

Meeting Minutes – Approved

Mayor's Advisory Committee For Equal Access (MACFEA)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Mo'ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A-2B

4444 Rice Street, Lihu'e, HI 96766

Members Present: Rita Manriquez – State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board (STBIAB); Ellen Ching – Easter Seals Hawai'i; Roberta Eiben, Consumer; Dr. Lucy Miller – DCAB (Disability and Communication Access Board) Board Member; Kathy Sheffield – National Alliance on Mental Illness; Doi – Kaua'i Developmental Disability Council

Members Excused: Kathy English, Betty Bell

Staff members also present: Linda Nuland-Ames – ADA/EEOC Coordinator; Mercedes Omo, Support Clerk; Paula Morikami – Administrator; Philip Dureza, Deputy County Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the lack of quorum, the regular meeting was not held, however public testimony was allowed.

Ms. Nuland announced that two weeks ago the County of Kaua'i notified all wireless providers that they have 6 months to be ready to launch the New Generation 911 system which enables 911 to receive text messages and eventually videos and photographs.

Ms. Ching asked for an update on the discussion at the last meeting regarding the closed captioning issue with Hoike to which Linda replied that an employee of the County of Kaua'i she is not able to enforce regulations regarding closed captioning on a private entity. She said it is up to Hoike to turn off the closed captioning to deal with the double captioning issue. Ms. Nuland also mentioned that the DCAB report is another avenue in which someone can make a complaint about the captioning problems.

Ms. Nuland thanked Kathy and Dr. Lucy for attending the last Police Recruit Training saying it was very rewarding and everyone paid a lot more attention having real people with real experiences. She said she would like to encourage someone to make a motion at their next regular meeting, to expand and encourage committee members to be part of these trainings.

Dr. Lucy suggested that whenever there is training some of the members be resource persons who can make presentations and make it more personal. She added that there is a live bill before the legislature that has crossed from the House to the Senate about

captioning being available in all movie theaters that have more than one screen. She said as a group and individually they could help push the issue to make sure that happens.

Ms. Sheffield added that she uses the closed captioning on her television but that the quality is terrible and feels there should be a standard for it.

Mr. Dureza cautioned the members that pursuant to the rules, because there is no quorum the consideration is just to question the testifier about her testimony and not engage in discussion about the subject matter.

Ms. Sheffield announced that she will be going to Salt Lake City in July to become certified as a teacher of mental health first aid for alcohol, drugs and mental illnesses. She said people will know how to respond and recognize when they are dealing with people with these issues, first responders, teachers, principals, and is a wonderful opportunity to bring more awareness about these illnesses right into the community.

Linda announced that July is the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and there will be a proclamation and some type of celebration.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., Mo'ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A/2B.

The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Lani Agoot, Administrative Specialist

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