

Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)

Thursday, November 14, 2013

1:30 am – 3:05 pm

Koolau Ballrooms and Conference Center, 45-550 Kionaole Rd. Kaneohe, HI 96744

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Dana Balansag (for Pankaj Bhanot), Kaina Bonascorsi, Michael Fahey, Deliana Fuddy, Christine Jackson, Robert Peters, Lora Perry, Namaka Rawlins, Angela Thomas, Ben Naki, Lynn Cabato,

Absent: Katherine Matayoshi, Malia Shimokawa, Alfred Castle, Christina Cox, Pamela Perkins, Dee Jay Mailer

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

Public in Attendance:

Keiko Nitta, Cindy Hirai, Kuulani Keohokalole, Robyn Chun, Kim Guieb, Linda Buck, James Raymond, Nalani Mattox-Primacio, Mary Ann Nemoto, Grace Fong, Anne Peters, Berna Souza, Susan Entz, Anuhea Mertens, Kamalei N. Pai, Luana Jardine, Gale Flynn, Kathy Murphy, Carla Hostetter

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
MINUTES:		
Opening/Welcome —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair welcomed the Members and public for driving over the Pali for the meetingAnnounced the Board would go into Executive Session after the meeting to discuss the Board's authority to take a public position on the pending Con Am	
Review and Approve 11/14/13 Minutes —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members Chris Jackson and Namaka Rawlins requested the Minutes be clarified in the Members Updates section regarding Head Start and WiPC:E in Hawaii:	Minutes approved with clarification

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Jackson: (clarification) October is Head Start Awareness Month, which began October 22, 1982. Irony is that sequestration has resulted in 72 fewer children being served in Hawaii and a loss of \$1.3 million, and 23 programs have closed • Nalani Mattox-Primacio: WiPC:E will be in the Hawaii in October 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invited ELAB to help host at the reception on the grounds of Keiki O Kaina on 10/24/134 • Namaka Rawlins: All Some of Aha Punana Leo schools will be visited on the islands during the WiPC:E site visits 	
<p>McREL Report Posting Discussion—Deliana Fuddy and Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After reviewing the report, hearing comments from the public, and discussion over whether or not to post the McREL Report, the Chair motioned for agreement not to post the report: the 11 Members unanimously agreed not to post the McREL report 	<p>Board agreed unanimously not to post the McREL report: 11-0 for not posting</p>
<p>Executive Office on Early Learning Update—Director GG Weisenfeld, Ph.D. and Kerrie Urosevich</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG Weisenfeld: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nov-Dec 2013: We all need to be prepared to explain the 4’s program if Con Am passes or doesn’t pass ○ Nov 2013-Oct 2014: Public awareness—it’s EOEL’s role to educate the public about the age change ○ Nov 2014: Voter decision ○ By Jan 2015: Secure funding ○ Nov 2013-July 2015: RFP components identified; includes requirement for getting state funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RFP is released • We are focusing on what is linked to positive early childhood outcomes • We are channeling our funding requests to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POD: increased subsidy amount (goes to DHS to change the co-pay structure) ○ DOE: DOE ECE specialist 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FCIL: EOEL ○ 4's in DOE: EOEL ○ EOEL Staff: fiscal and program specialist ○ We changed the priority for late-borns in the bill because it makes logistical sense as it became too complicated ● Other EOEL activities: ● 10/16/13 EDU/EDN Joint Briefing on the change in the kindergarten age: legislative issue briefing outlining EOEL's curriculum support on our webpage ● 11/4-5/13 Head Start Collaboration Regional Meeting in San Francisco ● 11/9/13 Senator Schatz' Women & Family Summit ● 11/12/13 TECC Meeting: exploring ways to include higher ed ● Senator Hirono's Google Hangout on early ed legislation ● Kerrie Urosevich: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our immediate need is to get this bill passed for the 4's ○ Legislators think all EOEL is dealing with are preschools ○ We will have a better idea of what to ask the legislators for after we do the Action Strategy work ○ Please invite your friends to join the Action Strategy, but make it clear their participation should be based on their work ○ Participants need to pinpoint the strategies they choose to work on, and target their efforts 	
<p>Early Learning Advisory Board Strategic Plan Communication Strategy: Website—Miki Lee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Aesthetics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looks clean ○ Add photos showing who we serve (children and family versus our internal work. ○ We are limited by the style/template that the State supports. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Function</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Easy to navigate; the menus work. ○ Does not work with mobile technology. • <u>Purpose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide general information about EOEL and its work (include the history of EOEL and ELC). ○ Serve as a resource. ○ Refer to our mission as state in legislation. • <u>Audience</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providers/Professionals. ○ Policy makers. ○ Families and general population. • <u>Suggestions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More links to other agencies and organizations. ○ More data or links to data. ○ Shape the format around the Action Plan. ○ Create a dashboard showing our progress on our priority areas. ○ Show the entire spectrum of "early childhood" (not just the educational portion). ○ More about ELAB. ○ Links to: DOH, DOE, PATCH, HAYC, HELDS/HELVS (?), P3, GBA • <u>What's next....</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We asked members to forward their favorite sites, to suggest appropriate resource links and to take a look at the site from time to time and continue to give feedback. ○ As significant changes are made, GG will make a note in her email briefings and ask member to take a look. 	
<p>Member Updates—Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaina Bonacorsi: lively discussion at the Hawaii Council of Mayors meeting regarding asking for 3 neighbor island 	

	<p>representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lora Perry: make sure the Mayor’s Council appoints someone with an Early Childhood background ○ GG Weisenfeld: spoke to Boards & Commissions—EOEL cannot be involved with the process ● DHS: ready to release their administrative rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POD is in the process of ramping up services 	
Public Comment — Deliana Fuddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Linda Buck: they are grateful for not posting the McREL study, but what employers said in the study should be shared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employees are going to be asking more out of our products of our educating our early learning teachers ○ Recommends creating a similar opportunity for a conversation with employers and higher education 	
Review Agenda Outcomes —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members endorsed the decision not to post the McREL Report ● Discussed the notion of holistic system building and examining the future look at the bigger system and all its elements ● Website changes: members asked to check it regularly ● More discussion on bringing in more neighbor island members 	
Announcements —Bob Peters	The December ELAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 12, 2013, but members will be informed a week before the meeting	
Closing —Bob Peters	ELAB meeting adjourned at 3:05PM, and the Chair asked the public to leave the room so the Board members could go immediately into Executive Session	
Executive Session — CLOSED SESSION	Executive Session was held, and no further action will be taken at this time.	

Submitted by: Kalei Keolanui