

NHDPP

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NHDPP COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

HILO, HAWAII 07/20/11
KONA, HAWAII 07/21/11
KAPOLEI, OAHU 07/25/11
MOLOKAI 07/26/11
WAIMANALO, OAHU 07/27/11
KAUAI 07/28/11
HONOLULU 08/02/11
MAUI 08/03/11

Comments from Community Meeting Discussions

Themes:

1) Consider more time for community review 30 to 60 day period share information early include staff rational for recommendations, need to see the draft before adoption by HHC. Collaborate with communities through advisory groups to develop programs.

2) Need better communication about DHHL programs - Kulia program how to access grants and receive training to connect programs and services available to beneficiaries. Need simple marketing design to deal with the complex requirements of the programs. Simplify assessment process and work with community to insure their understanding of the programs. Program evaluations are needed to measure success and or identify changes to enhance the program.

3) Improve AG tech assistance use advisory groups to focus services to meet the needs of beneficiaries, support coop for equipment access, access to Ag grants to develop ag communities. Support for new ag program to address waiting list following AG Task Force.

4) Develop better management practices, re-award homes and lots, enforce lease requirements, standardize tax requirements, collaborate with communities for effective management of homesteads

5) Scholarships consider eligibility changes to expand assistance to adults who need re-training, and alternative education opportunities trade schools etc.

6) Support for increased transparency and knowledge about the DHHL program, need to provide historical context and strengthen homesteader responsibility. Sale of leases is an important issue, DHHL should set clear guidelines and state the true cost to avoid windfall profits - some regulation is better than none.

Actual comments for the record

NHDPP 7/20/11 COMMENTS - Hilo

- Community would like to have a workshop on the information for Native Hawaiian Development Program.
- Would be more beneficial for the beneficiaries to get a better understanding of the information.

- If the department shared their analysis on the program and plans (NHDPP)?
- To see where the department is coming from before implementation of this community format.
- Lot of stuff to consume at one time.
- Do we have the staff to complete the tasks?
- Final draft online: October 1st.
- By looking at the back of fact sheets, helped to organize questions and approach.
- We're required by law to have eight meetings.
- Gives you more access.
- Interaction with staff.

Top themes of tonight:

- More training, more programs, and connect with lessees.
- Materials are complicated.
- New administration there is a new style.
- Agricultural tech assistance needs to be better.
- Change scholarship requirements for beneficiaries.
- Self-governance and self-sufficiency.
- Wait list

NHDPP Open Forum:

- Real property tax issue. Why are we doing this?
- Hurts beneficiaries.

Revenue issue is important to this plan.

- NHRF funding is drying up.
- All programs are funded by the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund.
- Key elements missing is the land development process.
- Want to know what the department is doing to help the beneficiaries.
- Land-use designation
- More than happy to explain the department's work.
- What does the NHDPP do, a more in-depth understanding.
- Harder sell when beneficiaries don't know what is going on?
- Makes a better relationship with the beneficiaries, the dept., the associations, to partner for the department's program and plans.
- NHRF – Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund :0)
- Commissioners (Hawaiian Homes Commission) are passionate about their work and accountable for what they do.
- Commissioner is wide-open to anything.

`Aina Mauna Legacy Program Plan

- Didn't get the beneficiaries input on the plan.
- 30-day review process but didn't get a chance to review it. Should be 60-days instead of 30-days.
- Why did we get info but didn't get opportunity to allow input.
- Plan was approved 2 years ago.
- To implement the plan, DHHL has to do its assessment and due diligence.
- Doing the draft EA.
- Working on the comments now.
- Hawaiian Homes Commission they review the EA in October.

Act 302

- Blood quantum issue
- Parts of the issue may need to get U.S. approval.
- Department needs to review the issue.
- Kupuna hale (Waimanalo) – rental allow for 25% blood quantum. Program on Hawaiian Home Lands

Community input as part of the development plan

- Kulia I Ka Nu'u (it's capacity and shortcomings).
- Revisit the program structure and identify the good/bad of the program.
- Competition against our cultural values.
- Pits beneficiaries against each other.
- Better communication from Kulia.
- Collaborate with beneficiaries.
- Assessment was confusing and not informative. Duplicative. Feedback was not clear from outside vendor.
- Having staff from DHHL to collaborate with homestead associations. Not outside vendor.
- To be sustainable, when will the moratorium be lowered?

Every HHC meeting – RULES will be reviewed, evaluated, commented so that staff can craft "new" rules. Will come back out to community for consultation.

Are we doing more with less? Or what will happen after tonight??

