

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON PURCHASE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

April 28, 2005

9:00 a.m.

1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 322

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present:

Mary Lou Barela, Chair
Christine Chun, Vice-Chair and Secretary
Victor Geminiani
Ann Higa
Joanne Lundstrom
Pauline Pavao
Debbie Shimizu
Stella Wong
Jamie Woodburn

Others:

Mara Smith, State Procurement Office
Corinne Higa, State Procurement Office
Frank Chong, Aloha Care

I. Call to Order

Mary Lou Barela called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Minutes

Pauline Pavao moved that the minutes be approved. Ann Higa seconded. The motion was carried.

III. New Business

1. The Fourth Conference on Purchases of Health and Human Services

Mara Smith distributed a draft of the conference and expo brochure for the council to review. Ms. Smith asked the council if there needed to be additions or changes to the conference goals. Debbie Shimizu suggested that "Learn best business practices..." be changed to "Share best business practices..." Victor Geminiani suggested that the third goal "Learn best practices..." be changed to "Discuss best practices..."

Victor Geminiani suggested that the conference title be modified to capture what is on the agenda or vice versa. Members suggested:

- Improving Technical Capacity of Programs
- Working Smarter Not Harder
- Creating a Winning Situation
- Future Trends and Best Practices
- Evolution and Future Trends
- Evolving and Emerging Trends

There was consensus that “The Business of Health and Human Services: Evolving and Emerging Trends” provides the best description of the conference.

The council discussed issues that affect the provision of health and human services. Jamie Woodburn said that there is need for providers to develop funding strategies to survive. Government is privatizing, but expects providers to do more for less. Mary Lou Barela stated that direct services suffer because of the required paperwork overload. Frank Chong added that there are more and more activities required that are not revenue generating. The marketplace has changed, more skills are required, and a greater percentage of the time is spent documenting. Victor Geminiani said that there is a need for a more cooperative environment between the various sectors and a need to look at the evolution of nonprofits and best practices for future development.

Frank Chong suggested the Aloha United Way be featured as an example of the system changing, as it has shifted towards outcomes. Joanne Lundstrom indicated a panel might be a good format to discuss evolving issues and emerging trends. Issues that could be discussed: Organizations being forced to choose between being mission-driven vs. funding-driven; the need to diversify funding sources; and the effect and costs of contract requirements. It was agreed a morning panel focusing on three selected key issues, with three members representing a private funder, a government perspective and a provider would be a good plenary for the conference. Frank Chong agreed to provide an introduction and moderate the panel. Susan Au Doyle would be an appropriate panel member.

The possibility of forming another panel was discussed. Since providers are forced to seek other funding sources and models, a panel consisting of some key individuals from the business community/private foundations could provide a useful perspective on the need to diversify funding as government funding shrinks, the role of businesses in supporting local nonprofits and corporate responsibility. The definition of charity may also be an appropriate topic for discussion, as it may no longer mean simply the distribution of funding, but also sharing of information. Possible panel participants were suggested: Randy Moore; the CEO of Alexander and Baldwin; Mitch D'Olier, Castle Foundation; Paula Boyce, Bank of Hawaii; Duncan MacNaughton; Meredith Ching, Alexander and Baldwin; Alan Tang, Olomana Marketing; and Tony Guerrero, First Hawaiian Bank.

Joanne Lundstrom noted a need for a perspective on health and human services from a national level? The Hawai'i Alliance of Non Profit Organizations' (HANO) sister organization on the mainland was suggested as a conference participant.

Pauline Pavao suggested that the panel replace the third session of workshops rather than having the panel present later in the afternoon, since many neighbor island attendees may need to leave in order to make their flights.

2. Contracts Database Update

Mara Smith deferred discussion of the Contracts Database until the next meeting.

IV. Other Business

Mary Lou Barela requested that meeting handouts be sent to council members prior to each meeting.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

5-23-05

Date

Christine Chun

Christine Chun, Vice-Chair/Secretary,
Community Council on Purchase of Health
and Human Services