

ELC Governance Work Group
Monday, 08/30/10 (9:00-11:00)

Present @Hanahauoli site: Lyla Berg, Gale Flynn, Deliana Fuddy, Christine Jackson, Robert Peters, Steve Shiraki, Angela Thomas, Nonie Toledo, Melodie Vega, Diane Young

Present @Maui site: Kaina Bonacorsi, Elaine Yamashita

**1. Act 183 – ELC/DOE report on JK to 2011 Legislature
REPORT OUTLINE**

Background information (Bob)

- Objective
 - ELC's position – plan for serving children eligible for JK (birthdate August 2 to December 31) in early learning opportunities.
 - Act 219 history
 - Act 183
 - JK versus PK definition
 - Current JK implementation
- Early education national movement – why is early education important
 - Hawaii economic study
 - Scientific results
- Overall recommendations: preserve JK or alternatives to JK
- RTTT integration (Bob/Nonie)

Plan to assess success of current JK program (Melodie/GBA)

- HSSRA data
- February, 2010 Hawaii Educational Policy Council report on JK
- JK best practices (Kathy Reinhardt)
- JK retention rate (DOE)
- “Successful” JK program definition – various ways to measure student outcomes

Data available (Diane/DOE)

- # of JK students
- Budget \$ from DHS/DOH HS/DOE for early learning
- JK retention rate
- DOE funding methods

Data needed (Diane)

- Current inventory of DOE JK sites
- Private/public capacity to provide early learning services
 - Qualified staff
 - Facilities
- Early childhood professional development completed by teachers/leadership
- Impact to families - \$

Recommendations (Gale)

- Overall recommendations: preserve JK or alternatives to JK (all)
 - License requirements
 - Professional development for kindergarten teachers/leadership
 - Funding sources for public/private early learning
 - Subsidies for early childhood centers – tiered income-based

Issues (Christine)

- Definition of 4-year old class – calendar year versus school year (Act 259 accounted for January-December – calendar year)
- Capacity of private providers – staff and facilities
- Capacity of teacher and principal early childhood professional development
- Capacity of quality (QRIS)
- Quality standards of private providers
- Licensing requirements
- Licensing process
- Subsidies to faith-based early childhood programs

Timelines:

****Mon., Aug. 30: Governance Work Group meeting** – 9:00-11:00 @Hanahauoli

- Outline of report
- Work/research assignments

Thu., Sep. 9: ELC determines overall recommendation (preserve JK or alternative to JK)

****Mon., Sep. 20: Governance Work Group meeting** – 2:00-4:00 @Hanahauoli

- Incorporate ELC recommendation
- Status of report

****Tue., Oct. 12: Governance Work Group meeting** – 9:00-11:00 @Hanahauoli

- Review draft report

Thu., Oct. 14: ELC input on draft report

Thu., Nov. ??: ELC approval of final report submittal

Mon., Nov. 22: Report submitted to DOE for routing to Legislature

2. Constitutional Amendment – appointed BOE (Bob)

ELC's statement of support/or not for an appointed BOE will be crafted by Bob for 09/09 ELC meeting.