

## **HPHA Board Meeting**

**November 13, 2015**

Attending: Vicky Rayle, Ethan Allen, Nancy Partika, Christian Gloria, Tiana Fontanilla, Kylie Bretzel, Lois Arakaki, Andy Grandinetti, Gerald Ohta, Hali Robinett, Holly Kessler, Hoce Kalkas

On phone: Colby Takeda

**Meeting called to order:** 12:05PM

### **Introductions:**

All presented introduced themselves. Vicky indicated she needs approval to serve on the board and she may need to abstain from certain votes or activities especially related to advocacy. If approval from CDC is obtained, she will let us know. She is a provisional board member until approval from CDC is received.

### **Announcements:**

HPHA has a new health equity page on our website as we continue this theme in our work in 2016.

### **Minutes:**

Circulated and approved as presented.

### **Fiscal report:**

\$14,127 in First Hawaiian Bank as of 10/31/15, Income: \$11,150 and Expenses \$10,716

Holly reported we received an additional \$20,000 income in the past two days - \$7,000 last payment from conference registration fees, and \$13,000 first payment on GIA.

Annual budget –circulated in advance and discussed. Motion to approve budget as presented, Motion passed.

HPHA First Hawaiian Bank signature cards – need to be signed by new board members for check signing on the HPHA bank account. Lois organized the new cards with the bank, and asks executive committee present to sign the cards today.

Environmental justice RFP from EPA \$120,000. Ethan Allen will take the lead on our application. We will work with DOH, and Office of Planning to find a mutually agreeable focus. This will be a collaboration, but the grant requires a non-profit to be the lead. Grant is due in January. First meeting DOH wanted a water quality focus, HPHA wants a climate change focus. We will work to find a common ground. Suggest to include Maxine Burkett in the process. Andy said he is interested in working on the proposal as well. A health equity focus could be the common ground between HPHA and DOH.

### **Annual meeting wrap-up:**

Registered: 73

Walk-ins: 11

No-shows: 19

Total attended: 65

Members: 58

Non-members: 7

3 folks joined - one at the Lifetime level.

Income: \$990, Expenses: \$497, Net: \$492. We were positive for the event.

Suggestion to distance the annual meeting from the conference. Hold annual meeting one month prior to the conference. The attendance at this year's annual meeting was down due to the close proximity of the annual meeting and the conference. Downside of this is the APHA president-elect can only fly to Hawaii one time – so they cannot speak at both events. Discussed including the annual meeting as part of the conference. This has been done in the past. Downside is HPHA only has a few events each year, and to combine two events into one reduces the networking capacity for our members. Needs more discussion. Christian and Tiana will give their recommendation on 2016 planning.

Possibility to have DOH partner with us on the APHA president-elect and cost share travel costs and DOH could utilize APHA president-elect for speaking engagements. Or we could do a separate paid speaking engagement with the president-elect similar to what we did in 2013 with Joyce Gaufin.

#### **HPHC update:**

2016 conference planning has begun. 2015 committee has met with new co-chairs and provided recommendations and lessons learned from 2015. Christian and Tiana are working to assemble their committees. They are working on getting doctors on the committee. Janelle will take lead again in 2016 for continuing education credits. Larger decision to make – Hawaii centric or global conference? Discussion ensued and agreed a global focus is best – even if entire conference is not global in name, need to include global aspects.

CDC does have support for Pacific Islands, but they need advance notice for potential funding.

Potential conference partners: possibly co-share the conference or part of the conference with SHRM, NASW, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Pacific Gerontological Society, DHS, and/or others.

#### **Legislative report:**

Hoce Kalkas, 2016 Legislative Chair, discussed the committee bylaws. Two changes were made to the existing bylaws: 1. Added a mission statement, 2. Voting was amended to reflect “majority.”

She conducted a survey of our members to determine top issues for the 2016 legislative session (see Hoce's notes).

Della Au Belatti attended first HPHA Leg committee meeting and shared her legislative priorities which includes mental health and PH nurses. We want to incorporate these into HPHA's priorities. School health is an interesting aspect, as Aides are under DOE not DOH and PH nurses only go to the schools 2-3 hours per week. It is a complex situation. This could possibly be an area of focus for us.

There currently is a pilot project for PH nurses. We need more information on this topic.

School health – there are 300,000 youth in Hawaii and not much advocacy for this issue. Training and education is needed for school health aides.

Schools cannot carry any drugs – epi pens, aspirin, etc. – they call 911 or the parent for emergencies.

Nancy recommends using Joy Gold's Legislative Trax again for the 2016 session. We give her our priority areas and she sends us activity on the issues. We will need to choose focus areas and priorities for the 2016 session to funnel our resources; otherwise, inboxes become inundated with all activity too many bills.

After discussion, possible areas were identified: 1. Mental health, 2. Homelessness (however, many organizations are already focusing on this area). We could focus on how these two areas cross, how access to care is received with this two issues. 3) Built environment – ties in with climate change. 4. Aging – caregivers, AARP mandate, DOH and hospitals are blocking this type of legislation.

Focus on:

1. Populated based public health
2. Health equity

Next legislative meeting is Tues Nov 17 at 9am at state capitol room 329. All are invited to attend.

We ask for board input on the identified priorities. HPHA's goal is to find a niche so we can excel in one area. We do not want to duplicate existing coalitions' work. We need to find our own focus.

#### **Membership report:**

624 members, 21 new members in the past 30 days. Goal is to continue to grow membership. Since no membership chair, this committee will work through the board at the board meetings.

#### **ARGC report:**

Gerald attended the APHA annual meeting earlier in the month in Chicago. He received the APHA Affiliate Award for Excellence and thanked everyone for their support letters. 2017 APHA annual meeting theme is climate change to be held in Denver.

Of note, HPHA is one of the largest APHA affiliates in the country.

#### **Other business:**

MOU with NASW – this was initiated almost 5 years ago by prior board members. This needs more discussion. Why are we pursuing this now? We will send out the draft to the board for feedback. Possible benefits – shared education around the conference, shared target groups. Larger question – does it make sense to pursue?

Climate Change – Nancy displayed the poster HPHA presented at the APHA annual meeting. The poster was created by prior HPHA board student rep Michelle Tagorda, Nancy and Gerald. Michelle and Gerald presented the poster at the APHA annual meeting and it was well receive.

BRACE Funding-we will be discussing this funding at our next climate change meeting, which is scheduled on November 19 at the State Capitol room 329. All are invited to attend as guests. The CCHWG will be putting together a draft report of findings to DOH for presentation at the Leg for recommendations on the issues and presentations in the past months work group meetings.

HPHA has a climate change resource dedicated webpage on our website for meeting minutes, agendas and other resources.

Of note, DOH lacks a direct contact for climate change on staff.

The climate change funded group is showing interest in our group. They received funding in 2014 from DLNR for their funded climate change staff position.

MOU needed with HPHI, more so than NASW. We are not competing with them, we need to complement their work. We will pursue partnerships in the future. We need to schedule a strategic meeting on this topic.

Potential partnerships for HPHA to pursue:

- JABSOM
- HPHI
- NASW

Board transition - Nancy will remain as president until Ethan is comfortable becoming president. Most likely this will occur in Spring 2016. At that time, Nancy will become Past President, Ethan will become President, and Ethan will appoint a VP who will become president in Fall 2016.

Next meeting will be in January. We will conduct a doodle poll for best dates.

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:50pm