

State Commission on Fatherhood

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andres Baclig, Bernard Carvalho, Greg Farstrup, Clayton Fujie Michael Kramer,
Steven Nakaoka, Henry Oliva, Marika Ripke, Sylvia Yuen,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Baz, Merton Chinen, Loretta Fuddy, Russell Suzuki

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Greg Farstrup at 10:07 a.m with a quorum of 7 voting members.

2. FEBRUARY 23, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: The February 23, 2005 minutes were approved as circulated (Carvalho/Yuen; unanimous).

3. VOTING MEMBER NOMINEE SUGGESTIONS

Greg Farstrup and Henry Oliva will inform the Governor's office of Wayne Cordeiro's resignation, and submit names/recommendations for a replacement member. The Commission would like the replacement member to represent the faith based community; however, the Commission would also like participation (as a non voting member, or guest) someone who understands the legal issues fathers face (e.g., paternity, custody).

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

a. SB 1780 re State Commission on Fatherhood – Farstrup will be gone from April 8th – 28th. He will prepare testimony and give to Kramer before he leaves.

b. SB 1775 re Parenting Classes and Child/Family-Friendly Visitation Centers – This bill died; but may be put into the Senate's budget request to help keep program going.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Kramer distributed document entitled "Strategic Planning Priorities" which summarized members' priorities for the Commission's activities over the next 3 years.

ACTION: The following 4 Subcommittees were formed and membership in each is as follows:

- Public Information and Education – Ripke and Yuen
- Policy and Practices – Farstrup and Kramer
- Public Relations and Promotion – Baclig, Carvalho, Fujie, and Nakaoka
- Recognition/Events – Oliva

Farstrup will contact absent members and encouraged them to join the subcommittee of their choice.

The Commission went through all of the activities listed on pages 6-7 of the "Strategic Planning Priorities" document (i.e., the activities that were voted to have the highest priority) and assigned each task to one of the four subcommittees.

ACTION:

It was decided that each subcommittee will go through the entire “Strategic Planning Priorities” document and decide which of the tasks it will complete in the next 3 years. Subcommittees may also add activities not presently included in the “Strategic Planning Priorities” document. Each subcommittee will report back to the Commission at the April 27th meeting with an action plan for the subcommittee for the next 3 years, as well as a preliminary budget. Subcommittees may consult with community members outside of the Commission to inform their action plans.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS

a. Schedule – The next meeting will be held on April 27th. Meeting dates were also set for Wednesday May 25th and Wednesday June 29th. The meeting time was reduced from 3 to 2 hours, starting at 10:00 a.m.

b. Travel Expenses – Farstrup is currently awaiting reimbursement from previous meetings. We may have to look to other sources of funding for neighbor island travel expenses for May and June (anticipating that we will receive state funding in July). One suggestion was for members’ agencies to cover travel expenses. The Coalition for Dads is another possibility.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm (Carvalho/Yuen; unanimous).

Submitted by: Marika Ripke, Recording Secretary
Date Submitted: April 5, 2005

Approved by: State Commission on Fatherhood
Date Approved: April 27, 2005