

HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329, 9:00 – 10:30am

Meeting Summary 11/17/15

Members present at meeting:

- Nancy Partika
- Cindy Goto
- Kylie Bretzel
- Derek Bown
- Gerald Ohta
- Hoce Kalkas
- Pedro Haro

Hand-outs: (also attached)

1. Agenda
2. HPHA Legislative Committee Priorities Summary Sheet
3. HPHA Legislative Committee Pathway Online Discussion

Top Take-aways:

1. Announcements:

- Several Leg Committee members attended the 2015 Policy and Advocacy Training was held on Thursday November 12, 2015. Topics covered:
 - i. State Legislature 101
 - ii. Using Media in Advocacy
 - iii. Panel Discussion: Engaging Lawmakers and Passing Legislation
- Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HCIR) held a public meeting on 11/19

2. Priorities Summary Sheet and Pathway Discussion:

School health: Issue lies between the DOH and the DOE; review SB841- some legislative work has been done to progress this issue, however it has been halted. Rep. Belatti has this issue on her agenda for the year. Need to find out more information on topic; bill will most likely resume this year, but where was it stopped? Several questions arose regarding process, procedure and training that school health aids follow- is it adequate and enough? More follow-up needed.

Homelessness: Broad topic that needs to be narrowed down. How does public health impact homelessness? Many agencies will be involved this year- to what capacity would HPHA be involved- where are our resources most needed within this group to offer assistance/public health voice?

Built environment: affects everyone, may be something worth looking into; a topic not covered by other organizations- how can HPHA contribute to this dialogue?

3. LEGTRAX: great resource to HPHA

To Do:

- Please [complete the HPHA Legislative Priorities Survey](#) by Wednesday 11/25.

Next on the Agenda:

- Develop more discussion on priorities based on survey results
- Continue discussion on focus/path of the HPHA Legislative Committee
- Start scheduling meet and greets with Legislators; share our focus/mission

Food For Thought:

Our legislative priorities for 2016 should represent the core functions of public health, identify areas where social justice is needed, focus on population based health, and interlace health equity when relevant.

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