

Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)
Thursday, November 8, 2012
1:30 am – 4:00 pm
Kinau Hale, 1st Floor Boardroom, Department of Health

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Dana Balansag (for Pankaj Bhanot), Pankaj Bhanot (on phone), Kaina Bonacorsi, Christina Cox, Michael Fahey (on phone), Deliana Fuddy, Dee Jay Mailer, Diane Young (for Kathryn Matayoshi), Ben Naki, Namaka Rawlins, Angela Thomas, Kerrie Urosevich, Lynn Cabato, Bob Peters, Christine Jackson

Absent: Alfred Castle, Linda Johnsrud, Kenneth Nakamura, Lora Perry, Pamela Perkins

Executive Office on Early Learning staff & consultants in attendance: Terry Lock, Melodie Vega, Kalei Keolanui, JoAnn Farnsworth, Wimmie Wong Lui, Teresa Vast, Kathie Reinhardt

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
MINUTES:		
Opening/Welcome – Bob Peters, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions made. 	
Minutes – 10/11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed 10/11 minutes. 	Minutes approved with changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1 is an action item. • #2 is an amendment.
Update on Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedagogical workgroup not convened yet. 2. The amendment in HELDS document has been inserted. 	
Department of Health Update – Deliana Fuddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking for Tobacco funds. • Early Intervention Initiative completed. • Asking \$1M to reinstate BabySAFE programs. • There is a gap in services for children with developmental delays; asking for just under \$1M for preschool developmental screenings. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting statutory language amendment for home visiting program. • Looking at a stable base of funding – an omnibus bill addressing infant mortality. • Introducing a bill that will look at how we can increase screenings. • Obesity Prevention ad in Hawaii Business Magazine. • Introducing a safety package. • Need to show broad base support for all the bills, etc., that will be introduced on behalf of DOH. 	
<p>Early Childhood Development and Learning System Plan Development - Terry Lock</p>	<p><i>Information and Update on Emerging Strategies and Timeline – JoAnn Farnsworth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1 – still developing strategies • Goal 2 – identifying system issues that would support early childhood – developing an early learning and response system (EARS) • Goal 3 – how do we make sure families are engaged? • Goal 4 – 3 primary areas: literacy continuum, program standards for preschool program (a start to developing overall principles for all ages), infant/toddler strategies • Goal 5 – continuity across systems, use of HELDS • Goal 6 – developing of coaching and mentoring, assessment tool that measures teacher performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams are narrowing down strategies. Hope to have a document by the end of December to include priorities and effective sequencing. • Phase Two would involve asking other states for assistance in developing the system elements. <p><i>What is the role of ELAB re: the Action Strategy process?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Strategy work comes out of EOEL. Participation on the 	

	<p>core team is a way for ELAB to participate – EOEL extended invitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When plan has been completed, EOEL will identify how ELAB can support the individual strategies. <p><i>Overview of Governor’s Early Learning Program – Terry Lock</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program falls under the context of the Action Strategy work. • Lead consultant Teresa Vast and her team drafted the white paper that will inform Program planning. • PowerPoint presentation outlining the Program. • Statement from BMV leadership council: 10 years is a long time for people to wait for service to all four-year-olds; recommend EOEL re-examines the timeline. • Use general funds – new money – to fund the Program. • Recommendation made that ELAB consider the biennium when looking at how we can be more aggressive with Program ask. • Suggestion made that EOEL look at a six-year window. • Need to work on the messaging to both Legislature and public; should be inspirational. • EOEL could present a revised six-year plan every biennium. • DHS’ role: DHS would take care of all non-late-borns and EOEL would cover late-borns. Also asking for increase in child care subsidies. • Still need to work out details re: distribution of subsidies through the Program. • Constitution states State funds cannot be provided to private educational institutions: need Constitutional amendment to fully implement Program but in the meantime EOEL can contract with DHS-licensed programs. • FCILs cannot be included as they are license-exempt, but they want to work toward being included. • Disappointment expressed that EOEL is not open to discussion 	
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	<p>re: the outline of the plan shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program elements probably can't change, but EOEL wants ELAB feedback on details of implementation. • Mention was made that EOEL had to meet a deadline in putting a Program plan. If ELAB sees some things that need to be included, they can provide written input to EOEL. • Need to clarify ELAB's relationship to EOEL. • Mention made that ELAB needs to put their weight behind the Program plan. <p><i>Preparation for 2013 Legislative Session – Terry Lock</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would ELAB be interested supporting a children's package? • EOEL will be putting together a team to oversee next steps while legislation is moving through process. 	
<p>Public Comment - Bob Peters</p>	<p><i>Be My Voice! Hawaii campaign – Jacce Mikulanec</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 40,000 hits since the TV and print ad. • Going into production on “The Power of Preschool,” a 16-page insert in Hawaii Business Magazine. Need sponsors for the \$45K cost. • Connect with your legislators – last month, BMV connected with two legislators re: young children. <p>Steve Teves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unions should be engaged: they need to say early learning is good for their members or could say that \$22M can wait another year. • BMV leadership council has union representation that is working on union buy-in. • BMV doing a lot of union outreach. • HSTA is key - school readiness can be a message. • What is resonating with unions is their need for child care as a lot of union members need help with child care. 	

<p>Review Agenda Outcomes– Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH will provide updates on DOH bill status. • Looked at Action Strategy work and received an invitation to Nov. 27 core team meeting. • Reviewed Early Learning Program plan. EOEL asked for support regarding funding. 	<p>Two items will be added to December agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Role of ELAB relating to EOEL. 2. What is best for four-year-olds and the issue of family choice?
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Randall Nishiyama of the Department of the Attorney General for guiding the Early Learning Council and ELAB. Jim will be taking over Randall’s assignment to ELAB. • Next meeting: Dec. 13, 2012, at Hanahau’oli School. • Mike shared 3 quotes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “If you don’t have time to do it right, when will you time to do it over?” 2. “It isn’t what you do but how you do it.” 3. “It is the details that are vital; little things make big things happen.” 	
<p>Meeting Adjourned @ 3:44 p.m.</p>	<p>Christina moved to adjourn.</p>	<p>Unanimously moved to adjourn at 3:44 p.m.</p>

Submitted by: Melodie Vega and Kalei Keolanui