- Listen to the community
- Statewide
- Internal assessment & compile notes
- Try to do the "right" thing in each area.
- Goal is to do MORE (but realize that it takes more....time, staff, energy, resources, etc. to make it happen)

Do we have the funding to do it ALL?YES!

Self Governance:

Great to get open mana'o; what's the funding situation

- Use beneficiaries to help support effort at legislature
 - Lobby
 - Rally
- Need training for lobbying skills/approach/tactics

Work with the DHHL & commission

OPEN to comments till September 3rd

Check website

Email us!

Call...

Keaukaha Tract 2: King's Landing

NHDPP 7/21/11 COMMENTS - Kona

- Notes would be compiled and reported out by meeting location
- Establish Ad Hoc committee to develop what is being worked on at all the NHDPP meetings.
- Manage contracts better (named CTHAR)

- Kulia program process takes too long
- 2007 more opportunities for lessee improve ability to use land (farmer/ranchers/ag); 2009-11 individuals were mention, but focus on community ability (Act 302). Plan needs to address individual & community capacity.
- Grants throughout timeframe to address BOTH
 - Lease terms to live on land
 - Producing & marketing product (support)
 - Grant proposals for individuals to address community needs
- Questions were not adequate: funding source was not aligned with purpose
- Want to reform system (DHHL); 45 years
 - Consultation process doesn't appear to be clear format
 - Lessees not treated as equal for input
 - Should be allow to Elect commissioners
 - Know them better; closer connection
 - Wants DHHL to change!
- DHHL Benefits tremendously from beneficiary input
- Disappointed that at each station (5); initial thoughts are not printed to take home for further input.
 - To be included with group memory
 - Also to WEBSITE
- Applicant –
 - Need opportunity & resources to helpself
 - Enter partnership with OHA to create shelter and/or temp housing on DHHL property
 - Community gardening; self sufficiency; etc.
 - Establish cemeteries on the lands
 - Renewable energy via federal funding; to help support DHHL & lessees
- Property taxes
 - Different every county
 - Property owner vs lessees-who pays??
- 12 years as beneficiary (La'i 'Opua)
 - Some homes are too pricey for kupuna; multiple dwellings for extended families
 - Mahalo to staff & Chair
- Kulia initiative funding by OHA \$5million (part of 90 million bond) to build more homes
 - \$250k per region;
 - Not every association wants to do all the steps
 - Consider using fund for others outside of Kulia structure (other projects)
 - If outside funding is unavailable; please help to benefit from resources on hand (via pot of funds that is also Kulia; if unused).
- Has DHHL consolidated list of those who have passed on while waiting on list??
 - Kupuna wait for decades; less time on the land more time on the list.
 - We should take better care of the kupuna to get them on the land.
 - Some didn't even know they could be on the list; previously unclear as to how to be on the list – miscommunication.
- \$5million (OHA) for each region
 - Has that money been earning interest? Management of the fund??

- Unclear if we "got" that fund
- No agriculture leases awarded for 10-20 years; but some got revocable permits/leases. Needs to be open to all (not just some).
- Kahua Ranch – lots of land for Hawaiian homes? Lease renewed?? (Not renewed)
- Threatening letters from DHHL regarding lease –
 - Wants payment for lawsuit (1995); still not settled. When??
- Financial standing
 - Need help purchasing homes; qualifications (age, pay, etc.)
 - Cost of home out of reach for families in the area; needs to be more affordable
 - Makes people on wait on the list longer
- Regional plans
 - Are road map for development
 - Not set in stone
 - Needs resources, plan of action, etc.
- Thank DHHL for water development for 51 families; thanks to volunteers who make it happen; water system working; team work with beneficiaries – with input increase end product outcome.
- Lands not being used properly need to be put back out for lease
- When DHHL comes out to Waimea willing to show them the land; introductions; face-to-face; real perspective.
- La'i 'Opua – wants response from Kulia; waiting over a year.
 - Project at risk as waiting
 - Build economic capacity
 - Further support from HHC for capacity; commercial center property in order to support overall plan.
- Act 302 – genesis for Kulia
 - Associations that started to gather & perform elections and was 5-6 years ago.
 - Challenged now
 - Fulfilled Kulia process
- Water development needed in Kona
 - Community to support DHHL in request for funds for transition line; including more housing. Critical for ongoing development of communities (centers, houses, etc.)
- Invite DHHL
 - William Makanui & Sandy Pfund
 - Whole ahupua'a; refl
 - Tuesday 9.30 building G (Community Center)
- Kulia – no new restrictions; rules; process
 - Too much stuff to do in order to get money
- Further support

