

Early Learning Board (ELAB)

Thursday, September 12, 2019

1:30 am – 4:00 pm

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

**Main Site: CEED Center, KCAA
2707 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96826**

Advisory Board Members in Attendance: Dana Balansag (for Director Bhanot), Kaina Bonacorsi, Justina Acevedo-Cross, Leilani Au, Kerrie Urosevich, Matt Shim (for Director Anderson), Cherilyn Shiinoki, Wai’ale’ale Sarsona (for Jack Wong), Bob Davis (for Superintendent Kishimoto), Edeluisa Baguio-Larena, Bob Peters, Stephen Schatz (for President Lassner), Mari Uehara

Absent: Ben Naki, Namaka Rawlins

Executive Office on Early Learning staff in attendance: Lauren Moriguchi, Keopu Reelitz, Wimmie Wong Lui, Jeff Larson, Alohi Maiava, Ashley Miura, Chris Jackson

Public in Attendance: Deanne Goya, Loreen Okumura, Brian Donahoe, Dayna Luka, Mary Ann Nemoto, Hide Wu, Christina Cox, Cindy Ballard, Kim Guieb, Danny Cup Choy, Kathleen Algire, Terry Walsh, Ka’anoi Walk, Aldric Ulep, Scott Fuji

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
MINUTES:		
Welcome/Introductions— Bob Peters	Bob welcomed the group at 1:35 p.m. and asked Dana Balansag to read the ELB mission statement.	
Review and Approve 08/15/19 minutes— Bob Peters	The August meeting minutes were approved as distributed.	
Public Comment — Bob Peters	Lani Au: The Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) will be holding its Annual Leadership Symposium on October 18 th , and its Annual ECE Conference on October 19 th . The call for presentations has been extended until September 13 th .	

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	<p>Hide Wu: the Early Childhood Action Strategy will convene an All Networks Meeting on October 9th. Hawaii Children’s Action Network (HCAN) and former Senator Jill Tokuda will be presenting a session in the afternoon on “Championing from Where You Sit”.</p>	
<p>DHS Child Care and Development Fund (Compliance Requirements & Public Website Draft) – Dana Balansag</p>	<p>Dana introduced Program Specialists Loreen Okumura and Dayna Luka and new Benefits, Employment and Support Services (BESSD) Administrator Brian Donahoe to the ELB. Loreen, Dayna and Brian then provided an overview of BESSD and highlights of the Administrative Rules changes being proposed in response to the CCDBG Act of 2014 via a power point presentation. Please refer to the power point slides for content presented.</p> <p>Highlights from the presentation included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Connection Hawaii: \$10.5 M for SY 2019 • Preschool Open Doors: \$11M for SY 2019 (eligibility was changed in 2014 to be a school readiness support for 4-year-olds) • A new proposed reimbursement rate table will reduce the amount of parent co-pay, and a “calculator” will be developed so that the co-pay can be determined as family income increases. • If a family chooses an accredited or licensed child care facility, they will be able to receive a full-time subsidy amount even if they do not work full-time <p>A request was made for a copy of the power point to be shared with ELB. Dana agreed that the power point could be sent to ELB members, minus the subsidy reimbursement rates table which is still being discussed.</p>	<p>Dana to send power point presentation to Bob to distribute to ELB members</p>

<p>Director Report/Questions (Updates, Preschool Development Grant Needs Assessment, EOEL Budget) ---Lauren Moriguchi</p>	<p>Lauren introduced Alohi Maiava who proceeded to provide an update about the Preschool Development Grant, Birth to Five, with the support of Jeff Larson. (Please refer to EOEL Updates handout)</p> <p>Lauren also shared that EOEL is working with the HODOE Office of Facilities and Operations (new name for the former Office of School Facilities and Support Services) to retrofit the 10 new EOEL pre-K classrooms, as needed, for program implementation in SY 2020.</p> <p>The MOA with the State Public Charter School Commission is still being reviewed by the Attorney General (this is a change to what is in the EOEL updates handout).</p> <p>Status of EOEL positions: The Workforce Specialist and Secretary II position for the office are currently posted; the Institutional Analyst position has been established and is anticipated to be posted in October or November; the Office Assistant IV position is nearly established.</p> <p>Information about the EOEL FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets was provided via a power point presentation.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that EOEL create a budget around the activities being proposed by the 6 PDG workgroups so that even if Hawaii is not a successful recipient of PDG funding in the next round, we will still be able to move plans forward around system-building with fiscal resources needed already identified.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to consider creating positions for specialists to focus on family engagement, community engagement, and birth through three issues.</p>	
<p>2019-20 ELB/EOEL Priorities – Bob</p>	<p>A handout was distributed to members at the meeting describing the priorities, with an explanation that the italicized statements are the</p>	<p>Priorities handout to be discussed with a vote for</p>

Peters/Lauren Moriguchi	priorities and the subset items are the performance goals for the EOEL Director. As there is no Executive Committee at this point, Bob suggested that the ELB as a “committee of the whole” discuss this handout at the October meeting for revision and/or approval.	approval at the October meeting.
Subcommittee/Work Group Updates – Bob Peters	Kaina reported that the Capacity and Resources Sub-Committee is creating a visual to show the alignment between the EC State Plan, the PDG WG plans, and other efforts EOEL is engaged in. Keopu will be able to help create messaging about efforts beyond the public pre-K program with this document. It was also suggested that the ELB agenda reflect more of a systems focus in the future.	
Member Updates —Bob Peters	Bob: A “Schools of the Future Conference” will be held on October 3 rd and 4 th , with two sessions on early learning around skill sets needed to support early learning in today’s world.	
Review Agenda Outcomes —Bob Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of the DHS presentation around the consumer website screen shots will be shared at another meeting. • Budget suggestions should be emailed to Lauren before the next meeting. • Suggestions/feedback on the performance goals in the Strategic Priorities handout should be emailed to Bob before the next meeting. 	
Announcements	Bob and Lauren will need to determine the next meeting date in October as the original date needed to be changed.	
Executive Session	No items from the AG.	
Closing —Kerrie Urosevich	“Whoever touches the life of the child touches the most sensitive point of a whole, which has roots in the most distant past and climbs towards the infinite future.” (Maria Montessori)	

Submitted by Chris Jackson`

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