



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

1010 Richards Street, Room 118 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Ph. (808) 586-8121 (V) • Fax (808) 586-8129 • TTY (808) 586-8162

MINUTES

Disability and Communication Access Board Annual Planning Meeting

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom

Date: August 13, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Pauline Aughe, Chairperson; Anthony Akamine, Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake, Violet Horvath, Nikki Kepo'o, Marie Kimmey, Summer Kozai, Phyllis Meighen, Michael Nojima, Gerald Ohta, Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Kristine Pagano, Duane Buote, Bryan Mick, Colin Whited, Sue Radcliffe, Susan Rocco, Kamaile Hopfe, Cindy Omura, Staff

ABSENT: Ron Awa, Scott Fleming, Dean Georgiev, Gerald Isobe, Justin Tokioka, Amy Tsuji-Jones, Board Members

GUEST: Donald Sakamoto

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETERS: Mala Arkin and Michele Morris

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pauline Aughe at 9:08 a.m. She introduced new Board members Michael Nojima and Gerald Ohta.

The Board went into recess at 9:10 a.m. due to lack of quorum and reconvened when Board member Anthony Akamine joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

II. Roll was taken, and staff and guest introduced themselves.

III. Disability and Communication Access Board End of the Year Report for FY 2019-2020

DCAB staff used a PowerPoint presentation to inform Board members about the accomplishments made during Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 as it related to the Plan of Action for FY 2019-2020, and to highlight the proposed changes for the Plan of Action for FY 2020-2021.

Under the Facility Access section, Duane Buote was asked about DCAB's opposition to SB 2080. He explained that DCAB offered comments on the bill, and that while DCAB supported the installation of emergency evacuation chairs

in State buildings, the bill required DCAB to provide training on the use and placement of the chairs, which does not fall under DCAB's mandate under §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 216. He stated that staff does not have the expertise on the use or placement of the chairs. He said DCAB's comments recommended having the equipment manufacturer provide training instead of DCAB.

Under the Communication Access section, Board member Violet Horvath asked staff to explain the administrative rule changes to the Hawaii Quality Assurance System. Colin Whited stated the current rules separated the name of the credentialing test and the credential. Under the amended rules, the issued credential is called the Hawaii State Sign Language Interpreter Credential and interpreters possessing other credentials, such as Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, can receive the state credential by completing an application and viewing the Code of Conduct video. All interpreters may obtain a state credential.

Under Education and Training, Susan Rocco informed Board members that SPIN's accomplishments for FY 2019-2020, "For families, planned the Footsteps to Transition Fair and participated in 2 family events for the LDAH and Exceptional Family Military Program." Board member Phyllis Meighen pointed out "Military" should be changed to "Member."

Under Community Living, Kirby Shaw informed Board members that DCAB co-sponsored an "Aging and Disability Legislative Digest" and that print copies are available in the office and for download from DCAB's website.

Under Emergency Preparedness, Kirby Shaw clarified that the "Emergency Preparedness E-News" publication and participation at the public education fairs are being eliminated due to budget constraints and reduced staffing.

Under Transportation and Travel, Board member Violet Horvath asked about monitoring of car sharing companies and the possibly of doing public education. As an example: how COVID-19 impacts car share. Allowing a passenger to sit in the front seat while wearing a face covering. Kirby Shaw stated a car share company should attempt to make a reasonable modification of its policy, practice, or procedure in protecting both the driver and passenger. Bryan Mick stated that staff have primarily focused on scooter share on Oahu.

Guest Donald Sakamoto asked if DCAB would be doing anything for the 2021 Legislature regarding equal access concerns for persons in rural areas of the Big Island on paratransit or bus. Kirby Shaw explained about fixed route bus service, complementary paratransit service and commuter bus service.

Under Parking, Bryan Mick provided additional information on the \$1.00 Parking Bill. DCAB is preparing a draft \$1.00 Parking Bill which will add \$1.00 to the motor vehicle registration fee. The Standing Committee on Parking met on August 11, 2020 and suggested two new objectives:

- 1) Develop and maintain methods for members of the public to report the use of an expired disability parking placard to obtain parking privileges or a vehicle parked in an access aisle while displaying a disability parking placard or special license plates.
- 2) Staff will provide information to permittees on the proper use of disability parking permits and accessible parking spaces and access aisles when a report of improper use is received.

Under Employment, Board member Gerald Ohta asked about the relationship with the Department of Education and the University of Hawaii system. Kirby Shaw said there is no formal relationship; if an employee with those systems requests a reasonable accommodation, DCAB can provide technical assistance.

Under Other Program Issues, Board member Anthony Akamine wanted to acknowledge the SPIN staff for participating in A Day at the Capitol.

Kirby Shaw acknowledged Francine Wai as the DOH Manager of the Year, the Facility Access Unit as the DOH Team of the Year, and Cindy Omura was nominated as DOH Employee of the Year.

Board member Violet Horvath asked if DCAB will be working with the State to identify emergency shelters that are accessible. Sue Radcliffe stated that a meeting with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency will be scheduled.

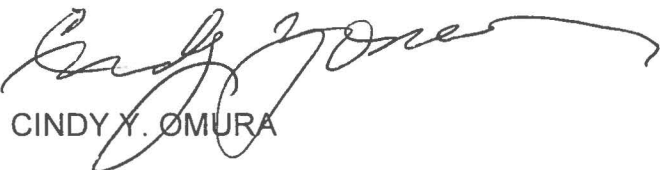
Board member Violet Horvath asked about the evacuation chairs and continual training for staff discussed under the Facility Access section. Suggested that the company do ongoing training especially with staff turnover, it would be helpful.

IV. Disability and Communication Access Board Proposed Plan of Action for FY 2020-2021

The Plan of Action was approved with the additional objectives and will be reported at the full Board meeting for approval.

- V. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



CINDY Y. OMURA