

Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)

Thursday, May 9, 2013

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

KS Kaiona Conference Room, Kawaihāo Plaza Business Office

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Dana Balansag (for Pankaj Bhanot), Kaina Bonacorsi, Lynn Cabato, Christina Cox, Mike Fahey, Deliana Fuddy, Christine Jackson, Joanne Taira (for Linda Johnsrud), Dee Jay Mailer, Ben Naki, Pamela Perkins, Lora Ann Perry, Robert Peters, Namaka Rawlins, Malia Shimokawa, Angela Thomas, Kerrie Urosevich

Absent: Alfred Castle, Kathryn Matayoshi

Executive Office on Early Learning staff & consultants in attendance: Terry Lock, Melodie Vega, JoAnn Farnsworth, Coreen Lee, Kalei Keolanui

Public in Attendance: Rheta Kuwahara-Fujita, Grace Fong, Kathy Murphy, Danette Wong Tomiyasu, GG Weisenfeld, Cherilyn Shiinoki, Kanoë Naone

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Opening/Welcome – Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanked Pamela Perkins for joining the meeting in-person• There was consensus that there would be a break in the meeting at 4:10PM to view the eclipse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cautions were extended to the group to take protective measures
4/11/13 Minutes <i>Outcome: Minutes approved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes reviewed: Joanne Taira reminded Kalei to add her to the meeting attendees listing• Minutes approved with amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes approved with Joanne Taira's name added
Executive Office on Early Learning Program Update – Terry Lock <i>Outcome: Members provided with updates on</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PowerPoint overview on work accomplished this year, beginning with ACT 178 and the purpose of the office and with what the system is charged• We were able to establish the Board and the office• We have been able to identify the different players involved during this legislative session	

<p><i>relevant issues affecting the EOEL</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a lot of new legislators, and competing legislative priorities; departments were trying to restore programs; and union agreements were on the table • The legislators really want what comes after the ConAm • The voters will decide in November 2014 • <u>Next Steps:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DHS and EOEL meeting on Preschool Open Doors 2. Public awareness about ConAm 3. Detailed phased early learning program plan 4. Continue with system building and alignment efforts, and putting a lot of effort into quality and workforce development • Senate Bill 1095 can be reintroduced next year • <u>Preschool Open Doors discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The federal definition of Preschool Open Doors is childcare subsidies ○ EOEL sees POD as a temporary phase—we recognize that preschool is not a DHS function ○ We need to clarify this is not childcare—the children will have educational opportunities ○ <u>Question:</u> Are there any quality educational stipulations in Preschool Open Doors? ○ <u>Answer:</u> There are recording and child assessment requirements; it is an enhanced program ○ POD is currently just for Centers—in the future it needs to be changed • The last 2 weeks of Session were the worst—we owe the Governor and his Policy team a huge debt for personally calling legislators and working around the clock to get the ConAm through this session 	
<p>Early Learning Advisory Board Efficiency Discussion – Facilitator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal of the discussion was to provide guidelines for the Board 	

<p>Miki Lee</p> <p><i>Outcome: Draft charter reviewed and finalized</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mini-goal was to agree in concept and revise • The ELAB is trying to move the Action Strategy forward • If the conveners get stuck, they should bring the issue to ELAB to help them develop the system • EOEL works out the process of implementation • Convener groups should bring their issues to Terry first, and she will decide if it should be brought to ELAB • Deliana and Bob work with Terry on the ELAB meeting agendas • Utilize the ELAB for support and advice • To help ensure timely communication between ELAB and EOEL, ELAB needs to look at the EOEL website to make sure we are all in sync • It is a two-way dynamic between ELAB and EOEL • Regarding endorsement: never record individual's names, just the votes • Avoid being prescriptive because members change • Namaka will work on the 3 guiding principles 	
<p>Member Updates – Bob Peters</p> <p><i>Outcome: Member partner organizations share relevant news and updates</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Jackson distributed the Family Partnership Guidelines Focus Groups Schedule • Lynn Cabato went to DC and asked for support for the Early Learning Program as it would not hurt to get some help at the federal level 	
<p>Public Comment – Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG Weisenfeld announced the HELDS proposals have been updated—Hawaiian Medium to be included in the HELDS • Kathy Murphy, HAEYC: We have to keep our eye on a high quality program to meet the Federal mandates, and build on the work that has been done in QRIS—don't discard it • Discussion and collaboration is what keeps the QRIS project going 	

Review Agenda Outcomes and Next Steps – Bob Peters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss ConAm strategies for the next meeting 2. QRIS update 3. Take Action on finalizing the charter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put ConAm, QRIS and the charter on the June 6 meeting agenda
Closing – Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged Dee Jay’s retirement next year • Next meeting Thursday, June 6, 2013, 1:30-4:00PM • Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. <p>Mike Fahey’s closing words of wisdom:</p> <p><i>“As we on the ELAB move forward with our vision of a comprehensive system for children birth to eight, remember that this system will not only touch our young children and their families but will affect the success of our state and society into perpetuity!”</i></p>	

Submitted by Kalei Keolanui