

HAWAII EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting
December 15, 2014

O'ahu	Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Plumeria Meeting Room, Honolulu, Hawaii
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MINUTES

Members Present: Jill Arizumi, Wendy Correa, Patricia Dong, Michael Fahey (Chair), Representative Bertram Kobayashi, Jason Maga, Dr. Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo, Colonel Daniel Roy M.D., Dr. David Sakamoto, Julie Walsh, Sharon Thomas (Designee for Barbara Yamashita)

Members Absent: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Robin Kobayashi, Lisa Lemon, Dr. Stanton Michels, Leolinda Parlin (Vice Chair), Patricia Sheehey

Ex-Officio: Dr. Patricia Heu, Danette Wong Tomiyasu

Guests: Sue Brown, Chris Jackson, Bernadette Lane, Carrie Pisciotto, Toby Portner, Ann Sasuga, Peter Trang

Staff: Danelle Cheng (recorder)

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I. Call to Order	<p>Fahey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.</p> <p><i>A. Welcome/Introductions</i> Council members welcomed.</p> <p><i>B. Review Agenda</i> Agenda reviewed.</p> <p><i>C. Review Minutes from October 29, 2014 HEICC Quarterly</i> Minutes reviewed. No corrections or changes. Unable to approve minutes due to lack of quorum.</p>	

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II. Community Update	<p><i>A. Parent Sharing of Their Child’s EI Journey – Julianne Walsh</i></p> <p>Son Max was born at 38 weeks on April 14, 2007 with club feet, heart & breathing issues. Genetic testing revealed that he had Partial Trisomy 13 and Klinefelters Syndrome. Having a child with special needs can be a very isolating experience. In response Walsh started a support group called “Rainbow Kids” for children with chromosomal disorders. She hopes that an organization could run a group like this on a regular basis. Max received occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and special education through the Easter Seals Early Intervention Program. Many parents of children with special needs are divorced. Julie is a single mother of two who works full time. It’s a struggle to find child care for a child with special needs at an early age. Max is now 7 years old and a student at Waikiki Elementary.</p>	
III. Council Business	<p><i>A. Update on HEICC Recommendations, Reappointments and Vacancies</i></p> <p>Cheng shared updated spreadsheet. We currently have 17 positions on the council filled with 8 vacancies. Ashley Anne Diaz a parent from Kauai has submitted an application. Keri Kobayashi, Public Health Nurse has been asked to apply. We are waiting for Boards & Commissions to begin processing applications again.</p> <p><i>B. Update on Executive Committee Volunteers</i></p> <p>Fahey announced that Dr. Stanton Michels, Julianne Walsh and Dr. Bobbie Jo Moniz Tadeo have agreed to be a part of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets the quarterly meetings to plan the agenda and to take care of any business that the HEICC appoints them to do.</p> <p><i>C. Review HEICC Meeting Dates for 2015 & 2016</i></p> <p>Fahey shared the proposed meeting dates for HEICC Quarterly Meetings for the next two years. The Executive Committee chose to propose meeting on the 5th Wednesdays of the months that have five Wednesdays. After discussion, the council agreed on dates proposed.</p>	

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	<p><i>D. Update & Discussion on Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) & Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)</i></p> <p>Chris Jackson, previous member of (EOEL) was asked to provide an update. December 1st 2014 was the official last day of EOEL. Keri Urosovitch, Action Strategy Coordinator has been retained at the Governor’s Office until the end of December to aid in the transition between administrations. The Head Start Collaboration Director Position is transferring to the Department of Education (DOE). Don’t know when the Governor will be appointing a new Director of EOEL. Fahey will work with the Executive Committee to prepare some basic draft letters that council members can send to the Governor encouraging him to appoint a new director.</p> <p><i>E. Discussion on Legislative Matters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Legislative Priorities for HEICC</p> <p>Fahey along with Deborah Zysman, Executive Director of Good Beginnings Alliance facilitated a discussion regarding HEICC’s legislative agenda for 2016. Question asked: “What should we be building coalition around?” Fahey shared some history of Early Intervention (EI) service provision. Prior to 2008 the eligibility criteria for EI was much broader and included children both environmentally at risk and biologically at risk. Due to budget constraints the Department of Health decided to limit the eligibility to only those children who were biologically at risk or had developmental disabilities. This eliminated a large percentage of children who were being served prior to 2008. HEICC has spoken in the past about restoring the level of services that EI provided prior to 2008. Fahey led the council in brainstorming other areas that are important for the council to consider as a policy. A list was compiled. Priorities will be determined at the next meeting. If members have any other ideas regarding changes to policies or for possible drafting of legislation they were asked to email either Fahey or Cheng before the next HEICC meeting.</p> <p>Proposed Bill Relating to Employee Leave</p> <p>Heu shared a bill related to Early Intervention and drafted by the Keiki Caucus for council’s feedback. The bill proposes to amend Chapter 388 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes by adding a new section which includes the addition of two hours of paid leave</p> 	

