

**HPHA Board Meeting  
DOH Conference Room 119  
May 10, 2016**

Attending: Nancy Partika, Ethan Allen, Christian Gloria, Jill Tamashiro, Tiana Fontanilla, Holly Kessler,

Guests: Margaret Walkover, Hoce Kalkas

Phone: Colby Takeda, Hali Robinett, Lois Arakaki

**Meeting called to order:** 12:00 pm

**Minutes:**

Circulated and approved as presented, with change to Christian's name (spelling error).

**Committees:**

**Committee Chair assignments:**

*Programs/Membership*

**Colby & Margaret to co-chair.** Margaret brings expertise from her work with APHA. She believes in maximizing the richness of the HPHA membership and plans to do outreach to learn of any missed partnership opportunities/ to learn about what skillset and talents we have as a body of membership. Nancy suggested revisiting member survey. Hoce mentioned that HPU students were interested in recruiting other students to HPHA. Her feedback was that students really want more opportunities to network with each other and professionals especially, and would like more events. Ethan suggested ice breaker events. Events like art crawl are appealing to students. Also there are plans to integrate more student specific activities. It was encouraged that HPHA be open to any student initiated activities that HPHA can support.

Nancy announced the development of the Loretta Fuddy Scholarship Fund to be available in about 1-2 months. The scholarship fund is intended for undergraduates interested in public health or public service, but is for UH students only. Nancy mentioned that one direction of HPHA is to "grow the next generation of public health."

Nancy asked if Colby was still connected to the FAMR program at UH and suggested that FAMR could also be a pool of potential student membership.

Also the HPU Public Health Club is interested in partnering with the UH Public Health Hui. HPHA could be the bridge to these two school organizations.

*PGHC 2017 committee*

**Cliff** may chair but would like a co-chair. Hali is open to consulting with chairperson based on her experience as chair in 2012.

### Funds development

**Nancy** will chair, with Lois as Treasurer on the committee. Jill volunteered to be added as member and Holly will serve as well.

### Governance

**Ethan** and possibly **Gerald** to chair. Gerald was not in attendance.

### Legislative

Special acknowledgement to **Hoce Kalkas** for increasing HPHA visibility at the legislature this year, for structuring the legislative committee procedures, and for providing close supervision and nurturing for student interns. Her work and contributions to this committee were unprecedented.

Hoce agrees to help prep over the summer and set up the committee, but is not at this time able to commit to chairing next year. Discussion about a possible well-qualified intern to take her place, given that there is a foundation in place based on what Hoce has built.

Hali suggested submitting an abstract to the Council on Affiliates regarding the legislative committee process for the APHA conference in October.

Reminder – committee members do not need to be on the board. Recruit additional committee members from the membership pool.

### RFP opportunities

Idea 42- Ethan to send link to board for more information about this opportunity in behavioral health. Margaret and Christian to support effort. Hoce also expressed interest.

RWFJ grant opportunity declined due to short deadline and need for community agency partnership.

Dentaquest Foundation grant concept Oral Health 2020 was submitted on April 6. We will hear from them soon whether they approve our concept and we are invited to submit a full proposal.

This grant was discussed with Mikako Deguchi at our last BOD meeting in March. If it moves forward and is funded, HPHA may be starting an initiative to address oral health disparities in fall 2016.

### HPHA Focus/Priorities

Ethan proposed looking into possible strategic direction of organization and identifying interests or priorities. He posed aligning and/or differentiating roles with organizations like HIPHI. The outcome of the conversation was revisiting our strategic plan to avoid “mission drift” when formulating new activities, and to provide an “umbrella” or broad map and allow for flexibility and multi-pronged focus. This plan should also align with committees and will be added to next meeting agenda for discussion. It should also align with APHA strategic plan. Further discussion around HPHA’s role as convener or leader was posed in this meeting to be taken up in next meeting as well. Other topics raised: SWOT analysis, strengths / perspective based on association membership talents, role to create a sense of community.

HPHA's 75 year history and leadership in PH in Hawaii provides a solid base for collaboration while addressing our mission.

### **Webpage**

Need to streamline page, have clear mission statement, make it more user friendly. Consider hiring web designer, or put it out to students to compete.

### **Fiscal report:**

Bank balance: \$41,177 in First Hawaiian bank account as of 4/30/16. Income: \$34,058 and Expenses \$5,502 for the two month period March through April. HPHA annual tax return Form 990 has been filed.

NPHW income and expense report: Income of 96 attendees: \$1,435 and Expenses of \$732 food, \$183 drinks, lei, reims, total expenses \$915, NET profit of \$520.

### **Reimbursement policy**

The President of HPHA is now required to be an APHA member. Motion was made to provide a fixed reimbursement amount to HPHA president in the amount of \$275 to be used for dues at their discretion as well as for other APHA-related expenses and \$1,000 for the ARGC to use for either APHA dues and/or travel to Annual Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding increasing provisions during lucrative years, but setting a fixed baseline. Also neighbor island board member one round trip air fare reimbursement was discussed. Motion was made to reimbursement NI board members RT airfare one time per year to attend the HPHA annual meeting or conference. Motion was approved.

### **Pass - through funding**

Discussion about developing a policy for this process for transparency and accountability. Draft Policy was circulated for review and discussion. Plan to discuss and vote on this at our next meeting.

### **HPHC 2016 updates**

Christian and Tiana reported 24 abstracts have been submitted. Still waiting to confirm plenary speakers with one speaker on climate change (Dr. George Luber), CDC confirmed. Awaiting exact date of presentation, but will ask him for Friday 10/14. He Huliau Conference is in direct conflict with our dates so there are plans to include a small disclaimer on the HPHC website regarding this issue "Sorry for the conflict..." We will check on opportunities to collaborate next year on conference planning and scheduling. Waiting to confirm plenary speakers before setting registration fees should the speakers be a draw.

### **Climate Change & Health**

Nancy reported that next and last meeting will be 5/18/16. The committee may not continue to meet past this date, depending on DOH decision. Dr. Pressler turned over key point of contact role to Scott Glenn in Environmental Division of DOH and DLNR. The Governor has taken this on as a priority and that strategic planning process will determine next steps, staffing and support.

**Legislative Report:**

Hoce provided a summary of this year's legislative session. Thirty three testimonies submitted, 15 bills followed and three are on the Governor's desk for signing: HB 1897, SB2317, SB2319. Overall she reported a great year with the student interns reporting a very positive experience upon their exit interviews. Her recommendation is to continue utilizing Joy Gold's Leg Trax, as it saved much time and was very helpful. She plans to have a summer meeting to prep for next year.

Nancy, Ethan and Holly commended Hoce for her tremendous efforts in getting the committee off the ground, active and visible this year. Kudos to Hoce!

**Membership:**

Current membership count is 635, 2 new members.

Social media update – Facebook likes 517 (up 21) Twitter followers 294 (up 20)

**Next Meeting:** Doodle poll will be circulated for July date.

**Meeting End:** 1:35 pm