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Would not be a State position which is a longer process</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(10:55)</p>	Quote from Justine Han on providing analysis	S. Kana'iaupuni
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	(11:02) R. Lee Soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delia has been involved in coordinating meetings for the Data PIG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No formal meeting was held due to members signing up and not there</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
V. Community Input [Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Community Members will have 3 mins. To speak, i.e., per person, per item, or written testimony can be submitted on agenda items]	(10:14) R. Lee Soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no Community guest present</li> </ul>		
VI. Partner Updates (Open for discussion)	(10:15) V. Rosete-Medeiros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to update my affiliation from Kamehameha Schools to Hale Kipa</li> <li>• Conversations around True Cost Contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Making sure the State is working closely with community-based organizations to ensure their contracts are fully supported financially and provided resources to accomplish agreements within the contracts</li> <li>○ We submitted an op-ed and Star Advertiser decided to include it as an insight article along with the Governor's bills that are on his veto list.</li> <li>○ Featured in PBN in partnership with other community-based organizations talking about what true cost really is and not having fully resourced contracts to help with the work.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dealing with staff shortages and filling positions</li> </ul>	Correction on Informational Only minutes of April 12, 2021, Pg.2 Venus Rosete-Medeiros member affiliation should be Hale Kipa	N. Machida



- Working on restructuring within Hale Kipa
- Placing an emphasis on renovating the homes for our youth
- Working with Shawn on what she has been doing for Partners in Development (PID).

(10:16)

R. Lee Soon

- Are there any programs you want to highlight or looking for referrals or information

(10:17)

V. Rosete-Medeiros

- Hale Lanipōlua is our sex trafficking assessment center, 30 day short-term that helps to get the resources and assist in transferring to family or a therapeutic foster home, or Pearl Haven (8 months stay).
  - Some of them do not need an 8 month stay and we are trying to find other ways
- Talking to Shawn about expanding our girl's home. Seems our girls are in more need.
- Tightening up with our independent living and therapeutic homes

(10:19)

S. Kana'iaupuni

- Conversations with people on applying for federal grants from OJJDP.
  - State needs to push harder
    - Understands it is hard and requires physical management and staff to support
  - Shannessy has been a great advocate to see how we might do some partnering work to bring more federal dollars into our State for young people, especially justice involved
    - Spoke to Carol and others, including Kamehameha Schools
      - ✓ Should it rest on a few government people or is this part of everyone's responsibility
- Looking at 2 grants and for people who want to help write for it
- Participating in the "true cost" conversations and what it takes to run contracts with the State
  - Have not seen any increases in contracts for many years
    - Hurts the way we can deliver quality and report on

	<p style="text-align: center;">outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations with the DOE around policies that allow justice involved, homeless youth and other system involved youth to finish school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What policies get in the way that makes it hard for them to be positive contributors in society</li> <li>○ Engage the DOE in building partnership with community-based organizations that provide a learning pathway to earn credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Other States have this implemented</li> <li>➤ Could be done in the community colleges but they would have to remove the restriction of youth involved has to have a high school diploma</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opportunity Youth Forum, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eight youth were taken to be advocates and representative of our State and especially for opportunity youth who we define as youth disconnected from work and school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Finding avenues back to education and training</li> <li>➤ Develop young leaders with lived experience to be mentors for other's</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(10:24) R. Lee Soon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was great to see an article about no girls at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility</li> </ul> <p>(10:25) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venus mentioned how important it is to work with girl's transitioning out of the crisis shelters and ensure we can maintain zero girls incarcerated.</li> <li>• The Kellogg's Foundation will arrive at their decision in a couple of weeks</li> <li>• Mark Patterson, I, and several others met with Josie Howard of We Are Oceania and Ministry Ut to build more relationships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They are planning a visit to Kawaihoa with some of their youth</li> <li>○ Will send the invite out to K-Nard and Diopilo</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(10:26) R. Lee Soon</p>	<p>Send invite to K-Nard and Diopilo when WAO and Ministry Ut visit Kawaihoa</p>	<p>S. Kana'iaupuni</p>
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- Welcome K-Nard to this meeting, we have established quorum (5/9) and will return to item III. Approval of minutes, after partner updates
- What is WAO

(10:27)

D. Hardison

- We partnered with Honolulu Community College and GEAR UP Hawaii
  - Hosted 2 events
    - Helping youth register for FAFSA
    - Helping youth with class registration
    - We will have a welcoming celebration in August for all Micronesians and Pacific Islander students who were accepted and will be attending classes
- I was recently appointed as a member to the JJSAC and have become more active and joined the Youth Committee in addition to being a member of the Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee

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K. Narruhn

- At our Youth Empowerment Center, we have recent graduates and are pushing thru the pipeline to get them jobs, schooling and completing their FAFSA.
- We had several youths from the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility join us on Zoom for workshops and training but by audio only for privacy reasons
- Freddy and I were a part of a delegation of 20 people from Hawai'i who visited Europe to see how they approach affordable housing.
- Visited Lana'i and Maui and observed their crisis.
  - Lana'i has a strong population of Micronesians.

(10:31)

R. Lee Soon

- No updates on the direct services work at Kamehameha Schools
  - More focused on the elementary level next year
- Working on getting more referrals for my private practice and available for anyone who is interested.
- We will move back to Item III. Consideration of minutes now that quorum is established

VII. 3-Year State Plan ECD Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion/Updates on action items from previous meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled until the next meeting</li> </ul>		
VIII. Future Agenda Items (Open for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner Presentations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled until the next meeting</li> </ul>		
IX. Announcements Upcoming Conference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled until the next meeting</li> </ul>		
X. Committee Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee vote on new members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled until the next meeting</li> </ul>		
XI. ECD Meeting for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future dates for standing meeting</li> </ul>	(11:03) R. Lee Soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will need to figure out a standing date for our meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mondays and Thursday's, K-Nard and Diopilo have standing meetings</li> <li>○ Tuesday's Tai-Ann has a standing meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OYS will send out a spreadsheet for you to jot down your availability so that we can coordinate our next meeting</li> <li>• Please think about inviting a friend to our next meeting</li> </ul>	Send schedule of days and time for availability	N. Machida
XII. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am by R. Lee Soon</li> </ul>		