

**HPHA Board Meeting
DOH Conference Room 329
January 8, 2016**

Attending: Vicky Rayle, Ethan Allen, Nancy Partika, Christian Gloria, Tiana Fontanilla, Kylie Bretzel, Hali Robinett, Holly Kessler, Hoce Kalkas, Jill Tamashiro, Holly Kessler, Sharon Lum (HPHA Intern)

On phone: Colby Takeda, Margaret Walkover

Meeting called to order: 10:17 AM

Introductions:

All presented introduced themselves.

Announcements:

None

Minutes:

Circulated and approved as presented.

Fiscal report:

\$18,069 in First Hawaiian Bank as of 12/31/15. Income: \$1,675 and Expenses \$11,790. All Conference bills paid and cleared in December. Waiting for two State GIA payments in the amount of \$30,788. Adding this to the current \$18,000 in First Hawaiian Bank, available funds would equal approximately \$48K. Holly reported we would submit again for the State GIA for a total of \$49K. Drafts circulating between Holly, Nancy and Ethan. Due January 22.

\$120,000 EPA Environmental justice RFP. Ethan Allen sent out a draft but has not received feedback. DOH leads have not started writing and HPHA not able to shoulder all the writing either. If no leads, we will pass on this opportunity. Due February 22.

Membership:

Current membership count is 625. Members pending renewal is 18.

Legislative report:

Hoce Kalkas, 2016 Legislative Chair, provided an update on committee progress. The committee has identified goals for 2016. They are: 1) Represent a public health perspective to legislators and the community; 2) Move public health efforts in Hawaii in the direction of health equity and a health in all policies perspective; 3) Improve key public health issues in Hawaii through the legislative process; 4) Provide evidence-based testimony on public health issues. 2016 priorities for consideration include: 1) Access to healthy foods and increased physical activity to include the built environment; 2) Childhood health (school, obesity prevention, etc.); 3) Increased access to primary care for underserved populations. Committee members met with Senator Roz Baker. She identified three issues HPHA is considering: 1) OTC Oral contraceptives; 2) School Health; 3) Telehealth. Hoce provided a summary of

each of the issues. OTC oral contraceptives policies just passed in other states such as Oregon. There is an insurance component that needs to be addressed so that it isn't too expensive. Baker and Bellati are also considering an HPV bill to decrease the age to 11 to increase access to this preventive vaccine. The telehealth bill may be a resolution to start dialog regarding increasing access to neighbor islands. The school health bills may be a continuation of what was started last year in the legislature. There are two new interns from HPU that will start with the legislative committee: John and Danielle.

Joy Gold LegTrax service was presented for discussion. Amount of service is \$600. Motion to proceed with service. Approved.

APHA Update: Nothing to report.

Climate Change & Health:

Submitted 31 page report to DOH on 12/23/15. Report was distributed to legislators through DOH. Copy is available on the HPHA website on Climate Change page. The one page executive summary may be more likely to be read. The committee will continue to meet through May. The report included a list of recommendations some of which included the need for more interagency collaborative such as between DLNR and DOH, etc.; the need to identify linkages between issues; and a need to fill epidemiologist role, and others. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/21/16. Shelby (HPHA intern) will create an infographic. HPHA is discussing with DOH the future of the climate change working group and actions beyond the May 2016 working group meeting.

National Public Health Week:

April 4-8th (first week in April). Possible themes were discussed such as one that would play off of the national theme which is "Healthiest Nation 2030." Some possible considerations are a celebration of Hawaii as the healthiest state while also speaking to the work that has yet to be done or the work it requires to achieve such a status. Also, some noted that it would be interesting to debate Hawaii as being ranked as the "healthiest state" and what are the implications of this. We want to celebrate but also talk about "what it takes." Locations and speakers will need to be selected. Tentative date: April 7, Thursday. 5:30 to 7:30 pending. A small subgroup will explore title, and other details of this event. Hali, Christian, Ethan, Vicki, Jill, and Hoce are some that will discuss this at a later time.

Hawaii Public Health Conference 2016:

Christian reported the possibility of utilizing Aloha Tower as it is now under the acquisition of HPU. It can be used for no cost though logistics with classes will need to be arranged. The conference dates are October 13 and 14. All day 10/13 and half day 1 PM – 7 PM Friday. Rooms include wi-fi and webinar possible. There is discussion about what to do about the \$3000 penalty fee to Hawaii Convention Center. Thoughts to explore donating fee to another agency or to request if HCC will extend our ability to use the space for another date. Holly to follow-up with HCC on options such as extending fee to 2017 event, or donating the fee to a partner organization. 2017 will have a Pacific Global theme.

Next Meeting: Doodle poll will be circulated for February date.

Meeting End: 11:35am