



Hawaii Climate Change & Health Working Group
Hawaii State Capitol Room 329
December 17, 2015

Attending

Nancy Partika (Co-Chair), Dr. Tai Ho Chen, Dr. Seiji Yamada, Barry Choy, Victoria Keener, Krista Jaspers (alternate for Dr. Victoria Keener), Judy Kern, Nancy Lewis, Erin Imada

Guests

Celeste Connors, Laura McIntyre, June Juner, Gerald Ohta, Khara Jabola, Tom Eisen, Holly Kessler-HPHA, Sharon Lum-HPHA Intern, Shelby Warde-HPHA Intern

Welcome

Nancy Partika welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Meeting notes from November 19 were distributed.

Review, discussion and prioritization of recommendations:

Relating to the draft report on the Hawaii Climate Change and Health Working Group activities and recommendations to the 2016 Legislature to be submitted by the Department of Health. Draft report was distributed and discussed. Recommendations made:

- Suggest one page Executive Summary
- Need closer connection to human health
- Start off with existing climate and discuss how climate is changing and how it will affect health
- Suggest a diagram outlining climate change health impacts
- EP Office (Laura McIntyre) has a climate change page on her website with a graphic relating to human health
- Collaborate with Evasive Species Council. They have funding.
- Instead of using the word “findings” use assumptions as these are conclusions we agree with
- Key recommendations – edited by Ethan Allen to make it flow better
- Are 3 key recommendations sufficient?
- Add mitigation and adaptation
- What is it we want the legislature to do? There is no recommended action – just a briefing of our work to date.
- Perhaps propose a Resolution?
- Main action item – to build capacity
- In the next 5 months we need to tighten our focus and incorporate more into the Aloha Plus Challenge

Presentation #1:

Celeste Connors - Executive Director, Hawaii State Green Growth and Aloha Plus Challenge Initiative:
“Potential collaboration opportunities with Hawaii’s Climate Change and Health Working Group Process and HGG and Aloha Plus Challenge”

Discussion and Recommendations:

- Aloha Plus Challenge is a partnership with county mayors and government, signed on 7/7/14 as a Resolution



- There are six targets: clean energy, local food, natural resources, management waste reduction, smart sustainable communities, green workplace
- There are seventeen global goals
- Sustainable development goals-how to implement EPA National Smart Growth Principles
- We need sustainable awareness
- Mitigate and help vulnerable communities
- The environmental side DOH lead of solid waste. HGG supports legislative agenda
- 100 city resilience important to focus on island economy
- There are resource constraints
- International action change because Hawaii is a good place to start change
- Cleaner fuel options
- Hawaii depends on healthy ecosystem
- Partnership platform – example NOAA and others

Follow-up:

- Discussion relating to upcoming working group meetings, work plan, topics and issues to address for 2016 meetings
- Final draft and recommendations will be ready to present to DOH by end of December.
- DOH to review and make any changes. DOH will submit to legislature by Jan. 2
- Nancy welcomes the group's input and edits on the paper
- Distributed 2016 January through June CCHWG meeting schedule.

Next meeting: January 17 at 9:00am, Department of Health, room 119