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AGENDA

Disability and Communication Access Board General Meeting

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom

Date: September 17, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introductions
- IV. Approval of Annual Planning and General Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2020
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - Budget
 - Personnel
 - Other Administrative Issues - Update
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020
 - Review of Executive Director
 - B. Legislative Committee (No report)
 - C. Standing Committee on Communication Access
 - Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 218, "Communication Access Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind" – Update
 - Other Communication Activities from the Plan of Action

- D. Standing Committee on Facility Access
 - Document Reviews and Database – Update
 - Other Facility Activities from the Plan of Action
 - E. Standing Committee on Parking
 - Parking Program Issuance and Statistics – Update
 - Public Education Quality Assurance and Outreach Efforts – Update
 - Implementation of Act 87 (2019) and Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 219, “Parking for Persons with Disabilities”
 - Other Parking Activities from the Plan of Action
 - F. Special Parent Information Network
 - SPIN Conference – Virtual, October 17, 2020
 - Update of Activities from the Plan of Action
- VII. Old Business
- A. ADA Coordination Update
 - B. Rule on Time Limits on Public Testimonies/Comments
- VIII. Open Forum
- IX. Announcement of Next Meeting: November 19, 2020
- X. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Anthony Akamine, Ron Awa, Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake, Justin Tokioka, Amy Tsuji-Jones, Board Members

GUESTS: Peter Fritz, Donald Sakamoto, Albert Vargas

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETERS: Mala Arkin and Carie Sarver

CAPTIONER: Kathy Halvorsen

- I. Chairperson Pauline Aughe called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.
- II. Roll was taken and staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- III. The minutes of the August 13, 2020 Annual Planning meeting were approved as circulated (M/S/P Horvath/Kimmey). The minutes of the August 13, 2020 General meeting were approved as circulated (M/S/P Horvath/Meighen).
- IV. Executive Director's Report

Kirby Shaw reported on the current status of DCAB's budget with a ten percent restriction with the possibility of twenty percent restrictions. Kristine Pagano reported monies for the second quarter have not been released and is awaiting additional information from the Department of Health (DOH).

Kirby Shaw informed Board members that DCAB was asked to take an additional \$7,000 restriction in its general funds. If more restrictions are requested it may affect the program's operations, because there is a certain amount of funding that DCAB

needs to keep the current operations going. He informed the DOH Deputy Director that it will be very difficult for the program if a twenty percent restriction is imposed.

Board member Violet Horvath inquired how the restrictions, other than hiring, would potentially impact DCAB. Kirby Shaw replied there are a few things that could occur, such as entering into contracts with people or entities to provide services. For example there would be no contracts to provide American Sign Language workshops for interpreters. In anticipation of the possible restrictions the program is purchasing supplies (i.e., business reply envelopes, parking permits, etc.) for future use, and have looked at ongoing costs, materials and services for staff to perform their job functions.

Guest Peter Fritz suggested that it would be prudent to at least look at a budget with a twenty percent reduction and what changes need to be made; and if DCAB has a plan in place for the twenty percent reduction. He asked if the proposed twenty percent reduction plan would be shared with the Board or is staff waiting until there is a twenty percent reduction before presenting the budget to the Board.

Kristine Pagano replied staff does have a plan for the twenty percent reduction. She said DOH is looking at all programs and agencies as to the amount of reductions that can be taken to meet the Department's restriction. She clarified that DCAB may have a restriction up to twenty percent.

Guest Peter Fritz asked how will DCAB deal with a twenty percent budget reduction; will that mean a reduction in force and what programs will be curtailed.

Kirby Shaw said we know what we need for staffing and funding reductions and if the Department requests further reductions, they have the discretion to look elsewhere for further savings, and DCAB can't go below a certain threshold.

Board member Nikki Kepo'o clarified the previous question about sharing reduction information with the Board; there are different plans on reduction that has been discussed within DCAB. Is this something that will be shared with the Board prior to prenotification of the higher ups before the decision is made, will the plans be shared with the Board or is staff waiting until a decision has been made.

Kirby Shaw said staff could show members plans for what a certain amount of reduction may mean to the program. Board member Nikki Kepo'o said with the understanding that these are not concrete and are just contingency plans. It won't be final until after its decided which plan would move forward for the Board to vote on, if necessary.

