

**ACT 14: Early Learning Council  
Hanahau`oli School-Professional Development Center  
1922 Makiki Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96822  
15-3110 Pahoa Village Road Pahoa, Hawaii 96778**

**Thursday, April 19, 2012  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Council members in attendance:

Kaina Bonacorsi, Dani Tomiyasu (for Deliana Loretta Fuddy), Christine Jackson, Joanne Taira (for Linda Johnsrud), Charles Larson, Dee Jay Mailer (phone conference), Steve Shiraki (for Kathryn Matayoshi), Kanoe Naone, Pamela Perkins (phone conference), Robert Peters, Barbara Yamashita

Absent:

Lora Perry, Angela Thomas

**I. Opening and Welcome**

- Meeting called to order by Chairperson Robert Peters at 1:41 p.m.
- Lynn Cabato (Head Start Provider Representative) temporarily resigned as a member of the ELC. State Boards and Commissions will reschedule confirmation of the Head Start Provider Representative at a later time.
- Governor appointed ELC members can only serve two consecutive terms. Terms normally begin on July 1 and end June 30.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 03/15/12 meeting were approved.
- Corrections:
  - Page 1, III. Legislative Updates and Senate Bill 2545, bullet #5, open bullet #2: school year 2014-2013 should read school year 2013-2014.
  - Page 3, VI. Advisory Board Models, bullet #7: healthy should read health.
  - Page 4, In attendance: Liz Chung should read Liz Chun, Russell Nishiyama should read Randall Nishiyama.

**III. Legislative Update (R. Peters/S. Teves)**

- SB 2545 – Related to Education; Early Learning; Appropriation
  - Senate disagrees with House amendments.
  - The bill will go to conference committee to discuss difference. Hearing is scheduled for April 20 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 329.

- In the House Education hearing, a concern of SB 2545 was identifying a junior kindergarten repeal date without a replacement plan/program in place.
- The bill will probably not be approved until April 27.
- ELC supported SB 2545.
- If passed by Legislature, Governor has until mid-June to sign bills into law.
- SB 2969 – Tax check-off bill for Early Childhood
  - The bill was not heard in committee hearings.
  - State Department of Taxation did not support any proposed tax check-off bill for any agency/department.
- HB 2580 – Department of Human Services (DHS) reasonable licensing fees
  - DHS requests for funding to offset administrative costs for required licensing visits and inspections.
  - The effective date for this bill may be July 1, 2012 or July 1, 2013.
- SB 2800 – DHS licensing exemptions
  - This bill was introduced by the Governor’s Office to add exemptions for any kindergarten, school, or program licensed by the Charter School Review Panel, the Hawaii Council of Private Schools, or any federal agency and certain child care programs conducted by the counties from child care licensing by the DHS.
- SB 2803 – DHS procurements
  - This bill was introduced by the Governor’s Office to allow DHS to accept contract proposals from organizations that are not yet licensed to operate a child care program at locations specified by DHS.
- SCR 80 – Research on the correlation between children who are late-born and student outcomes
  - ELC supports SCR 80 with amending language stating ELC to be included in the coordinated research efforts.

#### **IV. Fiscal Mapping Project Final Report (N. Toledo)**

- The Fiscal Mapping Project’s draft report was reviewed by the ELC’s Finance Sub-Committee.
- Much of the funding stated in the report was dedicated and not flexible to use for system-building efforts.
- ELC should use the report to educate the public on early childhood funding for building the early learning system.
- A communication plan, with a key message from the ELC, and report distribution are the next steps.
- T. Lock is also using the report to identify funding gaps.
- Main concern: the State has not dedicated “enough” money to match early childhood-related private funding sources.
- R. Peters, D.J. Mailer, and N. Toledo will draft an ELC message to accompany the Fiscal Mapping Project report.
- ELC members should email R. Peters and D.J. Mailer with suggestions for the message content and identifying the audiences for the report.
- A coordinated message of support of the Fiscal Mapping Project from the Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health (DOH), and DHS is also important.

**V. Quality Improvement and Rating System (QIRS) Participants and Orientation (G. Fong)**

- Pilot sites include 9 centers (6 on Oahu and 3 in Maui County) and 10 Family Child Care Homes (4 on Oahu, 3 in Hilo, 2 in Kona, 1 on Kauai).
- Pilot provider orientation sessions began at the end of March 2012.
- Orientation sessions included information on the QIRS overview, purpose, participant importance, process, supports, and data system.
- Pilot site assessments are being scheduled.
- DHS has convened a sub-committee of the Child Care Advisory Committee to focus on concerns, questions, issues raised by pilot participants.

**VI. State Advisory Council (SAC) Grant Update (R. Peters)**

- An agreement between DHS and Research Cooperation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) designates Terry Lock as the principal investigator for the SAC grant.
- DHS will remain as the local grantee for the SAC federal funds.
- The SAC's 18-month review was submitted in March 2012 to the Administration of Children and Families with highlighted activities that were accomplished without spending any of the SAC funds.
- T. Lock will be working with RCUH to hire at least 3 positions (Project Manager, Researcher, and Administrative Support) by mid-June 2012.
  - The SAC staff will implement activities stated in the SAC's work plans and provide support and coordination to the SAC and its sub-committees. The work plan activities are in 4 categories:
    - 1) expand program participation;
    - 2) quality assurance system;
    - 3) professional development system; and
    - 4) early learning standards.
- The SAC grant will end in August 2013.

