

## **ADA Coordinator Activities September 2006**

### ADA - Title II & S. 504

- Complaint re lack of access Pomaikai Senior Center forwarded to Department of Parks and Recreation. Also suggested complainant contact Compliance Officer, State Housing, who owns property;
- County resident request permission to use a farm vehicle on County roads to transport her son with a disability; forwarded to DCAB as issue is pertinent to State Traffic code;
- Responded to inquiry from Department of Parks & Recreation re assignment of accessible stalls Panaewa Stable;
- Responded to inquiry from Department of Public Works re technical infeasibility under FHWA regulations;
- Responded to inquiry from Office of Housing and Community Development how to procure a certified sign language interpreter;
- Forwarded complaint that HCEOC refused to provide transportation to person with a disability to Mass Transit Agency who arranged for transportation with Coordinated Services;
- Received information from Department of Parks and Recreation re lack of access at Waiaha Beach Park in Kona;
- Responded to inquiry from Department of Public Works re use of word 'handicapped';
- Received complaint that DCAB discriminates against persons who are deaf by not certifying deaf interpreters, reviewed draft of letter County ADA Coordinators submitted to DCAB Board in favor of this issue;
- Forwarded request from County resident to make new One Stop Center at Sun Sun Lau accessible to persons with chemical sensitivities; advised resident that ADAAG did not require this; forwarded information on building less toxic structures to Project Manager in Department of Public Works;
- Followed up with DCAB on Department of Parks and Recreation requirement for a driver's license to operate a golf cart.

### ADA Title I

- Responded to inquiry from supervisor re accommodating an employee;
- Responded to inquiry from supervisor re relation between attendance and disability;
- Followed up with Personnel Management Specialist re complaint alleging harassment on basis of disability;
- Drafted how requiring drivers' licenses could be discriminatory when driving is not an essential duty and worked with Division Heads to finalize a Circular for Director's signature;
- Presented the above-noted information to attendees at Quarterly Personnel Meeting;
- Met with supervisor regarding allegations of harassment based on disability in the workplace.

Other ADA Activities

- Attended Quarterly ADA Coordinators Meeting at Disability and Communication Access Board in Honolulu;
- Attended "Emergency Responders and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Taking the First Steps to Disaster Preparedness" and received certificate;
- Applied for, was accepted, and attended "Train the Trainer for Emergency Responders and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Taking the First Steps to Disaster Preparedness". Received certificate;
- Attended meeting of State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities for East Hawaii;
- Attended Disability Rights Hawaii Meeting;
- Delivered 4 hours of training on "Title II of the ADA and Law Enforcement" to 69<sup>th</sup> Class of new Police Recruits;
- Contacted "Wheelchair Getaways of Hawaii" to discuss services;
- Researched regulations regarding golf carts under the County Code;
- Drafted Memorandum 06-61 for Director's Signature and arranged for distribution of "Questions and Answers about Deafness and Hearing Impairments in the Workplace and the Americans With Disabilities Act."