Kirby Shaw said it's a management decision, and the Board will advise on the policy, now that we have these restrictions. As to the Plan of Action, with reduction in funding, staff may not be able to do some of the objectives. Board member Violet Horvath asked if staff will bring ideas to the Board once the reductions are final.

Guest Peter Fritz commented that there should be a plan for allocation of assets.

Kirby Shaw reported there is nothing new on personnel. There is no confirmation on furloughs, layoffs, reduction in salary at this point.

He also reported that Dr. Bruce Anderson retired as of September 15, 2020 and the new Director of Health is Dr. Elizabeth Char. He will seek an appointment with Dr. Char to introduce himself and provide information on DCAB and its functions and responsibilities. Board member Violet Horvath suggested that when staff speaks with Dr. Char to inform her how critical it is to have DCAB, given our rapidly aging population and the fact that with COVID-19 there may be a spike in people with disabilities.

V. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

Chairperson Pauline Aughe reported the Committee met on September 3, 2020 and had an open session in which minutes were forwarded to Board members. The minutes were approved as circulated (M/S/P Kimmey/Kepo'o).

She informed Board members that the Committee entered closed session at the September 3, 2020 meeting. The purpose of the closed session was to provide informal feedback to the Executive Director regarding his performance as Executive Director. The reason it was informal was because of the transition time, and the pandemic interruption, so it was a good time to provide informal rather than formal feedback. The Committee also created formal objectives in which the Executive Director's performance will have a formal evaluation. There will be a formal evaluation after June 30, 2021 in relation to the objectives.

B. Legislative Committee

The Committee did not meet, and no report was given.

C. Standing Committee on Communication Access

Board member Nikki Kepo'o reported for Interim Chairperson Amy Tsuji-Jones that the Governor signed Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Title 11, Chapter 218, "Communication Access Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind," on August 4, 2020 and the rules took effect on August 14, 2020. This was reported at the last Board meeting.

She reported that staff sent out an email to stakeholders of the new rules which took effect on August 14, 2020, the amended Recommended Fee Schedule for Hiring Sign Language Interpreters, the State Agency Manual for the Provision of Sign Language Interpreters, and a Frequently Asked Questions sheet about the new rules and other changes. This information is available on the DCAB website.

She also reported that for the Hawaii Quality Assurance System, there are currently thirty-one interpreters enrolled in the Continuing Education Unit program and none are on extension.

D. Standing Committee on Facility Access

Committee Chairperson Marie Kimmey reported the Facility Access Unit (FAU) reviewed two hundred forty-three projects from July 1, 2020 to September 2, 2020 of which ninety-five were new submittals. The FAU collected \$192,065 in fees during that same period.

She reported because of the difficulty in predicting what COVID-19 restrictions could be in place by June 2021, the FAU has decided to plan a virtual 2021 Disability Access Conference. The U.S. Access Board has indicated that they are willing to work with DCAB to provide speakers for the virtual presentations. A virtual conference will allow for more flexibility when scheduling the session dates and times.

The FAU basic training series for fiscal year 2020-2021 is going to be virtual. The newly structured virtual basic training series will consist of four one-hour presentations. The FAU is also planning to develop some additional focused one-hour presentations. DCAB is in discussion with the local AIA chapter to potentially partner with their organization to provide the virtual presentations and AIA education credits.

The Committee also approved Interpretive Opinion DCAB 2020-01 Residential Exterior Rooms to address when an exterior space at a mobility accessible residential unit is considered a room which requires turning space.

She announced the Committee will next meet on November 10, 2020.

E. Standing Committee on Parking

Committee Chairperson Summer Kozai reported that the Committee met on September 10, 2020. She reported that the Governor suspended the expiration dates on parking placards, this will remain in place until September 30, 2020 unless extended. For July and August 2020, there were 3,434 placards and 194 special license plates issued. Of the placards, 831 were temporary and 2,603 were long term. Of the long term placards, 1,370 were renewals issued by DCAB. The renewal rate has returned to sixty six percent, while the rate of first time issuance remains around fifty percent.

The Committee discussed efforts that staff is pursuing including: 1) a survey of permittees regarding their experiences in finding and using accessible parking spaces was adopted by the Committee and circulated to the full Board for their review. The hope is that this will help the Committee pursue appropriate solutions to challenges people encounter, especially when it comes to future legislation, and 2) a method where the public can report a vehicle using an invalid parking permit or parking in the access aisle. This would allow DCAB staff to follow up with the permittee and provide educational materials.

