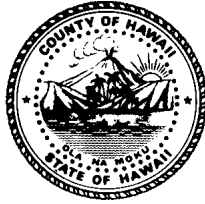


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Friday, May 23, 2003
10:00 AM
Hawaii County Buiding
Hilo

MINUTES

PRESENT Patti Barry, Chair, Dorothee Auldridge, Linda Halsted, Lee Lord, Kelly Soo, Linda Slutter, Jacqueline Watanabe

ABSENT Karen Kudlo, Emily Naeole, Karen Wolfe

MINUTES

No minutes from April 25 meeting, due to lack of quorum. P. Barry asked that L. Lord and L. Slutter review and critique the DV training that was held on that meeting date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Formality voting on by-laws
D. Auldridge moved that the commission accept the by-laws as presented.
L. Halsted seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- B. \$100 go L. Lord for DV Tech Safety Training
L. Halsted moved that the commission give L. Lord the money for the training.
D. Auldridge seconded.
L. Lord abstained from vote.
Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Prioritize Projects

P. Barry mentioned projected mileage for the rest of this fiscal year so that the commission could get more of an idea of how much money would be left to spend on projects before the money lapsed. It was estimated that there would

be approximately \$1600 to be put towards a project/donation/partnership with something else relating to domestic violence.

Projects mentioned:

- Trade Coalitions Training in Honolulu, (members of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence do not pay to go to the training; airfare is usually also paid for). Possible FVAC funding for those Commissioners who are not members, to attend this training. (L. Lord to obtain more information.)
- (P. Barry) Theatrical production (play) by Jerry Tracy on the issue of domestic violence, requesting \$150-\$300 from FVAC, for advertising. D. Auldrige voiced a hesitancy in supporting something without knowing the appropriateness of the message in dealing with DV. She felt the script should be reviewed before deciding to support this project. D. Auldrige moved that the amount (\$300) be encumbered contingent upon review and approval of the script prior to the end of the fiscal year. L. Slutter seconded. (P. Barry asked for a volunteer to review the script. L. Slutter volunteered.) Motion passed unanimously.
- (K. Kudlo) Poster contest island-wide to do bumper stickers/posters, 12 cash prizes for the winners. L. Slutter felt it would be a better project for next fiscal year, completed by October to coincide with Domestic Violence Month. She also told the commission about a previous contest in Pahoia, done through Bay Clinic, where winners were not awarded prizes, and she stressed that something like this not happen again. Discussion was then held on the pros and cons of having a poster contest, what age group should be targeted, and what the follow up would be. Commissioners agreed that some sort of education should be done in conjunction with the contest, and that the best age group should be the Middle School age (grades 6, 7 & 8). Liability issue will be brought up with Lincoln, since FVAC will be going out into the schools directly. P. Barry will notify K. Kudlo of issues brought up regarding this project.
- (K. Soo) DV-101 presentation. Discussion was held on whether or not funding should be put into making this a more professional presentation that could be brought to other agencies.
- (K. Soo) Donation towards purchasing supplies needed for re-wiring Turning Point for Families in Kona. D. Auldrige questioned if this would be considered a conflict of interest, (three commissioners work for TPF), and also if anything over \$300 has to go through procurement. (Issue will be brought to Lincoln). Further discussion was held on the commission's role in supporting or funding various agencies, and what their role is in reducing domestic violence in the community.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. District reports from commissioners on gaps within their districts (to be included in year-end report to Mayor):

L. Lord stressed the need for Rural Outreach Project funds to fund a worker actually being in, at the minimum, each of the rural communities (Ka'u, Volcano, Mt. View, Pahoia, Keaau, Hamakua, etc., just one day a week). There is no funding for that. L. Slutter told of rural outreach programs that have expired island wide because of lack of funding, and of the desperate number of women in the rural communities who have no access to services, no cars, no phones, no way to get services.

D. Auldridge suggested that in the year-end report to the Mayor, various needs should be put in district or global terms when talking about the lack of rural services etc.; specific agencies shouldn't be named, even though the information comes from those various agencies.

K. Soo is concerned about the shortage in the Kona Police Dept. (went from eight detectives to three detectives). Also, she mentioned that if a woman is in county housing and files for a TRO, when the county finds out about it, she gets evicted. L. Lord added that the gap in that situation is transitional housing for victims of domestic violence where the landlord is sensitive to the issues. There is also a major shortage of psychologists and psychiatrists who are knowledgeable about domestic violence. There is no place to send victims because of this shortage.

L. Lord said that another gap, something that the county does not have, is someone dedicated to public awareness regarding domestic violence, doing an on-going coordinating at the schools, or companies. Someone to go out and do some education and awareness of domestic violence with supervisors, schools, etc. Full-time community educator is needed to explain laws, dynamics of domestic violence.

P. Barry said that through a CPS survey in Kona, 80% of cases coming in involve drugs or alcohol, the drug of choice being crystal methamphetamine. Statistically, in Hawaii State, 90% of the DV cases involve abusive drugs with "ice" the drug of choice. (HCADV stats). The need for in-patient or drug treatment is on the top of the list island-wide. Quality and availability of all services is limited. Also, there is a need to speak to Marshalleese families regarding domestic violence especially in Kau and Puna.

L. Slutter said she read an article in the paper that said something to the effect that 1% of property taxes is distributed to non-profit groups every year. And that fund is limited to \$900,000. She would like to know if this county has \$900,000 a year, or if in fact 1% of the property taxes by law is mandated to be provided to support services, and if so, why isn't it happening? P. Barry deferred this to Lincoln for an answer.

P. Barry reported that starting July 1, there will be a number to call to report ice related activities. Also, she said that someone from the Justice Dept. came to the Ocean View Town Meeting held on May 21st, and said that they now have an Ice Task Force set up by the state, in Honolulu, under the Attorney General's office. This was passed into law. They will now be able to crack ice houses under a nuisance law rather than having to go through a criminal law. She said that when a caller informs the hotline about an ice house, two people from the Task Force will come over to check it out. This will also be coordinated with the Police - VICE.

Concern was also expressed about how funds will be impacted by the article she read regarding medical marijuana and the federal government. Discussion was held on various funding that was coming into the state from the federal government.

P. Barry explained that these gaps will be brought up at the next meeting to be put in a specific order to be presented to the Mayor as part of the report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be at the Kona Mayor's Office on June 27, 2003.

Business cards were distributed to the commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Charmaine Shigemura