

# State Commission on Fatherhood

## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy Baz, Merton Chinen, Greg Farstrup, Michael Kramer, Steven Nakaoka, Henry Oliva, Marika Ripke, Sylvia Yuen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bernard Carvalho, Calvin Chinen, Russell Suzuki, Loretta Fuddy, Clayton Fujie

GUESTS: Chris Letham, Tom Marzec, Myrna Murdoch (from Suzanne Chun-Oakland's office)

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Farstrup at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum of 6 voting members.

### **2. JUNE 29, 2005 MEETING MINUTES**

ACTION: The June 29, 2005 minutes were approved (Yuen / Nakaoka; unanimous).

**3. SCF HILO MEMBER VACANCY** – Farstrup met with Mike Dias at Alu Like in Hilo and he is interested, but has no travel resources. Andy Kahili, a Healthy Start program director in Hilo, is also interested. Michael Kramer knows both of them and thinks either would be good.

### **4. SCF FUNDING**

- a. **SCF in the Governor's 2006-07 Budget** – Oliva will discuss with DHS Director Koller whether SCF funding could be part of DHS's budget proposal for inclusion in the Governor's next Budget proposal to the Legislature. He will help SCF through the budgeting process.
- b. **Federal Welfare Monies** – Nothing has passed. It is not clear if these monies will only fund direct services or if indirect services are also eligible. Oliva said that TANF funds have become virtually non-existent. Large portion of TANF funds are going to the State's Reserve Fund, and the rest to existing programs. Jacqueline Rose of the State's Head Start program could tell us about funding streams.
- c. **Other Funding: Partners in Development Foundation** – Oliva met with Partners in Development Foundation ([pidfoundation.org](http://pidfoundation.org)). The JTIC organization wants to provide funding for fatherless families. Oliva will invite someone from this organization to one of our meetings. Oliva will also alert us to the funding schedule, when we need to submit our package, etc. It will need to be sometime in September.
- d. **Other Funding: Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund (HCTF)** – M. Chinen will check to see if we qualify for HCTF funding, and whether we need to find another fiscal agency sponsor (e.g., PACT). The HCTF proposal is due in by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Kramer will take the lead with drafting the proposal. It was suggested that we check with Judith Clark at the Hawaii Youth Services Network about being SCF's fiscal agent, as this is part of what they do.
- e. **Other Funding Discussions** – Henry will get budget from the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) so we can use as an example for submitting our budget. Pam Ferguson-Quick is the CSW's new executive director. Greg mentioned the HMSA Foundation funding.

### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Public Info & Ed (Ripke, Yuen)** – Ripke confirmed with Sen. Chun-Oakland's office that we will do a presentation on the State Commission on Fatherhood at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Keiki Caucus meeting. Farstrup (and whoever else would like) will make the presentation. We will discuss this presentation further at our next meeting.

Ripke announced that the UH Center on the Family (COF) will have a table at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Children and Youth Day, and invited Commissioners to participate and have a presence/represent the Commission at this event. We plan to prepare a SCF brochure to hand out at this event. Yuen offered that the COF would create this brochure, and would need the following: 1) text from Farstrup's SB 1780 SCF testimony for background on the Commission, what we do, etc; and 2) father and family photos to include in the brochure (Kramer, Oliva, and Farstrup will look for some).

- b. Policy & Practice (Baz, Farstrup, Kramer, Suzuki)** – Kramer distributed a preliminary survey to assess current programs available to fathers. The committee members provided feedback; Kramer will revise accordingly and distribute revised survey at next meeting.

Baz has identified a Representative and Senator from Maui to help garner Neighbor Island support. Every Commissioner should help do this as well. Baz talked about his agency's past work program on Maui that helped non-custodial fathers find jobs, acquire job skills, etc. so that they could pay their child support. This program was not continued, even though there were funds to do so. However, we could include this program as an example of "best practices" program.

Farstrup talked to someone from the National Association of Social Workers and to Judy Clark about legislative screening. They were "open" to this. UH AmeriCorps and ALU LIKE work programs may be ways to arrange for some staffing help for the Commission.

- c. PR & Promotion (Carvalho, Fujie, Nakaoka)** – Nothing to report.
- d. Recognition/Events (Oliva, M. Chinen)** – Oliva and M. Chinen will contact Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland about the possibility of combining the solicitation and presentation of the Family-Friendly Business Awards with the Children and Youth Month Awards event in October that she and Rep. Dennis Arakaki coordinate. They will also look into the details of the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund funding for statewide events to help support a SCF Fatherhood Conference. They will research SCF piggybacking on other conferences.

## **6. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- a. Schedule** – If J.P. Soden from the Region 9 federal office can meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with SCF members about local fatherhood resources and issues, SCF's next meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Lt. Governor's office. Farstrup will inform everyone of whether Soden can make this arrangement.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 (Yuen / Kramer; unanimous).

**Submitted by:** Marika Ripke, Recording Secretary  
Date Submitted: August 10, 2005

**Approved by:** State Commission on Fatherhood  
**Date Approved:** October 25, 2005