

ANNETTE C. TASHIRO

GOV. MSG. NO. 663

OBJECTIVE | Continue to serve in a volunteer capacity to provide counseling, education, and training opportunities for persons with disabilities to achieve success in their aspirations for quality of life.

SKILLS & ABILITIES | Community Organizing with Advocates with Disabilities, Family Community Leadership Facilitator, Therapeutic and Community Recreation Trainer, and Faith-based counseling.

EXPERIENCE | **BOARD OF DIRECTOR: STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

2018-2022 HONOLULU, HI

- Network with agencies that provided independent living services and products to persons with disabilities.
- Provided information on **Independent Living** to State of Hawaii leaders, agencies, and to the general public.
- Advocate and uphold the IL core services and hold the SILC and CILs accountable.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR: STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

2020-2022 HONOLULU, HI

- Network with partner agencies that provided Vocational Rehabilitation services and Independent Living supports and products to persons with disabilities.
- Provided information on the status of the Statewide Independent Living Council at the SRC Quarterly Meetings.
- Support and advocate for Vocational Rehabilitation Services statewide.

OUTREACH SPECIALIST ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE OF SAN DIEGO

2017-2018 HONOLULU, HI

- Network with businesses and agencies that provided equal access to services and products to persons with disabilities.
- Provided information on Access to Independence at Emergency Preparation and High School Transition Information Fairs.

PROGRAM MANAGER ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE OF SAN DIEGO

2015-2016 HONOLULU, HI

- Established Center for Independent Living services on O`ahu following the transitional guidelines from the Administration for Community Living (US-DSSH).
- Collaborated with community agencies and supports to develop a successful Independent Living Work Plan for O`ahu.
- Provided information, referrals, and supports to Federal, State and local agencies about Centers for Independent Living issues and policies.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SPECIALIST STATE OF HAWAII-DHS-

HO`OPONO

2004-2014 HONOLULU, HI

- Case Management for clients receiving Vocational Rehabilitation services.

- Collaborate with client and supports to develop a successful Individualized Plan for Employment
- Provide information, support, and training to employers and potential employers.

PROGRAM SPECIALIST & TENANT SERVICES DHS/DBEDT-HCDCH/HPHA
1997-2004 HONOLULU, HI

- Facilitated U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program allocation of \$1.3 million grant expenditures.
- Provided direct services to Public Housing Resident Associations through development of neighborhood patrols, and partnerships with State, County, and community agencies such as HPD, DOE, DOH, Kokua Kalihi Valley, etc.
- Implemented training courses for citizen patrols and security watches which was inclusive of youths and other populations at risk.

HAWAII INTERAGENCY TRANSITION PROJECT SPECIALIST HAWAII STATE-DLIR
1995-1997 HONOLULU, HI

- Provided links with Department of Education and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to facilitate School to Work services.
- Managed the DLIR's portion of the US-DOE/OSER grant for the HITP.
- Planned and implemented training classes and workshops for all DOE Transition Specialists at High Schools with DLIR Transition Centers.

PART TIME TEACHER STATE OF HAWAII-DOE (CASTLE & MCKINLEY H.S.)
1993-1995 KANEOHE & HONOLULU, HI

- Provided links between Special Education, Department of Human Service, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Transition Centers at the high schools.
- Conducted Career Development sessions with exercises and activities with regular and Special Education students.
- Organized, planned and facilitated training sessions for parents, teachers, VR Specialists and Transition Center Specialists on post high school opportunities for students with disabilities.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION UNIT MANAGER, C&C HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION 1986-1993 HONOLULU, HI

- Pioneered the development of the C&C Honolulu, Therapeutic Recreation Unit from a one-person operation to a 5 full-time, 21-part time staff and over 50 community volunteers.
- Assessed evaluated and planned programs to meet needs within the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu.
- Developed policies and procedures for the Therapeutic Recreation Unit as the agency advocacy for the ADA and equal access to Parks and Recreation Services.

EDUCATION | **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, HONOLULU, HI**
M.ED. COUNSELOR EDUCATION-REHABILITATION COUNSELING
B.S. HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION

INTERESTS | Windward Buddhist Center Dharma School Teacher, Buddhist Women Association of Hawaii, Seicho-No-Ie Hawaii Board of Directors, Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disasters, Hawaii Statewide Independent Living Council, Windward Homeless Coalition, Windward Community Emergency Response Team, Committee for a Fair ADA Ride.

LEADERSHIP | SILC CHAIR 2021-present, National Federation of the Blind Anuenue Chapter Treasurer 2010-present.