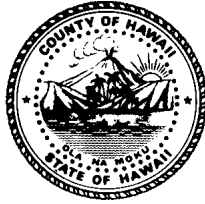


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Friday, March 28, 2003
10:00 AM
Mayor's Office, Hanama Place
75-5706 Kuakini Hwy., #103, Kailua-Kona

MINUTES

PRESENT Karen Kudlo, Vice Chair, Dorothee Auldridge, Linda Slutter, Lee Lord,
Karen Wolfe

ABSENT Patti Barry, Linda Halsted, Emily Naeole, Kelly Soo, Jacqueline Watanabe

K. Kudlo reminded commissioners that if they will not be attending a meeting, they need to notify the Chair P. Barry or Char of the Mayor's Office before the meeting date, to ensure quorum.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair K. Kudlo called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Comments were made in favor of summary minutes as opposed to verbatim.

Minutes from the March 7, 2003 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

K. Kudlo questioned the amount used in the Advertising Account, and suggested using money for mileage from another account.

L. Lord noted that the commission would be discussing this under New Business on the Agenda.

D. Auldridge suggested clarification of expenses on the budget report.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items Only

No statements from the public

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – BY-LAWS

Motion was made and seconded to accept/adopt the by-laws as they stand.
Motion was unanimously passed.

REPORTS

A. DV-101 – COURSE CURRICULUM

Length of training will be 2 hours instead of 4 hours. D. Auldridge asked if commissioners reviewed the draft training curriculum from the last meeting to make comments/additions/amendments for the final curriculum. L. Lord said that he and L. Slutter would help K. Soo put together the curriculum from feedback from the commission.

B. LAWS AND POLICY REFORM

K. Kudlo reported on the Model Code on Domestic and Family Violence from the American Bar Association. She said that Lincoln Ashida and Andy Levin have both volunteered to help the commission learn about the law making process to get ideas together this year for next year's legislative session. D. Auldridge suggested this committee meet to review information collectively before going to the commission with recommendations about which areas they should focus their attention. K. Kudlo volunteered to get a copy of the Model Code to the members of this committee for comparison to Hawaii's Code and overall review of what needs to be changed.

L. Lord mentioned various domestic violence organizations comprising a coalition that supported and helped with drafting bills this year. He questioned what laws in our county were different from the rest of the state that this commission would want to duplicate this effort. D. Auldridge suggested that since many commissioners might not know of the efforts of the coalition, he do a report informing them about what bills were proposed, what passed and what didn't. The commission could then use this report, together with the Model Code and present and past legislation by the coalition when reviewing the statutes. After reviewing this collectively, the commission can either decide to join the coalition as another voice, or draft something different than what has been previously proposed.

L. Lord will send weekly updates on present legislation to the commission members by email.

C. PUBLIC RELATIONS

K. Wolfe reported on the thumbnail sketches done by Gary O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien does not want to donate his services, but told the commission they could keep the sketches. DV message on the county paystubs deferred to the next meeting. Article for the newsletter will be finalized and brought to the next meeting. Mary Walker, ranch owner in Waimea will talk to the commission at a future date, about getting involved with battered and abused children. K. Wolfe also announced that she would be on Hawaii Stars on April 20.

D. DVIAT

West Hawaii - L. Slutter reported that Kona has new leadership. They have been given donations and are researching the appropriate way they can receive these monies. Regular DVIAT meeting is the 3rd Thursday of every month
East Hawaii - The Legal Procedures meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, and regular DVIAT meeting is the 4th of every month. This past fall, Ron Paul (Police Dept.) was awarded \$10,000 from the Weinberg Foundation through the Zonta Club to put together a brochure to provide DV information to the public about services available. This brochure is still being worked on.

E. FUNDRAISER/GRANTS

D. Auldridge suggested that the commission should identify a project or a specific goal that needs funding before doing any fundraising efforts. K. Kudlo will contact the committee members for ideas for projects. K. Wolfe brought up the "Wrestling" fundraiser as a way to get men involved.

