

**ACT 14: Early Learning Council**  
**Kamehameha Schools – Kawaihao Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**567 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

**Thursday, June 21, 2012**  
**1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Council members in attendance:

Elaine Yamashita (for Kaina Bonacorsi), Deliana Loretta Fuddy, Joanne Taira (for Linda Johnsrud), Charles Larson, Dee Jay Mailer (phone conference), Kanoe Naone, Pamela Perkins (phone conference), Lora Perry, Angela Thomas

Absent:

Lynn Cabato, Christine Jackson, Kathryn Matayoshi, Robert Peters, Barbara Yamashita

**I. Opening and Welcome**

- Meeting called to order by Kanoe Naone at 1:34 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 05/17/12 meeting were approved.
- Corrections:
  - Page 1, III. Legislative Review, bullet #1, open bullet #3, square #5: “the Hawaii medium early learning providers” should read the Hawaiian language medium early learning providers.
  - Page 3, VII. Team Marley, bullet #1, open bullet #1: “Robin Karr-Moss” should read Robin Karr-Morse.

**III. Status of Senate Bill 2545 (T. Lock)**

- Public signing of SB 2545 is scheduled for Thursday, 06/28/12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Governor’s Office, State Capitol, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.
  - T. Lock will be emailing reminders for ELC members to attend.
- Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL)
  - Logistics are still being worked on between state departments and Governor’s Office.
  - EOEL position descriptions have been developed for 2 positions: Early Childhood Policy Analyst and Administrative Assistant.
  - Consultants have been hired to work on the state-funded preschool plan.

#### **IV. Early Learning Advisory Board- ELAB (T. Lock)**

- New members will be nominated by their respective groups/organizations.
- Groups/organizations will forward nominee names to the Boards and Commission.
- Interim appointees are anticipated to attend the July 19's ELAB meeting, scheduled for 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Hanahauoli. T. Lock will confirm location via email.
- ELAB retreat
  - Scheduled for Wednesday, 08/15 and Thursday, 08/16 (start/end times to be announced).
  - The retreat is an opportunity for current and new members to meet and collaborate on clarifying ELAB functions, decision-making process, and possible by-laws. Other agenda items include the State Early Childhood Strategic Action and State-Funded Preschool plans.
  - Travel and accommodations will be provided to neighbor island members.
- Meetings
  - ELAB members will be polled at the July 19 meeting on possible adjustments to the future meeting dates, frequency, times, and location.

#### **V. Kindergarten Change Communication Plan (T. Lock)**

- Governor's Office-T. Lock will be coordinating communication through state departments and various early childhood providers.
- Department of Education (DOE) will be sending out an internal memo for school administrators and revise the parent section of their website to reflect birth date enrollment changes.
- Department of Health (DOH), Department of Human Services (DHS), People Attentive to Children (PATCH), Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC), and Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) will be asked to notify families and providers via memos and/or websites.
- Email T. Lock with messaging/communication distribution to groups/organizations suggestions.

#### **VI. State Advisory Council Grant Projects (T. Lock)**

- The SAC grant funds will be used for expanding opportunities for families, implementing the QRIS system, developing the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards (HELDS), which is also supported by P-3, and offering professional development, in coordination with Hawaii Careers with Young Children (HCYC).
- Consultants to develop/write the State Early Childhood Strategic Action plan have been secured.
  - National consultants have been assisting with the framework.
  - The 6 goals of the Pathway document were aligned to the ELC's framework pillars and to the State P-3 framework. The 6 goals include:
    - Healthy, well-timed births,
    - Health and development on track,
    - Supported and supportive families,

- High quality child care and early education,
  - Continuity in early childhood experiences, and
  - Effective teacher and learning in K-3 classrooms.
- Consultants have been hired to research, gather data, and write the state-funded preschool plan.
  - Teresa Vast, lead consultant, along with Dr. Betsy Brandt, Gale Flynn, and Kathie Reinhardt are using Act 259 as the basic framework to identify the state-funded preschool plan's policy, data, and funding resources.
- ELAB members will have the opportunity to review and respond to both plans during the July meeting or August retreat.

