



COUNTY OF HAWAII
FAMILY VIOLENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Friday, March 7, 2003

10:00 AM

**25 Aupuni Street, #113
County Building, Hilo**

MINUTES

PRESENT Patti Barry, Chair, Dorothee Auldridge, Linda Halsted, Karen Kudlo, Emily Naeole, Kelly Soo, Jacqueline Watanabe, Karen Wolfe

STAFF Lincoln Ashida, Corporation Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson P. Barry called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 24, 2003 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No questions or comments on the Treasurer's Report.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items Only

No statements from the public

REPORTS

- A. DV-101 – COURSE CURRICULUM
K. Soo distributed folders containing information that her agency uses in teaching DV classes. After a brief review of the contents, she asked that commission members read through the folders and follow up at the next meeting with questions, comments and/or suggestions to add to this curriculum.
- B. PUBLIC RELATIONS
K. Wolfe brought thumbnail cartoon sketches on DV for possible use by the commission. She asked the commission pay \$300 for this service. She also read and circulated a copy of an article she wrote about the commission to be

submitted to the County Newsletter or other publications. Commission members were asked for their additional input to this article.

There was discussion on spending the money for the artist's sketches. L. Ashida said that he would need to check first with the County's Purchasing Agent to see if there were procurement rules that would apply in contracting for this service. He also suggested that before the commission make any decision, they determine if this is a service they want, then decide if this is the vendor they want to go with.

C. DVIAT

P. Barry reported on a UH Woman's group that is working on an exchange program with other schools on the mainland for whatever type of violence there is on campus against women. Another issue discussed at the DVIAT meeting was the safety issue at Family Court.

D. FOSTER CARE/LONG TERM CARE

P. Barry reported on an article about foster care groups closing houses. The Casey Family Group will be here in Hawaii for two years working with the existing children they have, working with the State then phasing out after that. She also reported on what other agencies are doing. Adoptions and guardianships rather than foster care seem to be on the incline.

K. Wolfe shared information about Mary Walker's ranch in Kohala.

E. Law and Policy Reform

K. Kudlo reported on various issues/concerns in the communities. She also reported on many programs already in place and grants available to various groups such as this commission.

There was discussion on various laws relating to DV issues that needed change. L. Ashida suggested that the commission, as a body collaborate efforts and work towards changing these laws through lobbying legislation. He also told the commission that they could seek advice in this area from Mayor Kim's Executive Director Andy Levin, who has had many years of experience in legislative issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. Ashida informed the commission that the length of the public hearing on the by-laws would depend on how many members from the public spoke, which would probably be few.

P. Barry said that at the next meeting, after public hearing, the commission could spend time on the DV 101 course curriculum. K. Soo said that a 2-hour training for this course would be sufficient.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Barry reported about a letter written by her husband (head of Ocean View Neighborhood Watch) that was sent to various government leaders and the media about the sale of drug paraphernalia sold at the swap meet in Ocean View. Her husband was

told that paraphernalia can legally be sold at any business in Hawaii but it becomes illegal only if it is used, if there is residue on it. She suggested this be one of the laws the commission can lobby for change.

Naeole reported on a person interested in doing a wrestling promotion for the commission. K. Soo expressed the need for a male figure involved in a DV function to bring in more men.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bernie Carvalho and Les Estrella gave the commission information on the program they are involved in through the Catholic Church that is called Faith Against Drugs. They provide rooms for those in need of a place to stay that are in a non-alcohol, drug free setting, located in downtown Hilo. There are presently 7 women and 9 men staying in the house. Their phone number is 934-7852.

Kevin Dayton, reporter for the Honolulu Advertiser was introduced to the commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will be a Public Hearing on the by-laws on March 28 at the Mayor's Office in Kona.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Charmaine Shigemura