

MINUTES
Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015

Commissioners Present:

Chet Adessa, Chairman
Carl Makino, Vice Chairman
Mike Dias
Shannon Carrier
Walter Yoshimitsu
Alan Sunio
Dan Kittredge

Others Present:

Bruce Shimoda (OYS)
Malia Taum-Deenik (DHS)
Georges Auguste (Boot Camp for Dads)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm in the Director's Conference Room, State Department of Human Services (DHS), by Chairman Adessa. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony:

There were no testimonies from the public.

III. Introductions

Chairman Adessa introduced Mr. Dan Kittredge, newly confirmed Commissioner representing Kauai.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015 and Special Meeting of April 1, 2015:

Following a review and discussion of the minutes of April 1, 2015, Commissioner Dias moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunio and unanimously carried. Commissioner Dias moved to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yoshimitsu and unanimously carried.

V. Discussion Items:

1. Nominations for Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Dias nominated Chet Adessa for Chairman and Carl Makino for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Yoshimitsu seconded the nominations. There were no further nominations. During the ensuing discussion Chairman Adessa stated that his term will be expiring in June of 2016. Concerns were expressed that Commissioner Adessa had

valuable institutional memory relative to the Commission's history. In addition he has been the one working closest with DHS administration and the UH consultant. His loss during the Commission's formative years would create a hardship. Vice Chairman Makino expressed that this predicament clearly demonstrates a need for at least a permanent .50 FTE position to provide not only administrative support but also the much needed institutional memory for the Commission. He suggested that the matter be placed on the agenda for a future meeting in order to request for an appropriation during the supplemental budget process. Ms Taum-Deenik indicated that she would review all commissioner terms and report at the next regular meeting.

2. Procedures for letters of intent to participate in the Federal Pathways to Fathers and Families grant.

Chairman Adessa reported that the grant was finally posted on the Federal website on May 8, 2015. This meant the Commission does not have much time to compose a comprehensive and strong application. He added that the UH consultant had suggested the Commission focus on major agencies when sending the letters of intent to participate with the Commission. She felt that an application for the grant would be strengthened if the Commission can show that agencies with program capabilities in line with the grant were on board. Vice Chairman Makino suggested that since there were so many details to work out that the Commission have a special meeting in early June.

VI. Decision Making Item

1. Vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission

Commissioner Yoshimitsu moved to close the nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Chet Adessa, Chairman and Carl Makino, Vice Chairman of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carrier and unanimously carried.

VII. Reports

1. Status of media contest

Commissioner Dias reported that the DOE did disseminate information on the contest.

2. 24/7 Dads

No report

3. Status of federal grant.

Chairman Adessa reported that the federal grant had been announced on May 8, 2015.

4. Celebrate Fathers event at Windward Mall

Commissioner Sunio reported on the groups that will be performing.

5. Status of contract with UH for Phase II

Chairman Adessa reported that he will be working with DHS and the consultant to amend the current contract to incorporate Phase II which is best practice and standard of fatherhood programs.

6. Funding request to DHS.

Chairman Adessa reported that he had submitted a request for funds to cover the prizes for the look-alike contest.

7. Business cards for commissioners

Chairman Adessa reported that the Director of DHS had approved the purchasing of business cards for all Commissioners. Vice Chairman Makino expressed hope that the cards would be ready in time for the Commissioners' trip to the conference.

8. Budget for Commission

Ms. Taum-Deenik reported that the restoration of the 10% budget restriction may not be realized. However she would confirm for the next meeting. She also reported that the Commission's trust account had been abolished by the Legislature. There was no impact since the account had been zeroed out earlier.

VIII. Commission/Public Generated Issues:

Vice Chairman Makino reiterated his earlier request that a position be requested through the supplemental budget process and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Commission.

IX. Announcements/Adjournment:

Chairman Adessa announced that the next regular monthly meeting of the Commission would be held on June 16, 2015 at 1:30 pm in the Director's Conference Room, DHS.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Prepared and Submitted by:
Vice Chairman Carl Makino

Date: June 3, 2015

Approved by Commission: _____