

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

May 6, 2022

Zoom Online Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Gary Simon called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Appointed Members: Shelly Abe Ogata, Poki'i Balaz (joined at 12:28 p.m after the roll was called), Colette Browne, Beverly Gotelli, William Kinaka, Stephen Lung, Roberta Murray, Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Gary Simon, Rick Tabor, Leslie Tanoue, Kathy Wyatt, and Barbara Yamashita.

(A quorum was established as thirteen members were present at roll call. This board requires eight members to be present in order to establish quorum.)

Ex-officio Members: Alan Burdick, DLIR Office of Community Services; Kathy Ishihara, DHS; Christy Nishita, University of Hawaii at Manoa; and David Rodriguez, DOT.

EOA Staff and AAA Staff Present: Philip Ana, Derrick Ariyoshi, Caroline Cadirao, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Jomel Duldulao, Horace Farr, Norma Kop, Josephine Lum, Jan Mori, Lisa Nakao, Debbie Shimizu, Kealoha Takahashi, and Cristina Valenzuela.

Guests: Pamela Cunningham, Kaiser Permanente; Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawaii; Sharie Nagatani, University of Hawaii at Manoa; and Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, AARP Hawaii.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 1, 2022 Zoom online PABEA meeting were approved as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Gary announced that the PABEA agenda has been reformatted by placing ex-officio members reports immediately following the EOA Director's report.

Gary deferred to Caroline on reviewing PABEA meeting ground rules (attached). Caroline will inquire with the Office on Information Practices on whether attendees who are present via Zoom must have their videos enabled.

Gary announced that the in-person only PABEA strategic planning session is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at a location to be determined and announced.

Gary reported that the Wahiawa General Hospital Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will close on July 22, 2022. Jomel received a call from a family member of a resident. The family member will hold out on transferring the resident. Jomel also reported that some staff are disappointed with the closure. Colette commented that PABEA should act on addressing LTC viability. Roberta commented that the issue is appropriate to be addressed at the strategic planning session. Derrick remarked that the acute challenges in LTC are reimbursement, infrastructure, and workforce shortages and development. Marilyn commented that the closure of rural healthcare facilities, including nursing facilities, is a national problem. Gary will contact Hilton Raethel of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) to ask for a presentation on the closure of Wahiawa Nursing Center and the challenges to the viability of LTC institutions.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara provided a legislative update prepared by Christina (attached).

Audrey reported that SB 3289 relating to Hawaii Retirement Savings passed the legislature and will be enrolled to the Governor. Audrey thanked all for their support of the bill.

Kealii entered in the chat that a request to veto HB 1980 relating to telephonic services likely will be requested.

Barbara thanked the Kupuna Caucus and Sylvia Luke for the aging related bills that passed.

David commented that the DOT has been supporting SB 2679 relating to drivers' licenses. The bill has passed the legislature.

PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PPRC)

Shelly reported that PPRC met this morning. The Committee discussed the goals for the 2023 – 2027 State Plan on Aging. Shelly commented that the continuation of in-home vaccination boosters remains important. The Hawaii Crisis Standards of Care is pending release to the public.

Debbie entered in the Zoom chat that Project Vision has an in-home vaccination program. Appointments can be scheduled at phone (833) 711-0645. Their website is <https://www.projectvisionhawaii.org/>.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (RAC)

Kathy Wyatt reported that the Committee met on May 6, 2022. The County of Kauai held its 2022 Outstanding Older Americans ceremony today. The County of Maui Outstanding Older Americans Awards and Recognition Program and Luncheon is scheduled for May 20, 2022. Olelo will rebroadcast the OAM celebration on June 5, 6, and 7, 2022.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING (EOA)

Attached is Caroline's report.

Caroline provided highlights from her report:

- National Interbranch Task Force on Effective and Sustainable Long-Term Care

- The Council of State Governments (CSG) are the facilitators for this task force.
- Hawaii is one of eight states selected with representatives from both the Executive and the legislative branch.
- Caroline will represent the Executive Branch as Director of EOA and Senator Sharon Moriwaki is presiding from the legislature.
- The project continues through November 2022.
- CSG will be meeting individually with the states in July and August. EOA and Senator Moriwaki will compile a list of stakeholders to join in these discussions. Caroline will reach out to PABEA to gauge its interest in being part of the stakeholders for the Hawaii state specific meetings.
- Caroline and Senator Moriwaki will be meeting on May 9, 2022 to discuss Hawaii's specific agenda and to identify partners and stakeholders.
- Caroline thanked those who beta tested the Caregivers' Assessment Survey and the Aging in Hawaii Survey. The surveys will be distributed statewide in May 2022. She asks PABEA members to forward the surveys to their networks.

Caroline announced that:

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2022. EOA, AARP Hawaii, and others will be providing presentations at the virtual Hawaii Elder Fraud Prevention & Response Network Retreat on May 12, 2022.
- SMP Hawaii is providing a series of webinars, *Caregiving: Perspectives and Profiles to Empower*, through October 13. (Flyer attached.)

Caroline asks PABEA members to report inaccurate or questionable information about EOA and its policies and programs to her so that she and her office can address any misinformation.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

David reported that DOT has been supporting SB 2679, Relating to Drivers' Licenses.

Christy reported that the UH Manoa Center on Aging has secured ten grants with awards totaling \$6.4 million funding projects including, but not limited to, aging, dementia, and drug addiction.

