

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON PURCHASE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

March 29, 2005

9:00 a.m.

1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 322  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

## Members Present:

Ann Higa  
Joanne Lundstrom  
Pauline Pavao  
Debbie Shimizu  
Stella Wong  
Jamie Woodburn

## Others:

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

## Members Excused:

Mary Lou Barela, Chair  
Christine Chun, Vice-Chair and Secretary  
Victor Geminiani

### **I. Call to Order**

Mara Smith called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. She introduced Ruth Yamaguchi, Acting Administrator of the State Procurement Office.

### **II. Minutes**

Mara Smith pointed out a correction to the minutes. Jamie Woodburn was mistakenly named as volunteering to coordinate logistics for presenters at the conference. Jamie Woodburn moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Stella Wong seconded. The motion was carried.

### **III. New Business**

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

Drafts of the conference timeline, flyer, agenda, and workshops were distributed for the council's review.

a. Keynote Speaker(s)

Mara Smith said that the conference is intended for both for-profit and non-profit organizations. Possible for keynote speakers were discussed. Debbie Shimizu indicated Mike Fitzgerald of Enterprise Honolulu, could represent the business sector on empowerment and economic development. Various legislative and congressional representatives were suggested such as Representative Neil Abercrombie, Representative Ed Case, or Mayor Mufi Hannemann. Frank Chong pointed out that it was difficult to think of any one person representing the entire business sector and it might be more useful to select some one from a particular sector. The tourism industry was a viable choice. Jamie Woodburn added that the Hawaii Hotel Association provides health and human service grants. Frank Chong added that a representative from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism speak on health and human service projections for the next ten years. Mara Smith stated she would follow up. Pauline Pavao added someone from the Statewide Economic Development Board to the list of possibilities. Joanne Lundstrom suggested the University of Hawaii President as education plays a major part in ensuring there are qualified employees in health and human services. Mara Smith also mentioned Elizabeth Kent of Adult Dispute Resolution in the Judiciary has addressed the nonprofit class at Kapiolani Community College. Pauline Pavao volunteered to initiate contact with Representative Ed Case and Debbie Shimizu will get more information on Mike Fitzgerald.

Council members asked if it were possible to have a mainland speaker as a keynote. Mara Smith replied that cost would have to be taken into consideration particularly in light of the cost of providing travel assistance to neighbor island attendees

b. Workshops

Mara Smith reviewed the list of workshops. She reported that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Office of Community Services will sponsor a track on performance-based contracting which will include speakers from the mainland. Frank Chong indicated a workshop panel with Susan Au Doyle, AUW, as they seem to be moving away from a typical grants model and more towards a procurement model. Including a discussion of non-income generating expenses would be useful in light of the move to collect data. For the insurance workshops, Ms. Smith indicated she had been in contact with Julie Ugalde of Risk management who would be making some suggestions within the next few weeks. Mary Lou Barela is in contact with a possible presenter on insurance issues for providers. Jamie Woodburn

suggested that the format be a panel and include someone from the Department of the Attorney General.

Frank Chong spoke of the many changes in healthcare and the possibility of addressing the economic drivers behind it. Joanne Lundstrom and Stella Wong mentioned managed care, particularly upcoming changes in MedQuest. Mara Smith indicated she had been in touch with someone in MedQuest and would be following up. Joanne Lundstrom said that the issue of the homeless is an important influence in the delivery of services.

Other names mentioned included former legislators and others who have been leaders in health and human services in the past such as Andy Levin, John Lewin, Bob Nakata, Sam Cox, Jory Watland, Jim Shon, Mike McCartney, Mazie Hirono, and Matt Matsunaga. Frank Chong suggested a panel of county mayors addressing their plans and projections for the next ten years. Mara Smith indicated a technology workshop discussing procurement information currently on the web, Hawaii e-procurement, videoconferencing, etc. will be included. Debbie Shimizu suggested Harvey Lee from the Pacific Resource for Education and Learning (PREL) as a presenter. For the workshop on faith-based federal grants, Stella Wong volunteered to contact Sylvia Yuen of the University of Hawaii, Center on the Family. Joanne Lundstrom volunteered to contact John Flanagan with regard to Hawaii Association for Non-Profit Organization (HANO).

c. Expo

Debbie Shimizu asked if there would be a fee to showcase at the Expo. Mara Smith said that the fee would be about \$30 to \$40.

**IV. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

4/20/05

Date

Christine Chun

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