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In reply, please refer to:

December 26, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of  
Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the  
Annual Report of the Implementation of the State Plan pursuant to section 333E-3(5)  
of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be  
viewed electronically at:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/department-of-health-reports-to-2020-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce S. Anderson".

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.  
Director of Health

Enclosures

**REPORT TO THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**STATE OF HAWAII**

**2019**

**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333E-3(5) PREPARE AND SUBMIT REPORTS TO  
THE GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE, AND ALL CONCERNED  
DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE PLAN**

**PREPARED BY:**

**STATE OF HAWAII**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**December 2019**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Council is to empower, advocate, and support Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities statewide to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire.

Vision Statement

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are equal to all persons and enjoy basic human rights, among the life, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. They have choices about where they live, work, Learn, play, pursue their spiritual beliefs, are respected and receive the supports they need.

Implementation Statement

To this end, the Council will:

- work for self-determination;
- advocate for systems change;
- provide information, education, and planning;
- serve as conscience/monitor of the State; and
- promote best practices.

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## FROM THE CHAIR...SolRay Duncan

Aloha!

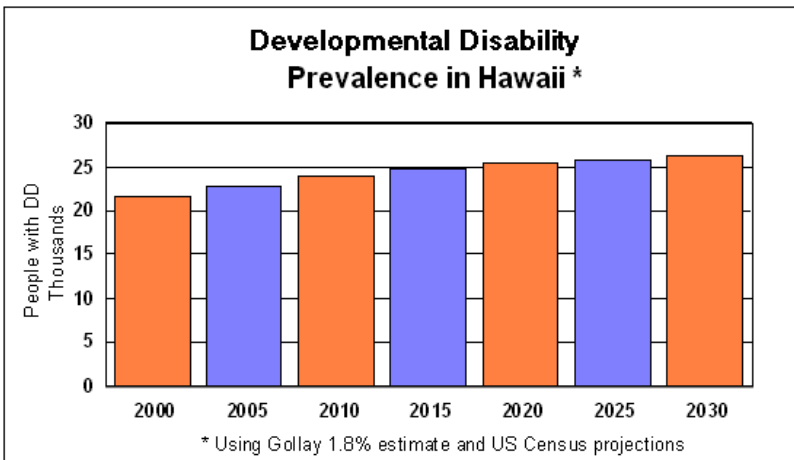
This has been my first year as your DD Council Chair, and I am honored to have been given an opportunity to work with such dedicated and talented individuals as those we have as Council Members.

We have continued our tried and true activities, such as the Day at the Capitol event, Legislative Forums in all Counties. We have also participated in planning of the Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities.

We went through another busy session at the Legislature and were able to successfully advocate for important items such as the Earned Income Disregard Program, Kal's Law.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Maureen Bates	Tim Renken
Mary Brogan	Josh Ige
Michelle Arakawa	Shana Metsch
Philip Ana	Darwin Nagamine
Cathy Sorensen	Santo Triolo
Jackie Indreginal	Liza Yogi
Pat Morrissey	Verna Waikiki
John Beebe	Victoria Murray
Ryan Palacio	SolRay Duncan
Chris Toyama	
Renee Manfredi	
Kevin Bardsley-Marcial	
Maile Mathews-Perez	



Governor Ige, bill signing for Kal's Law  
 DD Council, Hawaii Disability Rights Center,  
 Center on Disability Studies, Med-Quest, Self  
 Advocacy Advisory Council

### The Council supported the Self-Advocacy Network in becoming a non-profit organization

The State Legislature, through Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, appropriated funds to establish and support a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with developmental disabilities (DD). The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) is a group of self-advocate leaders with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are actively engaged in their community to address the concerns and needs of their peers throughout the State.

## THE COUNCIL...

State Councils were established in response to the federal *Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970* (PL 91-517). Hawai‘i’s Council was established in State Law by Act 198, Session Laws of Hawai‘i, in 1975.

The Council is administratively attached to the Department of Health (DOH). The department serves as the designated state agency, providing fiduciary and administrative support.

The Council engages in activities which change the system of services for people with developmental disabilities and conducts systems change, capacity building, and advocacy activities that...

- Provide training for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families including legislative advocacy, training on the legislative process, and leadership development;
- Demonstrate new approaches to services, supports, and assistance;
- Inform federal, state, and local policymakers;
- Foster interagency collaboration and coordination;
- Eliminate barriers and enhancing the design and redesign of systems;
- Develop and support coalitions;
- Educate the public; and
- Coordinate and support community activities that follow the Council’s mission.

The Council, appointed by the Governor, is a group of individuals dedicated to improving the lives of Hawai‘i’s citizens with developmental disabilities. The philosophy of membership is that all key stakeholders are represented at the Council table: individuals with developmental disabilities; their family members, advocates; representatives of state and private agencies who provide services; representatives of the Hawai‘i Disability Rights Center (HDRC), the state’s Protection and Advocacy agency; University of Hawai‘i’s Center on Disability Studies (CDS) and other key community interests. The beauty of this composition is in the skills and experience that each brings to the table and shares with other Council members.