Alan reported that the DLIR Office of Community Services (OCS) received from the Legislature a grant of \$1 million to reinstate Immigrant Resources Centers. OCS plans to open the Centers in early 2023.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION (EAD)

Attached is Derrick's report.

Caroline reported on behalf of Derrick. Mayor Blangiardi is proclaiming May 6, 2022 as Kupuna Vaccine Outreach Group (KVOG) Day. Mayor Blangiardi will have a press event this afternoon in recognition of the KVOG members and their efforts. Kūpuna Vaccination Outreach Group After Action Report is available at <https://www.hiphi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/KVOG-Report.pdf>

HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING (HCOA)

Attached is Horace's report.

Horace highlighted items from his report:

- HCOA has completed its budget hearings with the County Council.
- The RFPs for Fiscal Year 2023 close at 4:00 p.m. today
- HCOA continues to struggle with hiring and workforce capacity.
- Due to the spike in oil due to several variables, HECO is trying to educate communities to anticipate a minimum 20% price increase on their upcoming utility bill. By being proactive, HECO is hoping to minimize the number of customers going into shock when receiving their bills.
- Vibrant Hawaii is offering a refrigerator trade-up to an ENERGY STAR refrigerator for \$250 for residents of Puna.
- HCOA's ADRC Division was awarded 2nd place in the Disaster and Emergency Preparedness and Response: Contest to Identify Promising Practices in Aging and Disability I&R/A Programs, sponsored by Advancing States and our National Information and Referral Support Center.

PABEA OFFICER ELECTIONS

Marilyn re-presented the recommendation of the Committee for its slate of nominees for Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair:

- Nominee for Chair: Roberta Murray
- Nominee for First Vice Chair: Beverly Gotelli
- Nominee for Second Vice Chair: Stephen Lung

Gary opened nominations from the floor. None were offered.

A motion to accept the Committee's slate of nominees was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the PABEA members present.

Voting will occur at the June PABEA meeting.

KAUAI AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (AEA)

Attached is Kealoha's report.

Kealoha thanked Beverly for providing the Governor's message at today's AEA Older Americans Month recognition celebration. AEA is distributing iPads for virtual EnhanceFitness.

MAUI COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

Attached is Rowena's report.

Rowena highlighted items from her report:

- Outstanding Older Americans Awards and Recognition Program and Luncheon is scheduled for May 20, 2022 at the J. Walter Cameron Center. Nominations closed on April 8, 2022 with 9 nominees from Maui and Lanai.
- The 49th Annual Senior Fair sponsored by the Maui County Office on Aging in partnership with Maui Economic Opportunity, will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at the War Memorial Gymnasium.
- The Maui County Council's Budget Committee recommended passage of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Bill. The MCOA budget request was approved as part of the FY 2023 Budget Bill. The bill will be heard for First Reading at the May 26, 2022 County Council Meeting and is anticipated for Second and Final Reading on June 8, 2022.
- Kupuna Wellness:
 - Leisure/Wellness (Kaunoa Senior Services): Online classes via Zoom continue to be offered for seniors 55 and older. Class topics include fitness and wellness, arts and crafts, gardening, and technology.
 - Meal Programs: Congregate dining through Kaunoa Senior Services restarted in May. Demand by many seniors for home delivered meals continues.
 - EnhanceFitness: One in-person class began earlier this month. Other in-person classes are anticipated to begin in July. Online/Virtual formats continue and will be an option when in-person classes resume. Instructor training is scheduled for May.

KUPUNA CAUCUS

The Kupuna Caucus will not meet today.

APPOINTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

Rick announced that Kokua Council will host its annual review of the legislative session, "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" on May 23, 2022 beginning at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No statements were offered, and no testimony was submitted to EOA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 3, 11:30 a.m., PABEA monthly meeting (In-person and via Zoom)
- [Upcoming AARP Hawaii Events](#)
- Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center Community Resources Meeting, June 2, 2022, 12:00 p.m. [Join Zoom meeting](#).
- [YMCA of Honolulu](#): free kupuna meals and wellness activities:
 - Free Kupuna Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention.
 - Free Kupuna Meals & Wellness Activities.
 - Free Kupuna Group Exercise Classes.
- [Senior Medicare Patrol \(SMP\) Hawaii Caregiving Series](#).
 - May 12: What Caregivers Should Know and Why
 - June 9: Assuring Quality – A Hallmark of Healthcare
 - June 14: SMP Hawaii Annual Volunteer Recognition and Training Event
 - August 11: Long-Term Care – Cost, Consequence, and COVID-19
 - September 8: Ten Tips for Getting Help with Your Questions
 - October 13: Developing a Network for Our Shared Journey

- May 12, 2022, [Hawai'i Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Network Virtual Retreat](#)
- May 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Kupuna Collective May Meeting. [Join meeting.](#)
- [May 29, 2022, 2022 World Carers Conversation](#), a virtual global summit highlighting innovations in caregiving, research, practice, and policy.
- [June 15, 2022: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)
- Elections
 - June 7, 2022, Candidate Filing Deadline
 - [August 13, 2022, Hawaii Primary Election](#)
 - *Voters receive their ballots in the mail for the Primary Election by July 26, 2022.*
 - [November 8, 2022, General Election](#)
 - Voters receive their ballots in the mail for the General Election by October 21, 2022.
- October 15 – 19, 2022, [LeadingAge Annual Meeting and Expo](#), Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado.

ADJOURNMENT OF PABEA MEETING:

Gary adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.