

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON PURCHASE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING**

March 15, 2006
9:00 a.m.
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 322
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present:

Joanne Lundstrom
Debbie Shimizu
Stella Wong
Jamie Woodburn

Others:

Mara Smith, State Procurement Office
Corinne Higa, State Procurement Office

Excused:

Mary Lou Barela, Chair
Christine Chun, Vice-Chair and Secretary
Ann Higa
Pauline Pavao

I. Call to Order

Joanne Lundstrom called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

II. Minutes of January 20, 2006

Jamie Woodburn moved that the minutes be approved. Stella Wong seconded. The motion was carried.

III. The Next Conference/Event on Purchases Health and Human Services – Possible Dates, Themes, Format

Mara Smith distributed a draft of possible conference/event/luncheon topics. Ms. Smith discussed the possibility of issuing recognition awards to health and human service providers and state agencies and named various areas. Debbie Shimizu stated there are a number of awards in the health and human services field, though they are usually given to individuals. Joanne Lundstrom suggested that health and human services awards could be given in recognition of exceptional relationships between State department/divisions and providers. To research this possibility, Ms. Smith indicated she had contacted the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) that has an extensive awards program. Preparation for awards is extensive and there is cost; therefore, Ms. Smith suggested that this be a discussion topic for the future, perhaps tied in with a conference.

Joanne Lundstrom suggested focusing on services available for the family and service coordination to provide services. Another suggestion is for the next conference to be an educational event about alliances of health and human services, key issues, the various health and human service sectors. Debbie Shimizu suggested looking at social indicators; i.e., Aloha United Way's initiatives and outcomes. Stella Wong suggested that the conference/event could be directed to legislator awareness to health and human services issues, needs, and funding. Ms. Wong also suggested highlighting the human resources of business; how employers can help their employees and business. A resource would be the Society of Human Resources Group. Jamie Woodburn suggested that the council consider who the desired target audience will be, i.e., legislators, providers, the community, and who will be the presenters. There are constant changes in health and human services, but there continue to be target issues.

A suggestion was made that a steering committee for the conference be formed to further develop the ohana concept. Suggestions were made for Debbie Shimizu, Chris Chun and Stella Wong to be on the steering committee.

IV. Administrative Rule Amendments for Health and Human Services – Summary and Review

Mara Smith reported that the amended rules for health and human services, Chapter 103F, became effective on January 23, 2006. Ms. Smith distributed and reviewed a handout providing a brief summary of the rule changes. Agencies have been apprised of the changes. The handout is on the SPO website. It was suggested that a workshop for providers on the changes was unnecessary. An e-mail reminder to providers would be sufficient due to the extensive and lengthy time the proposed changes were available to providers.

V. Treatment List of Qualified Private Providers – Update

Mara Smith reported that the new treatment list of qualified private providers is available on the State Procurement Office, health and human services website.

VI. Contracts Database - Update

Mara Smith informed members that as of March 14, 2006, the contracts database reports approximately \$671 million and 759 contracts for fiscal year 2006, and \$693 million and approximately 1100 contracts for fiscal year 2005.

VII. Report of Planned Purchases – Corrections and Updates Received from State Agencies

Mara Smith indicated that the planned purchases report currently lists 228 procurements totaling \$468 million and that the report is now online in a searchable format by department, division, fiscal year, geographic area, target population, service, and provider. At the next POST (Purchase of Services Team)

meeting on February 28, 2006, state agencies will be notified of the upcoming period to update and correct their planned purchases to the year 2009.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Smith indicated there was a bill which would enable the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate complaints about Executive Branch contracted programs and services for health and human services delivered through a contract with a private provider. Council members were aware of the bill.

IX. Next Meeting

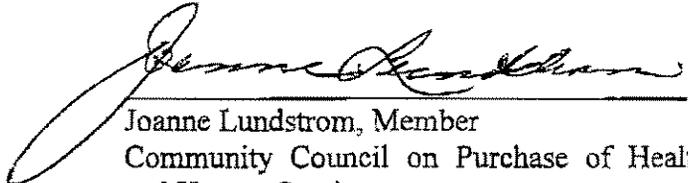
Proposed dates for the next meeting are April 13 or 18, 2006.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

5/8/06
Date


Joanne Lundstrom, Member
Community Council on Purchase of Health
and Human Services