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Aloha *Action Strategy* Conveners and Team Members,

I wanted to personally thank all of you for your hard work and effort on the *Action Strategy*. As I move into my new position I will be working closely with JoAnn Farnsworth to understand the nuances of each Team and the many projects and accomplishments you have achieved. As you continue to meet and do your work, Jo and I will be meeting as we prepare for the transition to the next phase of the *Action Strategy*. Jo has been contracted with the Collaborative Leaders Network of Hawaii to serve as consultant to work collaboratively with myself and the incoming *Action Strategy Coordinator* to support the continuity of *Action Strategy* principles and relationships as the EOEL transitions to new leadership.

Much of the *Action Strategy* work and approach that began in July 2012 will provide the foundation as we move to implementation and actions, some of which has already begun! Some of the specific characteristics that will remain during the next phase as the *Action Strategy* moves to implementation, includes the coordination by the Executive Office on Early Learning [EOEL]; community based discussions with representatives from various agencies, both public and privately funded; participation of Early Learning Advisory Board [ELAB] members in workgroups; regular meetings both at the small group and whole group levels to facilitate communication, accountability, and shared decision making; written reports to constituents; updates at ELAB and other early childhood venues to engage stakeholders and build momentum; and continuation of the *Action Strategy* as foundation for work – overarching outcomes, values and guiding principles.

In the next few weeks I will be sharing with you the next evolutionary stage of the EOEL's comprehensive early childhood agenda which will include the advancement of the *Action Strategy* into a policy agenda. This will include the elaboration of "First Steps" for each *Action Strategy* Goal area into development/implementation actions; clearly defined indicators (leading and lagging) for each EOEL *Action Strategy* that are reported regularly; articulation of relationship of policy agenda with departments' and partners' priorities and initiatives; and criteria for evaluating the progress and success for each EOEL *Action Strategy* workgroup.

If you have any questions about the *Action Strategy*, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have listed my new contact information below.

I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



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