

ADA Coordinator's Report December 2007

ADA - Title II & S. 504

- Forwarded complaint re impassable sidewalk Kukuau St. to Department of Public Works;
- Responded to inquiry re DCAB review of leased facility for County Office of Elections;
- Conducted research on the effect of tasers on people with disabilities and spoke with Police Officer conducting training re concerns raised at Mayor's Committee Meeting;
- Provided County resident information about service animals (e.g. Hawaii Canines for Independence in Maui);
- Provided comments to author of an accessibility guide to island attractions, which included County facilities;
- Responded to an inquiry regarding possible accommodations for driver's license testing and referred caller to licensing staff for assistance;
- Revised draft of "Request for Modification" Procedure and forwarded to ADA specialist, Bill Hecker, for comment;
- Responded to inquiry regarding the status of the former Prosecuting Attorney's office on the Transition Plan, and toured the new facility;
- Continued to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation on a request for installation of handrails at Kona Community Aquatic Center;
- Attended the Legislative Forum in Hilo hosted by the East Hawaii Council on Developmental Disabilities;
- Attended quarterly County ADA Coordinators' Meeting at the Disability and Communication Access Board in Honolulu;
- Followed up on a complaint that specific curb ramps were not installed on Haili Street in Hilo; complainant advised that two locations were not feasible as one was unsafe, due to a curve in the road, and one was an "orphan" (a curb ramp to nowhere), but the department would install 4 curb ramps at one of the requested locations.

Title I

- Followed up with a department regarding a request from an employee with a hearing impairment for partitions to block noisy office equipment;
- Forwarded a sample "Parking as a Reasonable Accommodation Policy" to Director of Public Works;
- Conducted 1 Title I ADA training for 14 supervisors;
- Hosted an "Advanced Workshop on Reasonable Accommodation" conducted by Charlotte Townsend of DCAB for 13 supervisors.

Title III

- Forwarded complaint that accessible parking spaces in Kurtistown at Post Office and J. Hara Store were blocked to Planning Department.

Equal Opportunity

- Conducted 5 non-supervisory Anti-Discrimination and Harassment training courses for 60 employees;
- Conducted 2 supervisory Anti-Discrimination and Harassment training courses for 38 employees.