**VII. Senate Bill 2800 Positions (S. Teves)**

- SB 2800 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 effective July 1, 2013.
- The Governor has a 06/25/12 deadline to place SB 2800 on the Notice of Intent to Veto list. If it is not on the list, SB 2800 becomes law with or without the Governor's signature.
- Bills/laws with a July 2013 effective date may be up for discussion during the 2013 Legislature.
- Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS)'s support position
  - HAIS is currently charged with licensing private schools and would create an early childhood licensing program to replace the current one administered by DHS.
- HAEYC's oppose position
  - A petition with 900 signatures was sent to the Governor's Office to veto the bill due to strong reservations regarding the unintended consequences regarding the health and safety of children and inequity concerns regarding DHS's reasonable licensing fees for child care settings.

**VIII. Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards-HELDS (G. Weisenfeld)**

- GBA worked on the original Early Learning Standards draft (2011) that incorporated both standards and guidance in one document for 3 age groups.
- The HELDS draft includes standards, with guidance to follow, for 5 age groups.
- HELDS is organized by domains, strands, and topics and are aligned to the DOE's Common Core State Standards, the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards III, and the General Learner Outcomes for Kindergarten.
- The draft was distributed for review and input to 3 groups: original Early Learning Standards group, DOE content educational specialists, and GBA/P-3 Coordinators. The ELAB members will receive Draft 2 of HELDS after this initial review is completed.

- Statewide focus groups will be held July 16 through August 24, 2012. P-3 hired Storyline Consultants to assist focus groups facilitation and data gathering for final HELDS document to be ready for distribution at HAEYC's October 2012 conference.
- Different protocols/tools for a Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) are also being researched as a way to measure student progress of HELDS in a consistent, individualized manner.

**IX. Fiscal Mapping Project (FMP) Message (D. J. Mailer)**

- The Fiscal Mapping Project's cover message versions 1 and 2 were emailed to ELC members for review.
- One version documents funding amounts and the other version does not.
- ELC agreed on the version with funding amounts with minor edits.
- State departments' review and support of the FMP's coordinating efforts must be secured prior to the report being distributed and posted on The Finance Project website. DOH (L. Fuddy) supports the FMP. T. Lock will contact DOE and DHS for their support positions.
- Reminder: attention to safe children and families must also be included in future early childhood reports.

**X. ELC Sub-Committee Reports**

- T. Lock reported reorganizing ELC Sub-Committees to assist the EOEL's work. ELAB members will have the opportunity to review and give input into both state plans.
- Public Will (K. Naone)
  - Be My Voice is getting ready for the 2013 Legislature. GBA's new Executive Director is Deborah "Deb" Zysman, former Executive Director of the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii.
- Quality (L. Perry)
  - L. Perry attempt to attend a QRIS meeting has been delayed.

**XI. Public Comment (K. Naone)**

- Kathy Murphy: Thank you to Kanoe Naone for facilitating today's meeting.

**XII. Review of Meeting Decisions and Communications (K. Naone)**

- SB 2545 public signing is on Thursday, 06/28/12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Governor's Office.
- ELAB meeting frequency, time, location, sub-committees may be adjusted.
- Governor's Office will coordinate kindergarten age entry change message to public.
- HAIS is in support of SB 2800, HAEYC is requesting for a Governor's veto.
- Statewide review of HELDS will be done via 11 focus groups. ELAB will have the opportunity to review the HELDS.
- The FMP message with funding amounts was approved. DOH is in support. T. Lock will be contacting DOE and DHS for their support.

**XIII. Next Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, July 19, 2012**

**Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Place: Hanahauoli School – Professional Development Center  
1922 Makiki Street, Honolulu, 96822**

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 – subject to change)

August 15 & 16      September 20      October 18

November 15      December 20

**XIV. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.**

In attendance:

*Kathy Murphy*

*GG Weisenfeld*

*Dave Tom*

*Steve Teves*

*Terry Lock*

*Melodie Vega*

*Al Castle*

*Christina Cox*

*Marja Leivo*

*Dana Balansag*

*Coreen Lee*

*Nina Martin*

*Danette Tomiyasu*

*Randall Nishiyama*

*Diane Young*