**VII. State Action Plan (R. Peters)**

- The State Early Childhood Master Plan will be the roadmap to guide further development of our State's early childhood system.
  - One of the priorities will be the plan for four year olds as related to SB 2545.
  - Various plans will be integrated into the State Early Childhood Master Plan including Act 259, RTTT-Early Learning Challenge Grant, Fiscal Mapping Project, Infant-Toddler Strategic Plan, Expanding Opportunities for Early Childhood Inclusion, etc.
  - T. Lock has been working with various resource people to complete an initial, high level process planning document including securing resources for the development of the plan.
  - She also has been working with leaders from various states to review and discuss different state plans and their planning processes.

- During the week of April 23, two consultants will be in Hawaii to assist with the development of a Strategic Planning Process Map.

### **VIII. Communication Plan for Parents and Early Childhood Providers (C. Cox)**

- A draft communication plan was shared as the State gets ready to provide information on projected changes that will accompany the signing of SB 2545.
  - Children will need to be 5 years old by July 31, by the 2014-2015 school year.
  - The DOE's junior kindergarten program will be discontinued at the end of school year 2013-2014.
  - An implementation plan for targeted four year olds, with priority to late-born five year olds (born August 1-December 31 of the calendar year), will be completed by the new Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). The plan is due to the legislature before the next Legislative session in January 2013.
  - Effective August 1, 2014, children born after July 31 and before January 1 and who turn 5 during that period of time are not eligible to enter kindergarten until SY 2015-2016.
  - A statement about the EOEL planning/providing a program for 4's (becoming 5's) who are ineligible due to birth date.
  - The EOEL program for late-born children MAY not be available to all but to a targeted group, depending on funding.
- The message will be distributed soon after SB 2545 is signed into law to families, teachers, schools, preschools, family child care programs, family-child interaction learning programs, and various media groups.
- The message should be made available on department/agency websites, various child care and early childhood agencies, emails, FAQ brochures, and media messages.

### **IX. ELC Sub-Committee Reports**

- Direct Services (C. Jackson)
  - Infant/Toddler Summit was held on April 12 with 70 participants with technical assistance from Zero To Three personnel.
    - The participants were given the opportunity to give input into the draft strategic plan that will be added to the State Early Childhood Master Plan.
    - An infant/toddler service matrix, indicating what and where services were located state wide, was also distributed and discussed.
    - A workshop for practitioners is being planned for August 2012.
  - Expanding Opportunities for Early Childhood Inclusion brochure was distributed.
    - The sub-committee has been receiving technical assistance.
    - The sub-committee is seeking ELC's endorsement of the brochure.
- Public Will (K. Naone)
  - A rally at the State Capitol in March 2012 brought together early childhood and family organizations with the message "Make children a priority".
    - The rally also gave families the opportunity to learn about the legislative process and policy advocacy.

- Recent attention to early childhood in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser highlighted the Be My Voice campaign message.
- New Public Will chairs will need to be selected because both current chairs' terms will be ending on June 30, 2012.
- Data (J. Taira)
  - The Collective Impact – Early Childhood group (K. Reinhardt and J. Farnsworth) is working on state wide mapping of data collection sources and identifying overlaps or commonalities.
  - Identifying data elements and data matching are P-3 projects' focal points in their longitudinal data work.
  - The SAC's internal and external needs assessment is also being planned.
- Quality (G. Weisenfeld)
  - The Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards (HELDS) for children ages birth to entering kindergarten are being reviewed, revised, and prepared for Fall, 2012 distribution.
  - The review and distribution processes are being planned.
- Professional Development (M. Vega)
  - The sub-committee is awaiting the ELC's endorsement of the CANOES Trainer Competencies documents.

**X. Public Comment (R. Peters)**

- Christine Jackson: Head Start Collaborative Office fact sheet was distributed to all ELC members.
- Robert Peters: At Dr. Cal Sia's invitation, Dr. Martin Supulveda of IBM Global spoke recently about the importance of early development as a business and health issue. Business must be involved and focused on the added value families bring to communities when they are in good health that leads to productivity.
- Mike Fahey: Video presentation, "Change the First 5 Years and You Change Everything", from [www.ounceofprevention.org](http://www.ounceofprevention.org).

**XI. Review of Meeting Decisions and Communications (R. Peters)**

- The ELC will submit supporting testimony for SCR 80 with an amendment to include ELC as a participant in the study.
- D.J. Mailer, R. Peters, and N. Toledo will craft an ELC message to accompany the Fiscal Mapping Project documents.

**XII. Next Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, May 17, 2012**

**Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Place: Hanahauoli School – Professional Development Center  
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Agenda items:

- Legislative Review
- Decision making on endorsing Expanding Opportunities for Early Childhood Inclusion brochure (Direct Services Sub Committee).
- Decision making on endorsing CANOES Trainer Competencies document (Professional Development Sub-Committee).

Monthly agenda addition requests, including conference call site address, must be emailed to R. Peters and D. J. Mailer 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting to allow compliance with Hawaii's Sunshine Law.

Future meeting dates for 2012 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month):

June 21	July 19	August 16	September 20
October 18	November 15	December 20	

### **XIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**

In attendance:

*Kathy Murphy*

*Mike Fahey*

*Coreen Lee*

*Joe Peters*

*GG Weisenfeld*

*Liz Chun*

*Nonie Toledo*

*Randall Nishiyama*

*Dave Tom*

*Linda Buck*

*Grace Fong*

*Diane Young*

*Steve Teves*

*Christina Cox*

*Melodie Vega*