

State Commission on Fatherhood
Meeting Minutes; Tuesday, May 30, 2006
Lt. Gov. Meeting Room, Hawai'i State Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Farstrup, Michael Kramer, Henry Oliva, Sylvia Yuen, Marika Ripke,
Loretta Fuddy, Russell Suzuki, Myrna Murdoch, Barrett Awai, Andy Wiegand

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bernard Carvalho, Merton Chinen, Mike Dias

GUESTS: Tom Marzec, Scott Ray (DHS Grant Administrator)

1. Meeting Convened - The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Farstrup at 10:17 a.m. with a quorum (6-of-9 voting members).

2. ACTION: The January 17, 2006 meeting minutes were approved (Yuen/Murdoch: unanimous)

3. SCF Membership

- a. SCF Maui, Hilo, and Oahu Commissioners – Mike Dias has filled Hilo vacancy and Barrett Awai has filled the Oahu vacancy. Still need to fill Maui position. Henry is going to check with the Boards and Commissions re: the reappointment of existing members.
- b. E-mail list for SCF agenda and minutes – It was agreed that the adopted minutes would be posted on the SCF website. Unapproved minutes and documents will only go to SCF Commissioners. SCF agenda will be sent to Commissioners and a large e-mail list of those who are interested in SCF's activities. We need to add key legislators to our information e-mail list.

4. SCF officers – Farstrup discussed his limited availability for the SCF and asked the Commission to consider selecting another SCF Chair.

5. SCF Budget and Funding

- a. SCF-DHS \$50,000 TANF MOA – Oliva will check on this. RFP will go out to communities soon.
- b. Federal Fatherhood Funding Resources and SCF – Scott Ray distributed grant proposal guidelines and offered to serve in a supervisory/editorial capacity to the commission in the grant writing process. Proposals due July 3rd. Letter of intent due June 1st (Oliva will prepare and submit). **ACTION:** It was agreed that SCF would submit a letter of intent, as well as support/collaborate with other agencies who are submitting proposals (e.g., PACT, Children's Rights Coalition) (Ripke/Kramer: unanimous).

6. Legislative Issues

- a. 2006 Legislative SCF bills
 - 1) SB 2188 (re: adding Public Safety Dept. to SCF membership) – passed, not signed yet.
 - 2) SB 2189 (re: SCF \$122,000 appropriation for 2006—07) – not passed.
- b. SCF's sunset date – We need to ask for repeal or extension.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Events/ Recognition
 - 1) June is Father's month. Farstrup passed out flyers announcing the 8th Annual Celebrate Fathers events scheduled for June 10th and 17th.
 - 2) SCF Fatherhood Conference – Ripke passed out a summary of the evaluations from the April SCF conference. They were very positive overall and indicate a desire for an annual conference.
- b. Public Information and Education – Kramer has submitted SCF content for website to Christine at DHS. Once up, we will need to devise a strategy to let the public know it is up and running.
- c. Policy and Practices—Kramer reported that the provider survey is still in progress.
- d. Public Relations and Promotion – ACTION: SCF will join the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund Alliance (Murdoch/Kramer: unanimous).

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Schedule – Meeting will continue to be held the last Tuesday of every month; however, we have changed the start and end times to 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for June 27th from 11 – 2.
- b. Place – Future meetings will be held in the Lt. Governor's office.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 12:35 p.m. (Ripke/Oliva: unanimous)

Submitted by: Marika Ripke, Secretary
Date Submitted: June 22, 2006

Approved by: State Commission on Fatherhood
Date Approved: July 25, 2006