

ADA Coordinator's Report April 2006

ADA - Title II & S. 504

- Drafted memorandum for Director of Personnel advising of upcoming information session for County employees on Alzheimer's Disease in Kona;
- Researched requirements of S. 504 versus ADAAG in Public Right of Way. Contacted Disability and Communication Access Board, Federal Highway Administration and Access Board to determine County's obligations;
- Reviewed practice of keeping accessible change room at Pahoa Swimming Pool locked, due to vandalism with ADA Recreation Specialist;
- Sent email to Department Heads regarding upcoming DCAB workshop on "How to Survey a Site";
- Forwarded complaint re impassable sidewalk Hilo to Department of Public Works;
- Responded to inquiry re requiring identification for persons to use accessible shower stall at pool;
- Responded to inquiry from Department of Public Works re forwarding complaints re utility poles blocking sidewalks to utility companies;
- Reviewed complaint alleging televised broadcast of Merrie Monarch lacked captioning;
- Forwarded complaint re lack of accessible public parking at Keaau courthouse to judiciary and also to Department of Public Works;
- Responded to inquiry from County resident who lost her disability parking placard.

Transition Plans

- Pomaiki Senior Center Accessibility Improvements ok'd by DCAB;
- AJ Watt Gym Accessibility Improvements ok'd by DCAB

ADA Title III

- Forwarded 2 complaints regarding storekeeper blocking sidewalk in Honoka'a to Hawaii Department of Transportation's ADA Coordinator; followed up with Department of Public Works' Building Division regarding placement of temporary sign on sidewalk contrary to Hawaii County Code;
- Responded to inquiry regarding heavy exterior doors at condo in Hilo;
- Responded to inquiry re non-profit agency discriminating on the basis of disability.

ADA Title I

- Responded to inquiry regarding appropriateness of asking question related to attendance during job interview;
- Discussed how many times required to reasonably accommodate a substance abuser with rehabilitation;
- Circulated Ninth Circuit decision on "Interactive Process" to Personnel Management Specialists and Corporation Counsel;

ADA Training

- Attended JAN audio conference on Reasonable Accommodation and invited Personnel Management Specialists to attend;
- Conducted 7 classes for 133 supervisory employees on Title I and County's Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy;
- Attended information session on Alzheimer's Disease;
- Attended Disability Law Resource Project on Title II, Federalism and Sovereign Immunity in Goodman v. Georgia;

Other Activities

- Attended meeting Mayor's Committee People With Disabilities, Kailua-Kona;