

Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)

Thursday, October 9, 2014

1:30 am – 4:00 pm

The public may attend the meeting in any of the locations specified below:

Main Site: Shriners Education Center Building, Makai Room
1310 Punahou Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

Meeting Chair and Vice Chair will preside at the Shriners location.

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Pankaj Bhanot, Michael Fahey, Christine Jackson, Robert Peters, Namaka Rawlins, Christina Cox, Angela Thomas (for Anna Peters), Danette Tomiyasu (for Linda Rosen), Leila Hayashida (for Kathryn Matayoshi), Joanne Taira, Louise Iwaishi-Kido (for Malia Shimokawa), Kaina Bonacorsi, Ben Naki, Debbi Amaral (for Lynn Cabato)

Absent: Alfred Castle, Nalani Mattox-Primacio, Chris Pating, Lisa Kimura

Executive Office on Early Learning staff in attendance: GG Weisenfeld, Kalei Keolanui, Deanne Goya

Public in Attendance:

James Raymond, Melissa Pavlicek, Karen Lee, Jin Chang, Keiko Nitta, Kanoe Naone, Deborah Zysman, Tom Hutton, Lance Iwaishi, MD

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
MINUTES:		
Welcome/Introductions— Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair welcomed Leila Hayashida, DOE, Debbi Amaral, HCAP, and Pankaj Bhanot, DHS, to the Board todayThank you for the extremely productive retreat last month	
Review and Approve 7/10/14 Meeting, 9/11/14 Retreat Minutes, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Missing 7/10/14 Executive Session Minutes noted (not included in packet for Members)	Minutes unanimously approved, 14-0