She reported HAR, Title 11, Chapter 219, "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" was reviewed by the Legislative Reference Bureau and will be submitted to the new Director of Health with a request to the Governor for approval to proceed to public hearings.

She also reported that staff performed a cross check with vital records and hopes to mail out letters to the estates of deceased permittees for return of the placards in October.

F. Special Parent Information Network

Board member Phyllis Meighen reported the SPIN Advisory Committee will be meeting weekly to finalize preparations for the October 17, 2020 SPIN Conference, "SPIN 2020: Home Edition Co-sponsors Hilopa'a and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities are enhancing the conference capabilities by purchasing Zoom licenses for the virtual exhibit hall and talk-story rooms and providing access to Vimeo for embedding workshops on SPIN's new conference website for year-round viewing. Publicity efforts are underway, and SPIN is enlisting the Department of Education (DOE) to reach out to families of students with disabilities with information about the no cost conference.

She reported the Footsteps to Transition Fair for middle and high school youth with disabilities and their families will be held on October 24, 2020. SPIN has been part of the yearlong planning team and has been able to encourage that the prospective vendor/exhibitor list for both the SPIN Conference and the Transition Fair be divided by ages served. This will prevent the two conferences from having to compete for agency representation.

She also reported the SPIN infographics mentioned in the August report to address distance learning and COVID-19 related practices within the DOE are now up and available on SPIN's website. The infographics take complex memos that have been sent out and highlight essential information for parents in an easy-to-understand language arranged in an appealing format. Having fully vetted each infographic, the DOE is now encouraging all schools to make them available to their students with disabilities.

Chairperson Pauline Aughe asked how SPIN informs parents on different islands that this is happening and how they can access the information. Board member Phyllis Meighen replied that SPIN has been working with the DOE and directly with those they have contact with. Susan Rocco said this year they have a fairly tight relationship with the Exceptional Support Branch, and SPIN will be meeting with the Branch next week to see if information can be disseminated through the schools.

Chairperson Pauline Aughe asked if Conference preregistration is required. Susan Rocco answered staff would like participants to register to get familiar with the website, but they can join the day of the conference, or view the videos at a later date.

VI. Old Business

A. ADA Coordination Update

Colin Whited provided information on technical assistance to fifty-three callers from various State and County departments/agencies. An example of the technical assistance provided was on the strict one-person rule for Oahu's

reopened beaches, parks, and hiking trails. Does this mean that people who rely on caregivers, including those with physical and mental disabilities and kupuna, would be effectively banned from beaches, parks, and trails? The answer was No. The emergency order, while well intended, would prohibit a person with a disability who needs an assistant from enjoying an activity provided by a public entity. Therefore, to avoid discrimination against such persons with disabilities, the ADA would require a reasonable modification to the order to allow an individual who needs a caregiver to enjoy the activities provided by the City.

Kirby Shaw added the City and County of Honolulu's Corporation Counsel said that even though the Mayor's emergency order did not include a provision that there would be reasonable modifications to the "one person only" rule, they would modify the rules for persons who need a caregiver to assist them in doing those activities (i.e., hiking, going to the beach).

Chairperson Pauline Aughe commented that this goes back to the conversation at the August meeting regarding being very clear about exceptions. At the August meeting, the Board asked about having information on the DCAB website where individuals can print out reference information and carry it with them, in the event they are stopped or questioned.

Kirby Shaw responded that DCAB started a website with information for people to have with them should they be confronted. The website is a work in progress and he provided information on the ADA Title II which applies to public entities (state and local government); 28 CFR section 35.130. This provision will be posted on the website with examples being provided on reasonable modification in policies, practices, or procedures. In the case of the "solo only" policy, it's reasonable to allow someone with a disability to have a companion to assist them otherwise it would be discriminatory and it's not fundamentally altering the nature of the activity which is going to the beach or hiking.

Chairperson Pauline Aughe stated she appreciates staff's effort, however, if a pdf which someone can print out with specific examples i.e., everybody has to wear a mask except for children under the age of two, if you can't take on and off your mask, etc. Board member Nikki Kepo'o suggested if links could be provided on the website to redirect viewers to specific counties for relevant information.

