

**HPHA Board Meeting**  
**Hawaii State Department of Health- Kinau Hale, Rm 250**  
**March 16, 2017**

Attending: Ethan Allen, Christian Gloria, Gerald Ohta, Kylie Bretzel, Holly Kessler  
Phone: Tiana Fontanilla, Hoce Kalkas, Hauoli Tomoso, Nancy Partika

**Meeting called to order:** 2:07 pm

**Minutes:**

Circulated and approved as presented.

**Fiscal report - Holly**

Bank balance: \$156,479 in First Hawaiian bank account as of 2/28/17. Income: \$2,105 and Expenses \$8,845 for month of February 2017. Of this expense amount, \$8,640 was paid on behalf of the BSH project which is all within budget. The BSH project budget was circulated.

**APHA Report- Gerald**

Gerald is attending the action board meeting in DC and he will be meeting with reps from Hirono and Schatz's office. Gerald asked the board what issues the board feels is of importance to discuss with the staff. Suggestions were: pollution and the connection with dementia and the slashing of the EPA budget by 30%; funding for public health issues in general; repeal of the Prevention Fund. Holly gave Gerald a copy of the sign on letter to POTUS regarding this issue.

Sign on letters – HPHA has been receiving requests for various national sign on letters. Procedure is they are evaluated by Hali and Gerald and then if recommended, Holly forwards to the EC for final approval. We have signed on to a POTUS letter (circulated) re: the repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

**Pacific Global Health Conference Committee**

Christian reported a planning meeting was held on 3/15 with the core group. Next steps are to contact potential community organizations to possibly partner with and calendar share. A theme has not yet been developed. Ethan will be drafting an email to send to this larger list to gauge interest level. A 2018 GIA has been submitted for PGHC conference planning. Need a champion in the legislature to get approved. Suggestions: Bert Kobayashi, Brian Taniguchi, Bella Au Belatti.

**Programs/Membership**

Holly reported current membership at 629 with 5 new members. Social media report - Likes on Facebook 544, and Twitter 335 followers.

Membership survey – Christian volunteered his student intern Vanessa Garcia to take on the 2017 membership survey.

**National Public Health Week**

Holly purchased I Love PH pins and Gerald was gifted about 200 of the exact same pins, so we are all set to distribute at NPHW event. Holly will send Hauoli some pins for Maui.

This year's theme is "Healthiest Nation 2020: What Do You Bring To The Table?" We are changing the format for this year. We will be offering food for the mind, body, and spirit. Invited speakers will share their expertise and facilitate roundtable discussions on current topics including: health care transformation in Hawaii and the ACA; aging in Hawaii; nutrition and chronic disease, including cancer; and the built environment, among others.

The event flyer has been created (distributed at the meeting) and registration has begun. Have approximately 15 folks registered so far. Will continue to promote the event in eBlasts and on social media.

Holly circulated a volunteer list for board members to choose various tasks from registration desk, to water donation, etc. All board members not present in the room will receive the sign up list via email.

### **Nominations - Christian**

Christian and Holly met to discuss the process. We will be circulating the open positions and sending out a call to action to the membership for nominations. Need to confirm with the bylaws that a nominee needs to be (or not) a director before being nominated for an officer position. There is some confusion on this subject.

### **Bylaws – Christian**

Christian is activating the committee and has a good core group. He will be sending out preliminary documents for review and a meeting will be set to review and discuss proposed changes which must be presented to the membership to ratify.

### **Legislative Committee - Holly**

HPHA has submitted 14 testimonies to date on the various legislative priorities identified at the beginning of legislative session. Holly distributed the testimonies we have submitted so far. She will post to HPHA website. Specific areas of testimony includes: oral/dental health, HPV/cancer, contraceptives, Kupuna care, and tobacco.

Hoce reported she is working with Vanessa to devise a brochure for the membership on how to submit testimony. It was noted any member can submit testimony on any subject, however, a member cannot submit on behalf of HPHA, or use the HPHA letterhead. There is a separate process in place for official HPHA testimony.

### **Dentaquest - Nancy**

Nancy reported the project is proceeding as planned. Christian has stepped down as the evaluation lead, and Nancy is working on a replacement at this time. Focus groups are being conducted and survey is on track to begin in April. Website is active and still being developed. Two Community Innovation Awards have been awarded – Farrington High School and Kau Community Association. They must complete their activities by August 31 with a final report by end of September to coincide with our grant end date. Nancy will have regular monthly check in calls with the awardees to be sure they are on track. May award 1 or 2 more awards as there is funding to do this. Nancy is also taking on the grass roots proxy role for DQF and will be attending a meeting in Chicago in this role.

**Next Meeting:** Holly to circulate a doodle poll for possible May dates.

**Meeting End:** 2:50 pm