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<p>9/11/14 Meeting Minutes Minutes—Christina Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vice Chair Christina Cox</u> asked the AG if the business portion of the 9/11/14 Minutes need to be approved separately from the Retreat Minutes • <u>AG James Raymond</u> stated that there are no rules saying Meeting Minutes have to be approved. They just need to be made available to the Public 30 days after the meeting. • Minutes should be presented to the Board with the DRAFT watermark until read by the Board members • Move to approve the 3 sets of Minutes • All present in favor; none opposed 	
<p>Leadership Report — Bob Peters and Christina Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Chair Bob Peters</u> In response to a request from DOH, the Chair provided a letter of support ---as we did in 2011---to a request for a Funding Opportunity Announcement for a Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting expansion grant. The new FOA seeks to increase capacity, enrollment, and retention in high -risk communities. • <u>Vice Chair Christina Cox:</u> HAEYC Conference, 10/10-11/14. Mike Fahey is Co-Chair. Theme is “Equity for every child”. On Friday, the Leadership portion of the conference, Bob, Christina and GG will talk about the State-of-the-State and Early Learning. 	
<p>Executive Office on Early Learning Update —GG Weisenfeld</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGA Team: Albert Wat is really excited about the progress the team has made • Preschool Development Grant: without EOEL support, it was determined DOE could not satisfy the grant requirements • The Charter School Commission will take over the grant as lead agency (EOEL has been working on the grant around the clock) • GG will be able to fill the ELAB in more after the grant is submitted this week • EOEL is working on its transition plan 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerrie is not at this meeting because she just became an Omidyar Fellow and is attending a leadership workshop—she will give her report at the next meeting • Chair: Can we see your transition plan so we know what kind of support is needed? 	
<p>Action Strategy Sustainability —Bob Peters and Christina Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What role are we going to have during the transition to support the Action Strategy?</i> • HEICC: have we drifted away from our commitment to the statute or 0-8? We are trying to get to a place where we are clear—linking to DOE makes us emphasize the educational piece. Due to legislative priorities, EOEL has had to concentrate on educational priorities • Pediatrics: the holistic view of the child sees the whole child • <i>As the EOEL becomes attached to DOE, how does ELAB remain committed to their original intentions?</i> • HEICC: the membership has the responsibility to carry out the mission of their individual constituencies • Action Strategies and the plan, and the framework • Let’s review the Purpose Statement • Originally the ELAB had teeth, but the political climate pulled them out • We need to be out their saying, “We are here to guide you & help you maintain this system” • The Governor needs to appoint an EOEL Director ASAP • Transition Plan: 1) Appoint EOEL Director immediately • Chair: We need to meet with the Governor candidates to persuade them to support EOEL • Question—Pediatrics: Why aren’t we meeting with candidates now? • Answer—Melissa Pavlicek: Wait until after November 4. • Deb Zysman: GBA has met with all the candidates 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council of Mayors, Hawaii Island:</u> as a community member, she has been drafting talking point and meeting with candidates on her own 	
<p>ELAB Focus Statement and Talking Points—Miki Lee, Bob Peters, and Christina Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Strategy 0-8, while statute is 0-5—does ELAB want to expand to 0-8? • <u>Council of Mayors, Maui:</u> Are we still supporting the application for the preschool development grant now that the Charter Schools are going to be the agency? • <u>HEICC:</u> Our purpose is defined for us, how we implement it is up to us • <u>AG:</u> the test for each talking point is: Does it exceed legislative intent? • <u>Vice Chair:</u> What are our most critical action items for the next legislative session? • <u>Chair:</u> Prepare for new Administration (and staff): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer our support ○ Convey the importance of an EOEL appointment ○ Connect Administration with GG and the transition plan ○ Seek future infrastructure support <p>How do we stay in touch after December 1 to ensure the ELAB continues?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer our support to the DOE Superintendent with the EOEL transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item: Move to adopt Focus Statement & Talking Points, with changes and share them as appropriate. Any discussion? ○ No discussion. Chair’s move to adopt Focus Statement & Talking Points with changes, approved unanimously, 14-0. 	<p>Action Item: Move to adopt Focus Statement & Talking Points and share them as appropriate. Adopted, 14-0.</p>
<p>Member Updates—Christina Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>HS Collaboration Office:</u> 1 person per state to help with the relationships between communities, families, and children 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource for grantees ○ supports the Head Start Directors ○ GG has been working with DOE's HR to ensure Chris's position ○ DHS: GG needs to notify the main Head Start office and make sure that Region 9 is aware of the situation ● Head Start: HS Awareness Month—50 Year Anniversary ● Partnership Grant awards in January-March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1300 performance standards draft will be rolled out this winter ● DOH: DOH working on their transition plan ● Pediatrics: Pediatricians really appreciate attending these different Board meetings—lots of comprehensive information ● DHS: creating a status quo budget, and creating an ideal budget both approved by B&F's outgoing director, having each division & their individual programs submit detailed operations reports of their functions and expenses, including any litigations, upcoming projects, etc., creating Governor's Messages, and preparing for the upcoming second POD enrollment period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 29 at Haseko will be the QRIS project evaluation: reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Fund (an unfunded mandate) ○ A lot of protests from the States—requires staff to be experts in the field ● DOE: Dan Miyamoto is the Section Administrator, the lava flow is affecting our pre-K and elementary schools ● Council of Mayors, Hawaii Island: there is an increase in domestic violence and child abuse cases in the storm & lava flow areas—negative social impact ● Council of Mayors, Maui: the Council increased the ask to over \$1 Million for Early Learning programs ● Hawaiian Medium Language: there were statewide professional 	
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	<p>development programs last week where GBA gave a presentation on the Con Am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H AIS: Interviews are currently being conducted, and the new executive director should be appointed soon 	
Public Comment —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Based Programs: attended the Hawaii Data Exchange Partnership meeting last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Childhood needs one place to search for data tracking children ○ KCAA/HCAP/HS/P20 Partnership ○ KCAA = 82% match ○ HCAP = 94% match • Chair: Can you please keep the ELAB informed on the project? • GBA: We would appreciate an endorsement • Contact us anytime • GBA’s role is helping various community groups find consensus on community issues and advocate for them 	
Review Agenda Outcomes —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the talking points and focus statement with some revisions • Invited to give recommendations for EOEL for the transition plan • Created ‘What’s next?’ list • Please forward any items you want on the next agenda to Bob and Christina 	
Announcements	The next ELAB meeting is November 13, 2014, at the Koolau Ballrooms and Conference Center in Kaneohe from 1:30-4:00PM.	
Executive Session	No items from the AG.	
Closing —Mike Fahey	<p><i>A peacefulness follows any decision, even the wrong one.</i> -Rita Mae Brown</p> <p><i>Leadership is an art expressed by the demonstration of characters</i></p>	

	<i>worthy of imitation, emulation and inspiration. It is neither a title nor a position.</i>	
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Submitted by: Kalei Keolanui