Guest Peter Fritz stated that DCAB has no rulemaking powers, it can advance an opinion. He cautioned the Board to be careful on what is said, and to have the Deputy Attorney General at meetings to help advise on these issues. Kirby Shaw said that DCAB is not an enforcement agency, we provide what the provisions of the law say and people can choose to take it under advisement, in the end it could lead to resolving a problem or preventing a complaint being filed.

Guest Peter Fritz said that the Board needs to be careful on how words are phrased; this is the Board's opinion, this is what we advised the county, the county on such and such date said this is what its suppose to be; and also

suggested that DCAB may want to educate (i.e., provide background) the police.

Chairperson Pauline Aughe said the way it's stated by County, you're asking people to interpret it for themselves. There is a rule and there is a modification for people with disabilities, it should be clearly stated for that County.

Board member Gerald Ohta asked why can't the Corporation Counsel be cited as the source.

Kirby Shaw said yes, we could do that. The purpose of this provision is what people could reply on. This is the foundation of their rights. Board member Gerald Ohta said we are looking for a simple statement that anybody can understand of what is the position of the City and County of Honolulu. Kirby Shaw it is foundational, it will be simplified for the audience, this is where your rights come from, and as far as exceptions to the face coverings recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) we are going to provide examples of what people can do in order to make sure their rights are respected.

Board member Gerald Ohta said which brings up information on the website, advice to the general public, including persons without disabilities, who need to know the City and County of Honolulu's position. Guest Peter Fritz suggested an FAQ (factual question and answer) and gave an example: Can I be restricted from walking on the beach by myself although I can't do it without an interpreter? And the answer would be on such and such a date, the City and County said, and this is the citation to the article, including a citation to the article saying, you can, we realize our rules are such and such, but the reality is you don't have to. You may be better off to consider revising this with question and answer with citations or with references to what people absolutely said.

Kirby Shaw said he intended it to be an FAQ format, say in the case we discussed at the last meeting about the requirement at the grocery store has a "no mask, no entry" policy, but what are they obligated to do for persons who cannot wear a mask because of a disability. Do they have any obligation under that law? And the answer is Yes, they are still required to do other things, try other alternate methods of serving the person. We can provide examples. This is what an entity that has a "no mask, no entry" policy can do to avoid discriminating against a person with a disability because who cannot wear a face covering. Those kinds of FAQs would be helpful for entities with such policies, who are trying to protect their other customers or employees. The entity is still obligated to serve the individual, per the Department of Justice technical assistance. Guest Peter Fritz cautioned that you need to be careful with conflicts of the laws that apply about what you are saying and can't be so black and white, and reiterated that you need to bring in the Deputy Attorney General.

Guest Donald Sakamoto asked if DCAB outreached to Mona Higa, City and County of Honolulu's ADA Coordinator or Roy Amemiya, Managing Director about this situation. He suggested to have a conversation with the City and get their point of view on reasonable modification and have the City take the

lead instead of DCAB. It would be better to have a clarification and documentation from the City's point of view. Kirby Shaw said he has not spoken with either the two individuals. Chairperson Pauline Aughe said it should be done with all ADA Coordinators and throughout all Counties.

Board member Nikki Kepo'o said this goes back to what she originally asked about the City making a statement that they would make these accommodations but they are not putting it in writing and the information is not being shared when the news releases are being sent out. Some people don't have access to the internet to go to a website, her concern is the City and County is just saying things to appease the public, as opposed to actually making it. She said the Honolulu Police Department is not aware of any modifications because she talks with them every time there is an announcement. Even though the Mayor's Office might be making this, the information is not being shared with the Chiefs, and the Chiefs are not filtering the information down to the patrol officers, so people will be cited regardless. The people on the street are not getting the information. She doesn't think it's DCAB's responsibility, she agrees with Peter Fritz that we have to be very cautious on what level we provide the information, but we should be in their ear enough to put it in writing and DCAB have a link for people to redirect (if they can), or say you have to make that announcement when you make these news releases. There was DOE announcement today, and nothing was about special needs kids. We are always in lag with our community, and she doesn't think they are taking it serious enough. It's extremely important to coordinate with County ADA Coordinators. Every County has different guidelines, it's so confusing, is there a way that we can reach out to whoever is saying that we made this change and have them put it in writing. Kirby Shaw said DCAB will need to contact the County ADA Coordinators. He said it was his understanding that this was a particular issue to the City and County of Honolulu and didn't think the other Mayors came up with such provisions in their emergency orders. Board member Nikki Kepo'o said it's a good opportunity to practice it with the other counties, they may not have made the same solo activities, but if you had a gathering of five and you have somebody that needs assistance, does that person that's providing the assistance count as part of the five. She thinks it's good way for DCAB to practice these quick announcements they are making without considering the effects to the community.

