

State Commission on Fatherhood

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2006; Room 229, Hawai'i State Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT: Merton Chinen, Greg Farstrup, Loretta Fuddy, Michael Kramer, Steven Nakaoka, Henry Oliva, Marika Ripke, Russell Suzuki, Sylvia Yuen, Andy Wiegand (DOE representative for Clayton Fujie)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bernard Carvalho

GUESTS: Tom Marzec, Jesse Lipman

1. MEETING CONVENED – The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Farstrup at 10:25 a.m. with a quorum (5-of-9 voting members).

2. APPROVE NOVEMBER 2005 MINUTES

Action: The November 25, 2005 meeting minutes were approved (Kramer/Fuddy; unanimous). The December 30, 2005 Meeting Notes were reviewed.

3. ELECTION OF 2006 SCF OFFICERS

Action: It was decided that the current SCF officers will continue for 2006—Chair: Greg Farstrup; Co-chair: Michael Kramer; Secretary/Treasurer: Marika Ripke (Fuddy, Chinen; unanimous).

4. SCF MEMBERSHIP

- a. SCF Maui, Hilo, and Oahu Commissioner vacancies: Myrna Murdock on Oahu and Michael Dias in Hilo have submitted their applications to be voting SCF members. Sandi Baz is actively seeking a Maui replacement for his position. Farstrup will contact Bernard Carvalho to see if he can make the meetings or, if not, suggest a Kauai replacement. Wiegand expressed his interest in attending the meetings more permanently as the DOE representative, and all Commissioners agreed he is a very good fit.
- b. Commissioner confirmation process: Oliva reported that Ms. Rice in the Governor's Boards & Commissions office said she will advance names in late Jan/early Feb.

5. SCF BUDGET AND FUNDING

- a. **Action:** Approved the "apparent" authority of SCF Chair to sign a DHS Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on behalf of SCF (Fuddy, Kramer; unanimous).
- b. Repayment of SCF members for Neighbor Island travel expenses: Oliva's assistant at DHS, Elizabeth, will process the reimbursements for the time being. Commissioners should submit them directly to her in the future.
- c. **Action:** Approved SCF's proposal to Hawaii Children's Trust Fund (HCTF) for a State-wide Fatherhood event (Kramer, Nakaoka; unanimous). SCF will request \$10K for a first State-wide Hawaii Fatherhood Conference. We would partner with the Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii conference in April, hold our conference the day after their conference (tentative date: April 7th), and piggyback on their advertising. In addition to the \$10K requested from the HCTF, the Conference budget included a \$20 conference fee from 250 people, some SCF funding, and some in-kind contributions. Kramer will coordinate the hotel arrangements, agenda preparation, and promotional activities.

6. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- a. 2006 Legislative bills relating to SCF funding and membership: The SCF Senate and House bills are part of the Keiki Caucus package. Farstrup will draft testimony and clear with others. We all need to make a concerted effort to submit our own written testimony at a minimum, and in person testimony, if possible.
- b. SCF 2006 Legislative Package: We will discuss this at the February meeting.

RECESS: *The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. for the Commissioners to attend a News Conference in the Governor's Office where Chair Farstrup signed the DHS MOA on behalf of the SCF and answered media questions about the SCF.*

RECONVENED: *The meeting reconvened at NOON without a quorum (Yuen did not return).*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Public Info & Ed (Ripke, Yuen) – No report.
- b. Policy & Practice (Farstrup, Kramer) – Kramer is revising the agency survey. He has been communicating with Christine from DHS regarding obtaining a list of providers and their e-mails.
- c. Public Relations & Promotion (Carvalho, Fujie, Nakaoka) – No report.
 - 1) Membership in the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund Alliance
- d. Recognition/Events (Chinen, Oliva) – No report.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. **Schedule** – Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- b. **Place** – Future meetings will be held in the Lt. Governor's Conference Room.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Marika Ripke, Recording Secretary
Date Submitted: February 21, 2006

Approved by: State Commission on Fatherhood
Date Approved: May 30, 2006