

Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)

Thursday, July 10, 2014

1:30 am – 4:00 pm

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

Main Site: Koolau Ballrooms and Conference Center
45-550 Kionaole Road, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

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

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Dana Balansag (for Pankaj Bhanot), Michael Fahey, Christine Jackson, Robert Peters, Lora Perry, Namaka Rawlins, Christina Cox, Anna Peters, Danette Tomiyasu (for Linda Rosen), Lisa Kimura, Solomon Kaulukukui (for Kathryn Matayoshi), Chris Pating, Joanne Taira, Malia Shimokawa, Angela Thomas (for Kaina Bonacorsi)

Absent: Lynn Cabato, Ben Naki, Alfred Castle (traffic)

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

Public in Attendance:

James Raymond, Melissa Pavlicek, Elaine Yamashita, Jonathan Gillentine, Kathy Murphy, Melissa Pavlicek, Kimberly Itagaki, Kim Guieb

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| MINUTES: | | |
| Welcome/Introductions— Bob Peters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair welcomed Solomon Kaulukukui to the Board as Interim replacement for Geriann HongMember Lora Perry announced her retirement as of today | |
| Review and Approve 5/8/14 Minutes— Christina Cox | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Move to approve the 5/8/14 MinutesAll present in favor; none opposed | Minutes unanimously approved, 15-0 |

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| <p>Executive Office on Early Learning Update — GG Weisenfeld and Kerrie Urosevich</p> | <p><u>GG Weisenfeld:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE/EOEL Prekindergarten Program: budget set for \$3 million • DOE Fiscal department has been very helpful in facilitating EOEL’s efforts to establish the program • Prekindergarten classrooms are set up in existing DOE classroom spaces • There is funding supporting 7 positions—while EOEL is presently supporting the DOE, it is just helping get the program started • The positions are 1 Education Specialist and 6 Resource Teachers • The 6 teachers use the Ed Specialist as their resource as they in turn are the resource for the Prekindergarten classroom teachers as they set up classrooms, provide community outreach and professional training • 5 Resource Teachers have been hired—all have DOE and Early Childhood experience • We need to make sure it’s seen as something the DOE can do—helping ensure a steady funding stream • Action Strategy being implemented in the program • Sol is the <i>interim</i> appointee for Geriann (retired) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Lora Perry</u>: FCILs receiving questions from parents regarding their understanding of the mandatory K law that they would not be allowed to keep their 5 year-olds back—Families told absolutely not. • Training suggested for Principals to educate them about the mandatory kindergarten law • Chair requests interim appointee Solomon Kaulukukui follow up with ELAB regarding Principal training • The goal of the DOE Prekindergarten Program this year is 420 children | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the children enrolled are late-borns • Ineligible applicants tend to be over-income, or too young <p><u>Kerrie Urosevich:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal now is getting all the departments to buy into the Action Strategy • Even if ELAB can come to a handful of the meetings and give feedback it would be tremendously helpful • The EDI has been very helpful • The metrics (handout) is a live document, but seems to be about finished • <i>Christina Cox:</i> will there be meetings with the department heads to align AS work and implementation in the departments? • <i>Kerrie Urosevich:</i> It will depend on ELAB's role in moving the work forward with the department heads | |
| <p>Preschool Development Grant Program application —GG Weisenfeld</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOEL is working on 3 grant applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership grant—Chris Jackson is working with the 6 Head Start grantees in our state to apply. Due August 20, 2014. ○ UH Research Grant—another opportunity to get federal funds; GG will give more information later ○ Childcare Development Grant (Mazie Hirono) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development: just starting ▪ Expanding: established (New Jersey, Connecticut, etc.) ▪ \$10 million a year for 4 years ▪ Alfred Castle able to fund grant writers for EOEL ▪ We need a letter of support from the ELAB, including what the role of ELAB would be if we are awarded the grant ▪ We are looking at communities | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We need to look at the School Readiness Statement again ▪ The RFP will be out the end of July ▪ Governor will resubmit the application (a Governor has to submit it) ▪ Add to ELAB Retreat Agenda: Voting for the letter of support/endorsement | |
| <p><i>The Guiding Principles for Crafting Policies to Improve Early Childhood Assessment document</i> — Elaine Yamashita</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter Elaine Yamashita introduced herself: teaches at UH Maui College, and is part of the group who developed the Guiding Principles • It has been reformatted via ELAB’s recommendations • Elaine emailed the final draft to ELAB—if she doesn’t get any negative feedback they will assume it is finished • The Guiding Principles are a piece of the Foundation document • <i>Malia Shimokawa</i>: Can you incorporate the Medical Home? • The Foundation document will need to be approved by the AG to guarantee the Constitutionality of it | |
| <p>Member Updates—Christina Cox</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>HAIS</u>: Robert Witt retired; Roberta Bishop interim appointee—HAIS has not decided on the new Executive Director • <u>Parents</u>: Thanks ELAB for your input on the postpartum support survey for the needs assessment—the study will be out the end of the month • <u>Hawaiian Medium</u>: Aha Punana Leo received full WINHEC Accreditation, recognizing the P-20 Hawaiian Medium curriculum, and highlighting Hawaii as the only state with 2 official languages • <u>DOH</u>: Did not receive the extension for Home Visiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff cuts supporting pregnant woman and families ○ DOH currently applying for additional federal grants ○ Please contact Dani Tomiyasu if ELAB members are interested in the home visiting needs assessment • <u>HEICC</u>: New and current member orientation—the Board needs to | |