Chairperson Pauline Aughe stated it's just a link that someone can print out. So if someone is in a particular county they know their county's laws and what they are allowed or not allowed and then if someone confronts them they have something to point to, the County mandates. It may be good practice that each County has made these mandates, and County ADA Coordinators are respectively aware of those mandates, how is the disability population being considered in regards to what is written in these mandates. Kirby Shaw said we tried to get it so that the disability community is not an afterthought.

Kirby Shaw said State and County ADA Coordinators meetings need to be scheduled. He said we need to get ahead of this as emergency orders pop up without warning, and if we can get people with disabilities rights in their minds before proclamations are issued, we may hopefully not have to deal with problems like this.

Board member Violet Horvath said she sees two problems happening frequently. The first is that people with disabilities are totally forgotten or are an afterthought, and the second is no one takes responsibility, it's always someone else's responsibility or someone else's job; and often times people with disabilities get the short end of the stick. Chairperson Pauline Aughe said she feels like she sees the same pattern happening.

Board member Gerald Isobe said that having all laws, federal, state, and local laws which affect persons with disabilities available on the website is a great idea.

Guest Donald Sakamoto commented on the statement from the Mayor's Office regarding mandatory masks on TheBus and Handi-Van, no exceptions. He inquired about the no exceptions, there was a reasonable modification which was not publicized in the news release or on TheBus website. A person would need to call TheBus and/or Handi-Van Customer Services to be informed of a reasonable modification. TheBus has a two page reasonable modification form and the Handi-Van has reasonable modification information from a 2016 form. Communication is the key to get things done.

Guest Peter Fritz circled back to an issue regarding publication of ADA and state and county information. He cautioned the Board again about the information provided and what DCAB is allowed to do.

Chairperson Pauline Aughe asked Kirby Shaw to check into what the rules are of what DCAB can and cannot post.

Kirby Shaw agreed that it's right to be cautious and what we post on our website is foundational, what the law says, and people essentially choose to comply. But if you're a person with a disability, you'll know what the foundation is and what you are relying on to challenge a policy. We are a systems advocate we notify other entities of what the law says and our understanding of it. We rely on other entities and persons who are the authority (i.e., Department of Justice (DOJ), Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC), Pacific ADA Center).

Guest Peter Fritz stated that you need to get the Deputy Attorney General involved to find out where the boundaries are. Francine Wai was very cautious about where she could advise in certain areas where it was specifically delegated by law to an agency like HCRC.

Board member Phyllis Meighen asked what progress has been made in requesting the Deputy Attorney General to attend meetings. Kirby Shaw responded he will be contacting the Deputy Attorney General to request her presence at the DCAB General meetings. Board member Violet Horvath suggested that DCAB formally approach the Deputy Attorney General to attend every meeting. Board member Marie Kimmey moved to request the attendance of a representative from the Attorney General's Office to attend all future meetings. Board member Gerald Ohta asked if it was all meetings (Committee meetings, Board meetings). Board member Marie Kimmey stated that it would be for all General meetings. The Board voted to request attendance of a representative from the Attorney General's Office to attend all

General meetings (M/S/P Kimmey/Aughe). Kirby Shaw said he will draft a formal request to the Deputy Attorney General to attend all DCAB General meetings.

Colin Whited also reported DCAB hosted five National ADA Network webinars on issues related to ADA and one U.S. Access Board webinar on design accessibility.

B. Rule on Time Limits on Public Testimonies/Comments

Kirby Shaw said in the last minutes we captured some of the questions and statements that were offered by Board members, and he answered those based on input from the Office of Information Practices (OIP), so it's their formal guidance, plus receiving informal guidance from the DOJ. He has answers to those questions and a proposed rule and could continue or if the Board wished to table this subject until the next Board meeting. Chairperson Pauline Aughe asked if there were any objections to table this issue to the next meeting; the consensus is to move this topic to the November meeting.

