

State Commission on Fatherhood

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Lieutenant Governor's Meeting Room, Hawai'i State Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andres Baclig, Greg Farstrup, Michael Kramer, Steven Nakaoka, Marika Ripke, Henry Oliva, Merton Chinen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Loretta Fuddy, Sandy Baz, Bernard Carvalho, Wayne Cordeiro, Sylvia Yuen, Clayton Fujie

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Greg Farstrup at 10:05 a.m. with a quorum of 5 voting members.

2. RESIGNATION - Farstrup announce the resignation of Wayne Cordeiro due to his lack of time to participate adequately. Commissioners were urged to forward suggestions to Chair Farstrup for a new voting member nominee from the religious community, legal profession, and/or business community to fill this vacancy. Suggestions will be discussed at the March SCF meeting and then forwarded to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions.

3. JANUARY 27, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: The January 27, 2005 minutes were approved (Oliva/Kramer; unanimous).

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

a. COMMISSIONER CONFIRMATIONS - Steven Nakaoka and Farstrup attended and presented testimony at the Senate Human Services Committee's February 22nd State Commission on Fatherhood (SCF) voting member confirmation hearings. The committee decided to defer its confirmation decision until Tuesday, March 1st since not all Commission SCF members had provided written testimony and letters of recommendation. SCF member who hadn't provided materials to the Senate Committee agreed to do so before its March 1st meeting.

b. SB 1780 - Henry Oliva and Farstrup testified at the Senate Human Services Committee's February 15th hearing in support of SB 1780 which extends SCF's sunset date to June 30, 2007, administratively attaches SCF to the Department of Human Services, and appropriates funds for the Commission. They informed the Committee that \$50,000 annually is SCF's current budget under consideration. SB 1780 was passed out of this committee to the Senate Ways and Means Committee as SB 1780, SD1.

Farstrup will ask Senator Brian Kanno to help defer the WAM Committee hearing until after the Commission's March meeting. If that is not possible because of the Legislature's bill crossover schedule, Farstrup will consult with other Commissioners to prepare and present testimony to the WAM Committee if it sets a hearing for this bill before the SCF's March meeting. Preliminary figures of \$10,000 transportation for Neighbor Island Commissioners and \$40,000 for various SCF activities was set for explaining the SCF budget estimate.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tenaya Jackman facilitated our strategic planning. Please see the attached documents entitled "Strategic Planning Priorities" and "Brainstorming Ideas from Fatherhood Commission 2/23/2005 Meeting."

6. JUNE IS FATHER'S MONTH – SCF's possible involvement and participation in Father's Month Proclamations and public education events were discussed.

7. PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING

Members should review the Strategic Planning notes, and attach budget estimates to the topics/outputs that came from this brainstorming session.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Submitted by: Marika Ripke, Recording Secretary
Date Submitted: March 7, 2005

Approved by: State Commission on Fatherhood
Date Approved: March 30, 2005