L. Lord: "...Fundraising doesn't work unless you know what you want to spend the money on. We're coming up on the end of this fiscal year and we're going to have probably \$1500 that we didn't even spend out of our commission budget, so why would we be fundraising if we're sending back \$1500? I think the commission is here to advise the Mayor as to what needs to be done in our County. I'm not sure I want to go out and fundraise and take money away from programs that are providing direct services. I think we might be stepping on peoples' toes. And if we are talking about getting the message to men in our county, is that our job to get the message to the men? Or is it our job to turn to the Mayor and let him know he needs to give those non-profits, social service agencies, education agencies money in our county to get the message out to the men in our county. That could be done more effectively and reach more men if the money was used for a public service announcement on the Big Island. So before we jump into things and say lets go raise some money, I would like us to determine what's our goal, who's our audience, what's the best way - the 'biggest bang for the buck' kind of thing, and is it really the commission's job to do it.....are we stepping on somebody's toes, are we taking funds away from somebody else who is working on that already."

K. Kudlo said that the commission would be getting funds from the public, not talking money away from any agency, and that public service announcements would be a great idea for a project.

Discussion was held on funds and projects. L. Slutter reiterated L. Lord's comments on the role of the commission. She questioned the need to raise funds. D. Auldridge said that one of the other goals of the commission is to provide education and community awareness, and that would be a primary reason to need funds. The commission has two primary focuses: "One is to assist the Mayor in identifying both resources and gaps and how to alleviate those, and the second is to do community awareness and public education".

K. Wolfe suggested going to the schools and doing a bumper sticker contest as a project. L. Slutter mentioned this already being done on the west side. She also

asked if any commissioners have gone to community meetings. K. Wolfe said she has been to various functions.

Identifying projects will be on the next meeting's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MONEY LEFT OVER IN THE BUDGET

K. Kudlo asked for ideas to use money in the current budget before the end of June. L. Lord told the commission about his involvement in a recent training about technology and safety with victims. He requested \$100 from the commission to go towards payment for going to this training. He will be sharing this information with the commission.

D. Auldridge made a motion to approve \$100 to L. Lord from the commission budget for the training. K. Wolfe seconded.

Motion was unanimously passed.

Commission members are asked to bring ideas to the next meeting on projects that money in the current budget can be used for.

B. REIMBURSEMENT FOR MATERIAL COSTS FOR DV-101

There will be no material costs for the DV-101 training. If there is a cost, Turning Point for Families will donate.

Discussion was held on the length of the next meeting/training. D. Auldridge suggested that the budget items be the priority for the next meeting, limit the agenda to Items I-V and defer the committee reports. K. Wolfe suggested commissioners bring their favorite potluck dish.

Meeting in April will be meeting/training, to last approximately 3 hours. Commissioners are asked to bring a potluck dish.

C. COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND NEEDS

K. Wolfe went to an outreach at Kealakehe School, an activity that several churches have been doing. She would like the commission to donate food items to these events. K. Kudlo asked for this to be put on a list as a project.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no statements from the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. Kudlo reported that the Domestic Violence Fundraising Dinner will be held on April 8, at the Royal Kona Resort at 6:00 p.m., \$40 a person, and encouraged all commission members to attend, possibly be introduced as a group.

K. Kudlo saw a flyer about an Elder Abuse Training, and will try to get more information on what it was about.

K. Kudlo told the commissioners about her store (Treasure Island) selling items, with proceeds going to a shelter. She told the commissioners that if they wanted to sell items through her store for their shelters, she would do it. She also told commissioners that if they knew anyone or any shelters that needed beds, etc. to let her know.

K. Kudlo also told the commission about newspaper articles in West Hawaii Today, mainly an article about agencies that had incorrect or late paperwork thus resulting in not getting certain monies. She will make a copy of the article for the commission.

Next meeting will be on Friday, April 25, 10:00 am, at the Ocean View Community Center (DV Training and short meeting). Bring potluck, and please call if you will not be there.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Submitted by:

Charmaine Shigemura