OPEN COMMENTS ON THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLAN WILL BE RECEIVED TILL SEPTEMBER 3RD

- Website
 - Email
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NHDPP 7/25/11 COMMENTS - Kapolei

- Recurring themes
 - Tuition waivers
 - DHHL leases
 - Basic community development education
 - Island plans
 - No landfills in heavily populated Hawaiian communities and on Hawaiian Home Lands
 - Preserving the trust and self-governance
- Consultation comments
 - Talks about 25K for statewide consultation? Why is it quarterly and what is the reason for the costs?
 - Beneficiary consultation is a federal mandate to consult with beneficiaries
 - Meetings, comments, meet with homestead association leadership (quarterly), facts of how we consult with beneficiaries.
 - Please give your mana'o on better ways to update the plan.
- The last time of the quarterly meetings?
 - Community leaders were brought in to meet with DHHL.
 - Working together to strengthen the department's position to fight lawsuits.
 - Homestead associations have been consulted in the past on DHHL matters.
 - On-island discussions by DHHL administration replaced quarterly meetings.
- How do beneficiaries find out about developments in their community? How does one get notified? (Nanakuli Homestead).
 - To find out the details someone from the Planning Office will provide feedback.
- No meetings in the Wai'anae/Westside area. Why?
 - Lots of community issues brought about during this gathering.
 - More outreach to provide feedback/solutions.
 - Provide consultation meetings in Wai'anae, Nanakuli, West O'ahu, Leeward homesteads.
- Loans
- Association dues?
 - Not all the areas have association dues? What are the various costs for association dues. What do the dues provide?
 - Kapolei (approx. \$35)
 - Planned communities? Or homestead associations?
 - Association bylaws would govern the costs.
- Questions about the DHHL Website.
 - <http://hawaii.gov/dhhl> (archival)
 - <http://hawaiianhomelands.org> (new)
- Feedback on the current community format.

- Please make sure to give us your evaluations as it helps us do a better job for beneficiaries.
- Kupuna housing
 - Give the older kupuna more opportunities to homestead
- Utilizing our homes to supplement income.
 - Generate revenue. E.g., daycare, kupuna care, etc.
- Kanehili association has not had any association meetings recently.
 - Why there hasn't been one?
 - And when will the next one be scheduled?
 - What are the dues? How much?
 - After August 1, in legal consultation, then an association meeting will be scheduled to discuss all current issues concerning the Kanehili community.
- Kapua project still alive?
 - Will there be consultation on it?
 - DHHL Chairman is currently working on it.
 - Concept can happen in another parcel.
 - May not be on the Makaha parcel that has been in the news.
- DHHL commercial leases
 - Commercial entities pay lease/rent at market prices.
 - Target, Safeway, Pana'ewa parcel generates revenue for DHHL.
- Act 195 (SB1520), Native Hawaiian Recognition Bill
 - What is its purpose?
 - Recognizes Native Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawai'i.
 - State version of the Federal "Akaka" Bill.
 - Next step is for the Governor's Native Hawaiian Roll commission to be filled.
- Island plans that are more specific to your community?
 - Regional plans
 - Not specific to how many units
 - What is the plan for the next rollout will have community consultation
- Website provides Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan
 - Forms and information materials
- Next mailout have an agenda for the meeting.
- Consultation will happen till September 3rd.
 - Updated every 2 years.

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NHDPP 7/26/11 COMMENTS - Molokai

- General Feedback
 1. Lot more input than in the past
 2. Detailed and concrete input
- Recurring themes

3. Open Individual Development to more lessees
 4. Supporting the Trust & Ag development
 5. Too much planning & not enough implementation
 6. Start Kulia
- OPEN FORUM
 7. AG: need tech support; lost Kali Artsy (sp?); USDA training brought homestead/partners together. General lease to partner. RFP are month to month; timeframe too short. (7yrs=USDA) Need AG Taskforce
 8. Partnerships should be NH? Or anyone else. Beneficiaries should be able to partner with anyone else who is willing (i.e. USDA) to stretch DHHL dollars further.
 9. So much money spent on planning; when could be going to beneficiary/lessee.
 10. DHHL Ho'olehua (+one more place) is always designated as AG; should be minimum of 2 acres; water MIS system; Dept should keep lots to 2 acres.
 - DHHL considering rural residential standard (AG); hybrid with residential; in development; to be guideline; will take to leg in parts to better move approval & implementation within state system.
 - Residential & AG have difficulty living in close proximity (issues)
 11. Water issue & MIS work with DOA to be on same page with cost/maintenance/system/etc.
 - Parking lot (community response to writing issues)
 1. Maui has property tax exemption (available by application).
 - Should educate/TA on opportunity available
 2. Process issues for Reimbursement Loans (home repair) but all else within DHHL – please share in order to make better.
 - Open to change process of Reimbursement Loan?
 - Need to revisit reason for policy and will need to discuss further.
 - Where does leave the AG lessee who wants to divide land to designate to children??
 1. Current policy is no sub-division of AG land.
 2. Revisiting rules/guidelines with HHC; needs to be policy as a standard not individual
 3. Willing to consider request on individual basis?
 4. What about lands that have been in families for generations & want to stay on the land with their families??
 - Lands are leased with "conditions" that need to be monitored/lessees to be accountable to these.
 5. 10 years ago sub-division of AG lots policy/changes were revisited
 - Previously 5 acres as division
 - Conditions of lease need to be kept to hold.

