

Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)
Thursday, March 21, 2013
1:30 am – 4:00 pm
Hanahau‘oli Schools – Professional Development Center

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Dana Balansag (for Pankaj Bhanot), Kaina Bonascorsi, Lynn Cabato, Alfred Castle, Christina Cox, Leolinda Parlin (for Michael Fahey), Christine Jackson, Joanne Taira (for Linda Johnsrud), Diane Young (for Katherine Matayoshi), Robert Peters, Namaka Rawlins, Angela Thomas, Kerrie Urosevich, Lora Perry, Malia Shimokawa

Absent:

Ben Naki, Pamela Perkins, Deliana Fuddy, Dee Jay Mailer

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

Public in Attendance:

Skyla Seltzer, GG Weisenfeld, Nina Martin, Gale Flynn, Carol Takamine, Stephen Teves, Grace Fong, Deborah Zysman

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| MINUTES: | | |
| Opening/Welcome – Bob Peters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of meeting facilitator Miki Lee • Introduction of Dr. Malia Shimokawa, who is replacing Dr. Ken Nakamura, to represent the Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics | |

| Minutes – 1/10/13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed 2/14/13 minutes | Minutes approved |
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| <p>Executive Office on Early Learning Legislative Update – Terry Lock</p> | <p>Summarized the current status of the Early Learning legislation still alive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 1093 SD2 HD1 School Readiness Program • SB1084 SD1 HD1 Constitutional Amendment • SB 1095 SD2 HD1 Early Childhood Education Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moving to FIN, which must hold hearing and pass by 4/5 to stay alive • HB 200 HD1 State Budget-funding mechanism for School Readiness Program: WAM heard the bill but hasn't yet scheduled decision-making, but will probably pass with amendments and meet FIN in conference in mid-late April to settle the budget • SB 1106 SD2 HD1 Child Care Licensing Exemptions: JUD must hold hearing and pass by 4/5 for bill to stay alive • HR 90/HCR 119 Social Impact Bonds: must be passed by EDN by 4/2 to stay alive <p>Action Strategy (non-early learning) Legislation still alive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 908 HD2 (companion bill to SB 1139) Establishes the Home Visiting Program in statute • HB 909 HD2 Establishes the Infant Mortality Reduction Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WAM must hold hearing and pass by 4/5 to stay alive • SB 1139 SD2 HD1 (companion bill to HB 908) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FIN must hold hearing and pass by 4/5 to stay alive • HB 200 HD 1 State Budget-funding mechanism for Home | |

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| <p>Advocacy</p> | <p>Visitation, Perinatal Support Services and Triage, Preschool Developmental Screening, and Preschool Open Doors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WAM has heard the bill, but not scheduled decision-making-will probably pass with amendments (SD 1) and meet FIN in conference mid-late April to settle budget • HR 143/HCR 176: must be passed by HLT, then EDN, by 4/2 to remain alive <p><u>Discussion and Suggestions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry urges a targeted approach with legislators to focus on the finance committees ▪ Finance must hold the hearing—urge the legislators to keep the bill alive until April 26 ▪ Talk to the neighbor island legislators so we get more of a balance ▪ Start writing testimony from your respective organizations ▪ <u>Clarification:</u> The funding is new general funds, and does not take from the DOE Junior K program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you, GBA for leading the advocacy efforts • Thank you all for your efforts to support the early childhood bills | |
| <p>Action Strategy Early Implementation – JoAnn Farnsworth, Chris Jackson, Melodie Vega</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoAnn summarized the first steps of the Action Strategy early implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rather than reconvening the large groups, the action strategy will now be more project-based ○ The leads in each group have been selected (see handout) • Chris summarized the development of the Family Partnership | |

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| | <p>Guidelines for Early Childhood Settings action strategy from December 2012 to the present (see handout)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the process of forming focus groups out in the different islands; it was suggested that the ELAB members join focus groups <p><u>Question:</u> Can ELAB review the Guidelines prior to bringing it to ELAB for endorsement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel gave an update on the Program Qualifying Criteria (see handout)—she referred ELAB members to the web-based SurveyMonkey to give comments <p><u>Question:</u> What happens to all the action strategy work if the bills don't pass?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry noted that the reconvening of the groups will depend on available funds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family Partnership Guidelines will be submitted to the ELAB for review prior to seeking its endorsement |
| <p>Facilitated Discussion – Miki Lee</p> | <p>Questions for facilitated discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is needed to make the Early Learning Advisory Board the most effective in order to reach the collective goals of the ELAB and EOEL? 2. What are the critical issues facing us today? <p><i>(Please refer to Facilitator's notes of this discussion attached to these minutes)</i></p> <p><u>What happens after this?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish structure and reclassify the issues • Get housekeeping in order first • The discussion will continue at the next meeting <p><u>Question:</u> Is there some plan in place in order to sustain what we are</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide new members with ELAB “blue” binder • Add member bios to blue binders • Research AUW protocol meeting protocol • Provide orientation for new members |

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| | <p>doing now if the legislation doesn't happen?</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The EOEL is looking at ways to sustain the work</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to next ELAB Agenda |
| <p>Member Updates – Bob Peters</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS: April 16, Hawaii Emergency Preparedness Plan: creates a plan to sustain early childhood education in times of natural disaster • Leolinda Parlin: State having administrative rule hearings regarding change in eligibility for early intervention services • Angela Thomas: April 19-20, Baby Steps Hawaii Conference • DOH: Hawaii's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Grant—Bob requests ELAB review the grant in order to endorse a letter of support at the April 11th meeting • Aha Punana Leo celebrating their 30th Anniversary • ELEU group rally at the Capitol on 3/14; Partners in Development gained accreditation through AEYC • GBA: Ohana Movie Night at Wet 'n' Wild Hawaii on 3/23 at 5:30PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalei send grant pdf to ELAB for review—ELAB sends comments to Deliana in preparation for the next meeting |
| <p>Public Comment - Bob Peters</p> | <p>No public comment</p> | |
| <p>Announcements and Closing – Bob Peters</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A call to action to contact the Finance Committees • A FIN hearing on the early learning bills will be on either 3/25, 3/27, or 3/28 <p>Next ELAB meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2013, 1:30-4:00pm at Hanahauoli School</p> | |
| <p>Meeting Adjourned @ 4:00 p.m.</p> | <p><i>Closing thought from Mike Fahey (shared by Leolinda Parlin):</i></p> <p>"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the</p> | |

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| | <p>strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."</p> | |
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Submitted by: Melodie Vega and Kalei Keolanui