VII. Open Forum

Guest Donald Sakamoto said he contacted the Honolulu Rail and Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transportation asked about the rail stations especially the kiosk machines. Last year, he went to Leeward Community College rail station where they had a cut out version of the kiosk machine, and he couldn't press the buttons or try it out to see if it was comparable for someone who is blind or someone with a disability. Once they are powered up a tour will be planned for persons with special needs to see if its comparable with ADA requirements.

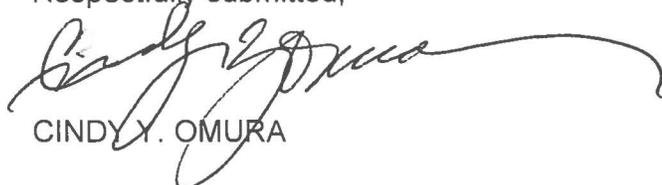
Guest Peter Fritz spoke about previously saving transcripts of the DCAB meetings and doesn't know why that's been changed. He doesn't understand the justification of not saving meeting transcripts. Chairperson Pauline Aughe said it hasn't changed, due to DOJ formal guidance it says that that the public entity must provide effective communication in auxiliary aids or services and therefore we will provide a transcript of the meetings.

VIII. Chairperson Pauline Aughe announced that the next DCAB General meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,



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ADA Coordination Report

Since the last meeting on August 13, 2020, ADA activities of all DCAB staff included:

1. Provided technical assistance (TA) to fifty-three (53) callers on issues related to the ADA. Key Departments/agencies included: Office of the Governor, Judiciary (2x), Health (DOH), Public Safety (PSD), University of Hawaii (UH); the County of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu (2x). An example of significant TA to State and County ADA Coordinators is:

Department/Agency	Issue and TA provided
Various Entities	According to the current City and County of Honolulu Emergency Order, Oahu's beaches, parks, and hiking trails have reopened under a strict one-person rule. Does this mean that people who rely on caregivers, including those with physical and mental disabilities and kupuna, would be effectively banned from beaches, parks, and trails? <i>No. The emergency order, while well intended, would prohibit a person with a disability who needs an assistant from enjoying an activity provided by a public entity. Therefore, to avoid discrimination against such persons with disabilities, the ADA would require a reasonable modification to the order to allow an individual who needs a caregiver to enjoy the activities provided by the City.</i>

2. Hosted six (6) webinars related to ADA issues:
 - Five (5) webinars sponsored by the National ADA Network on:
 - "Planning for Pedestrians with Disabilities: Sharing Successes and Gaps from ADA Transition Plans Around the U.S."
 - "COVID-19 and the ADA: Implications for Title II and Post-Secondary Education"
 - "Listos California Emergency Preparedness Campaign: An Innovative Community Based Approach to Disaster Preparedness"
 - "Moving the Needle on Disability Employment"
 - "Criminal Justice and the ADA"
 - One (1) webinar sponsored by the U.S. Access Board on:
 - "Chapter 8: Special Rooms, Spaces, and Elements (Part 1)"
3. Maintained current information on the ADA Coordinators secured website and DCAB's website by ensuring current lists of State and County ADA Coordinators were available.

Any questions regarding ADA Coordination activities should be directed to Colin Whited at (808) 586-8121 or colin.whited@doh.hawaii.gov.

SPIN Report September 2020

Virtual SPIN Conference

SPIN staff are now meeting weekly with our SPIN Advisory Committee members to finalize preparations for the October 17th SPIN Conference, “SPIN 2020: Home Edition.” Co-sponsors Hilopa‘a and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities are enhancing our conference capabilities by purchasing Zoom licenses for the virtual exhibit hall and talk-story rooms and providing access to Vimeo for embedding workshops on SPIN’s new conference website (<http://spinconference.org>) for year-round viewing. Publicity efforts are now underway, and SPIN is enlisting the Department of Education to reach out to families of students with disabilities with information about the no cost conference.

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School Re-opening Infographics

The SPIN infographics mentioned in our August report to address distance learning and COVID-19 related practices within the Department of Education are now up and available on our SPIN website at <http://spinhawaii.org/infographics/school-reopening-infographics/>. The infographics take complex memos to the field and highlight essential information for parents in easy-to-understand language arranged in an appealing format. Having fully vetted each infographic, the Department of Education is now encouraging all schools to make them available to their students with disabilities.