

HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee

Department of Health, Room 119, 9:30 – 11:00am

Meeting Summary 1/12/16

Members present at meeting:

- Hoce Kalkas
- Cindy Goto
- Jill Tamashiro
- Danielle Sharek
- Gerald Ohta
- Pedro Haro
- Holly Kessler

Hand-outs: (also attached)

1. Agenda
2. HPHA Legislative Committee Take-Away Flyer (sample)
3. Kupuna Caucus Meeting Notes

Top Take-aways:

1. **Announcements:**
 - We have another new student intern, John Jones, from HPU that will be joining us this semester! We are excited to have him onboard!
2. **Meeting Discussion:**
 - Reviewed over talking points that were discussed during our recent meeting with Senator Baker.
 - After thoughtful discussion, Committee listed the following topics as potential for LEGTRAX:
 - Maternal Mortality
 - Childhood health- obesity, access to healthy food
 - OTC- OC
 - Paid Family Leave
 - Smoking in Vehicles
 - School Health

- Policies to encourage health and wellness around built environments – discussed how the Committee can be proactive in taking action to start collaborating and making connections, influencing legislators and community leaders to opt for health and wellness options (e.g. placing farmer markets around rail stations vs. fast food chains.)
- Pesticides around schools

Pedro contributed notes he gathered from a recent town hall meeting, gleaned from Representative Chris Lee and Senator Espero that the hot topics for 2016 were:

- Homelessness
- GMOs and their health effects
- Food sustainability
- Health impacts surrounding sugar cane burning
- Sustainability, general

3. LEGTRAX: we are happy to report that we will be subscribing to this resource in 2016!

To Do:

- Let me know if you would like your name to be included in receiving updates on all bills and activities the HPHA Legislative Committee is following.
- If you desire changes, modifications or additions to be made to the LEGTRAX issues list, send them to me. I will be submitting a final list to Joy on Monday 1/18. Please have your submissions in by 1/16.

Next on the Agenda:

- OPENING DAY, JANUARY 20th!!! I will be attending and plan on being at the Capitol by 10:00am! If anyone would like to join me to represent the HPHA, please call or email me so that we can set a meeting place. This should be a fun and exciting day.
- Follow issues list on LEGTRAX
- Start gathering research and drafting testimony

Food For Thought:

What positive outcome do you look forward to seeing happen during the legislative year 2016?

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