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| | <p>be 20% parents, so they need parents to join. Quarterly meetings are on Wednesdays, 8:30-11:30AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS: POD 1793 apps received 3/31/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POD 453 Not eligible • Pediatrics: promote reading to kids through the Reach Out & Read program with community providers, giving out books and promoting well-child checks, 6 months-6 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Launching the oral health campaign, “Brush, Book, Bedtime” • HS Collaboration: School Readiness is promoted this year in the Head Start Fact Sheets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programs that lost money to sequestration in 2012 are having their money restored this year ○ The challenge is getting the providers to agree to the standards in order to get the greater monies to fund quality to either expand services, or partner with community providers already serving infant and toddlers, or a combination of both • KS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Learning Center in Maili is opening with 12 classrooms; all services provided ○ Native Hawaiian Assessment on NH outcomes is coming up ○ Media Consultant is on board for the Con Am campaign in November • Center Based: there is a lot of angst in the community; they’re holding their breath until November’s outcome | |
| <p>Public Comment—Bob Peters</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-3: This past school year, the Hawaii DOE, in collaboration with Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, piloted TS GOLD, not only as an individualized Kindergarten entry readiness, but also as an ongoing formative assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With generous funding from Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation and W.K. Kellogg Foundation, over 130 | |

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| | <p>Kindergarten teachers of 40 elementary schools statewide volunteered for the Hawaii Individualized Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (HIKIDS) pilot to implement this online tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With lessons learned, the pilot has expanded to First Grade and K-1 SpEd in the 2014-2015 school year. | |
| <p>Review Agenda Outcomes—Bob Peters</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG shared the 3 grant opportunities, and requested Head Start consider partnerships • Seek endorsement for preschool development • Implementation and ownership of Action Strategy and ELAB • Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Endorsement on Guiding Principles ○ Letter of support for the preschool development grant | |
| <p>Announcements—Bob Peters</p> | <p>No announcements.</p> | |
| <p>Executive Session</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair stated the motion to go into Executive Session to clarify Member term dates • Board voted in unanimous agreement <p>Public dismissed</p> | <p>Chair’s move to go into Executive Session to clarify Member term dates unanimously approved, 15 in favor, 0 opposed</p> |
| <p>Closing—Mike Fahey</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Israelmore Ayivor: <i>You don’t lead people by what you say to them; you lead them by what they see you do. True leaders are self-leaders.</i> | |

Submitted by: Kalei Keolanui