

## ADA Coordinator Activities July 2008

### ADA - Title II & S. 504

- Disability Rights Hawaii forwarded a complaint from a resident that certain sidewalks in Hilo are inaccessible; wrote to complainant to get more information, but letter was returned;
- Responded to an inquiry from Public Relations Specialist in Department of Public Works regarding usage of booklet, "Making Temporary Events Accessible.";
- Reviewed sample application for paratransit services for Administrator – Mass Transit and provided comments;
- Followed up with individual who could not use new wheelchair lift at Kona Community Aquatic Center and raised maintenance issues regarding temporary lift with Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division;
- Tried to find a person in Kailua-Kona who requested accessible pedestrian signals from Traffic Division, but was unsuccessful;
- Forwarded a complaint regarding no sidewalk on Kapiolani St. at Ponahawai in Hilo to Engineering Division in Public Works;
- Drafted comments on service animals to submit to Department of Justice during proposed rulemaking to Title II regulations;
- Discussed use of "Segways" as mobility aids with Mass Transit Administrator and forwarded him Department of Transportation's information on the subject;
- Tested an all terrain wheelchair (Hippocampe) at Richardson's Ocean Beach Park with Recreation Specialist and Battalion Chief – Water Safety Officers;
- Met with an individual who requested a modification to a traffic light so he could push the button for the pedestrian signal with the footrest of his wheelchair to test a prototype;
- Consulted with Bill Hecker, ADA expert, on various issues regarding the Department of Parks and Recreation Transition Plan, Curb Cuts Transition Plan and maintenance of sidewalks;
- Listened to a web cast on ADA rules with other County employees;
- Participated in a meeting regarding ADA improvements to East Hawaii Cultural Center;
- Informed a County resident that Stipulated Agreement in Russell v. the County of Hawaii (curb cuts) prohibited us from doing an inventory of sidewalks and a sidewalk Transition Plan.

### Title III

- Concluded investigation of a medical facility in Kailua-Kona for non-compliant ADA parking with no findings to support violation of the County Code; sent letter to complainant, who subsequently spoke to property owners and resolved the issue himself;
- Responded to an inquiry from an individual who asked about services for people with disabilities;

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- Discussed with Fair Housing Officer how denial of lease agreement with an individual who was too heavy could possibly be discrimination based upon a protected class.