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

[from PL 106-402, Sec. 102. Definitions, (8)]

(A) IN GENERAL. — The term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that—

- (i) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22;
- (iii) is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:
  - (I) Self-care.
  - (II) Receptive and expressive language.
  - (III) Learning.
  - (IV) Mobility.
  - (V) Self-direction.
  - (VI) Capacity for independent living.
  - (VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and
- (v) reflects the individual’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

(B) INFANTS AND YOUNG

CHILDREN. —An individual from birth to age 9, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the criteria described in clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A) if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

## **The Council Areas of Emphasis**

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

- Enhancing residential placements within communities by avoiding the placement of individuals with developmental disabilities into institutions.
- Promoted collaboration with parent groups to identify residential needs throughout the state.
- Continue to work with County transportation coordinators statewide to assure bus routes are meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities so they can utilize generic services to access their community.
- Educated Legislators, City and County Council members, and Mayors about transportation and housing needs of individuals with disabilities.

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- Created public awareness campaign to promote Developmental Disabilities and Disability Employment Awareness month.
- Educated business and community members about what Developmental Disabilities are.
- Created a work group to address the intake process for Developmental Disabilities Division, met with parents and agencies. As a result; the Division updated their intake booklet and redefined how they would assure individuals with a developmental disability would be able to apply for services regardless if the had a dual diagnosis.
- Joined parent groups to initiate legislation for a resolution to assure individuals with a developmental disability will be able eligible to apply for services through the Department of Health, Developmental Disability Division, regardless if they have a dual diagnosis.
- Promoted awareness of Developmental Disabilities related issues and concerns with legislators during the 2019 Day at the Capitol Event. Participants were briefed from the Council. There were 454 Self-Advocates from 32 organizations and 45 volunteers from 8 organizations who came together to celebrate the abilities of individuals with Developmental Disabilities.
- Encouraged Self-advocates to support initiatives that were important to their communities such as improving crosswalks.
- Updated our web sites for the Council and SAAC. Current agendas, minutes, and calendars have been posted.

### **TRANSITION AND EMPLOYMENT**

- Collaborated with DHS/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, DOH/Adult Mental Health Division, DOH/Developmental Disabilities Division, DLIR/Work Force Development Division, UH/Center on Disability Studies, Office of the Governor, Department of Community Services City and County of Honolulu, U.S. Dept. of Labor –Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, and private agencies to create activities to support students and young adults with disabilities with getting a job and earning competitive wages; such as supporting reversed job fairs for over 70 individuals.
- Educated public and private agencies on Customized Employment.
- Continue to support the Project SEARCH initiative by holding the contracts so the project can continue throughout the states.
- Facilitated with our sister agencies; Center on Disability Studies and Hawaii Disability Rights Center, a quarterly transition meeting with over 130 professionals from Department of



Human Services, Department of Health, and Department of Education, breaking down silos and promoting collaborating among each other.

- Facilitated a group of advocates, private and public agencies to meet with the State Budget and Finance Office, as a result, a commitment was made to start Hawaii’s ABE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) accounts no later than July 1, 2020.
- Met with the Bank of Hawaii regarding ABE accounts, as a result, they have started assisting eligible consumers to open up ABE accounts at their banks through the Virginia529 ABE program.
- Worked closely with the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Identified all agencies who were paying individuals with disabilities sub-minimum wage and were able to educate the agencies on the importance of paying at least minimum wage. As a result, no agency was paying employees below minimum wage as of September 30, 2019.
- Initiating upcoming legislation to change the procurement laws in order to abolish the capability of paying an individual sub-minimum wage based on the sole fact they have a disability.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH & HEALTH**

- Continued work to initiate universal screening tools across the State to increase early intervention strategies. Early detection and treatment can prevent long term disabilities.
- Continued work with the Assistive Technology Resource Center to provide devices to toddlers to help with their communication needs rather than purchasing expensive communication devices through Medicaid or other insurance carriers.
- Educating legislatures and community members on the need to improve of oral health for children and adults.
- Created resource mapping throughout each county on resources for early intervention and screenings.

## **SELF-ADVOCACY & SELF-DETERMINATION**

- Maintaining over 200 members statewide.
- Continued monthly meetings and train-the-trainer events; All about My Empowerment
- Supporting self-advocates to join community groups and boards, promoting “Nothing About Me Without Me.”
- Supported the self-advocates to be self-employed by being Feeling Safe Being Safe trainings, teaching public and private agencies, offices, schools on the importance of emergency preparedness.



# The Council

## Offices & Contact Information

### History

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