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	<p>for state and private sector employees whose children participate in the state’s early intervention services program for infants and toddlers with special needs. HEICC recommended the separation of the bill into two parts. Recommendation to go ahead with the part requesting paid leave for state employees whose children participate in the state’s early intervention services and at another time to consider the addition of paid leave for all employees. HEICC also recommends that licensed programs for infant and toddler care be included in this request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Bill Relating to Child Health <p>Heu shared that this bill originated from the omnibus bill that was proposed by HEICC a year ago. It had multiple components. One component was to request funding for a web based Early Intervention data system another component was to restore funding for an updated version of the old Keiki Care Project. Other components were to restore funding for developmental screening which included the Hi`ilei Safety Net Project, a request to fund a vision and hearing screening program with an obesity screening component added to it and a request for restoring the Child Death Review Position within the Department of Health. It was introduced to the Legislature but no action was taken.</p> <p>In redrafting the Bill the request for Child Death Review Position was removed. Obesity screening should not be done without follow-up so that was also removed. The Department of Health will be taking a different approach to vision and hearing screening so no funding needs to be requested. The Hi`ilei Safety Net Program will be continued utilizing existing resources. We are in the very preliminary planning stages of researching a web based data system and are not ready to request funding this legislative session.</p> <p>What remains as a part of this bill is the request for funding for resources to address social & emotional training and consultation for children 0-5. Heu shared bill draft components followed by discussion and questions. Representative Kobayashi suggested the insertion of “federal mandate” throughout the request. He also suggested prioritizing items being requested and separating amounts being requested for each item. A copy of this draft was provided to the Keiki Caucus, with the understanding that additional changes may be forthcoming.</p>	

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<p>IV. Program Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing HEICC Testimony on Legislative Bills <p>Fahey suggested that members sign up on Good Beginnings Alliance’s webpage for updates on early childhood legislation. We are able to write testimony for issues that council members, HEICC or HEICC Executive Committee feel are important. Kobayashi suggested that parents provide preauthorization with a prewritten introductory paragraph that council can use to submit testimony on their behalf.</p> <p>A. Report on EIS Budget</p> <p>Heu reported that there is no deficit anticipated for this fiscal year. We are currently working on the Part C budget for the application that needs to be submitted. There are some dollars that may be available for looking into the development of our web based system. Contract modifications are now underway.</p> <p>B. EIS Positions and Vacancies</p> <p>Heu shared that the Early Intervention Supervisor position has been established as a General Professional VII. It has been announced internally. If no one is selected within the DOH then the position will be open for outside recruitment. Heu will let us know if and when the position is announced externally. Heu referred to a handout “Open Competitive Recruitment” which listed positions that are open for competitive recruitment within the Early Intervention Section. Members may call Heu or the Early Intervention Section if they have a need for more information. Six positions are newly vacant including the H-KISS supervisor position. Cheng is temporarily assigned to this position. Fifteen positions are in various stages of recruitment.</p> <p>Cheng shared two handouts, “Early Intervention Funds Purpose and Use – Hawaii Revised Statutes” and a letter from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. Since 1997 there has been a Early Intervention Trust Fund established through legislation. Since 1997 it has been at a zero balance. It is a mechanism for Early Intervention to receive donations. Under the HEICC bylaws, the HEICC can make recommendations on the expenditure of any funds. The State Ethics Commission has given approval for EIS to mention our trust fund on our informational brochures in the hopes of bringing the existence of this trust fund to the general</p>	<p>Cheng to send out link to Good Beginnings Alliance website.</p>

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<p>V. Public Comment</p> <p>VI. Announcements</p> <p>VII. Future Meetings</p> <p>VIII. Adjourn</p>	<p>public's awareness. Donations are not tax deductible. It is a mechanism for collecting grant monies.</p> <p>C. <i>EI Annual Stakeholders Meeting</i></p> <p>Fahey shared about the EIS Stakeholder meeting which was held prior to today's council meeting. HEICC members are always invited to participate.</p> <p>Brown suggested that when looking at EIS' positions and vacancies we could also get information about the private programs so we can get an idea of the needs of the entire program. Contracts person is attempting to collect this information. Information has been received from some, but not all. Heu will attempt to get the information that has been collected to share with the council.</p> <p>There were no announcements.</p> <p>Next meeting will be held on April 29, 2015. Time and location to be determined.</p> <p>Fahey adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.</p>	<p>Heu will collect information on the positions and vacancies of POS programs to share at upcoming meeting(s).</p>

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