- Plans: money is well spent to keep us “on-track” and it would be a waste if we don’t follow/implement. We need to be better at doing the “hard work” to take it to the next level.
- 6. Collaborate beneficiaries skills to train others (AG, Kulia, etc.)
 - But how to make that consistent?
- 7. Lowering the blood quantum
 - Process requires Hawaii State Legislature approval & US Congress too.
 - Under current Congress highly unlikely
 - Priority for current DHHL is to focus on getting NH on the lands.
 - Was set by Congress (1920?); Kuhio wanted 33%
- 8. Has the HHC changed position to allow business to operate on homestead lots?
 - Noticing more & more lessees who are doing so.
 - As long as its not disruptive (Residential)
 - If AG lot, it needs to relate to crops/farm (i.e. ag lot can’t have car repair)
 - No clear policy/rule
 - DCCR may have guideline specific to community
- 9. 1950’s used to have grocery/post office on homestead; good gathering place for community.
 - Need to designate area in plans for commercial project like Molokai Homestead Association Farmers Market/Grocery store
 - Humane Society is on Hawaiian Home Lands (lease)
 - It is part of Regional Plan & Island Plan
 - Yes, identified in plans looking for right “fit” to use for commercial
 - HHC approved plan
 - As AG create product; then realistic to have Farmer’s Market
 - Water on that land (where Humane Society currently stands): none
- 10. Community engagement is critical
 - HHC new format (different island each month)
 - Monday morning: Testimony; open to community; to share mana’o
 - Monday night: community meeting; open dialogue with recap (like beneficiary consultation process)
 - Tuesday morning: Contested case hearings; as well as agenda items
- 11. FEEDBACK
 - Compile details, comments & notes for sharing; available online at website
 - OPEN FOR COMMENTS on NHDPP TILL SEPTEMBER 3rd
 - Web
 - Email

NHDPP Comments 7/27/11 - Waimanalo

General Feedback

- 1.
- Recurring themes
 1. Community advisor councils become part of planning process
 2. Asked for better communication on outreach/better customer service
 3. More invites to Kulia program; include all lessees
 4. Happy with programs
 5. Teach true history of the land, including before Kuhio's time
- Audience comments/thoughts/mana'o
 1. Appreciate format; answered a lot of questions; gave detail; activity updates & results.
 2. Wondering about Wamanalo Advisory Council plan (written in the past); addressing conflict of interest...meaning "those guys" vs "us guys"
 - Need for better history; pre-contact time
 - Teach each other
 - Address conflict; identify resources; mana'o; clear communication as to where the money stays.
 - Projects; staff; stays in kitty for community need (identified by group)
 3. Regional planning is an open process – to address issues/suggestions/ideas
 4. NHDPP to be drafted
 - Uses comments from community
 - Approved by Commission
 5. Hawaiians also need to be involved; share thoughts & input; this is your land & this is the time when you open your mouth & talk. Don't depend on administration to tell us what we're doing. DHHL need to do outreach to the community (help homeless on the beaches & elsewhere); so youngsters can apply for housing. Get involved & put your mana'o down so administration knows what we want! Too many homeless on the beach. They need help.
 6. Self governance issue: we are still a kingdom; America is occupying a country; DHHL is under Fed governance to regulate policy. Yet DHHL is the tool that the government gives us "crumbs of the bread". Why can't DHHL focus on establishing a Hawaiian Kingdom government; those who have connection pre 1883; why how it is that you can't help us towards rectifying the executive agreement between Queen Lili'uokalani with Pres. Cleavland of the overthrow; we are a separate nation and should have control of our own resources; Please work on re-establishing our true Hawaiian country/government; that would better represent Hawaiians. The Akaka Bill is still putting Hawaiians in a box & regulating

our resources using the government. The people are the workers and make up Hawaii. America is not taking care of Hawaiians.

7. What is the future of the Homestead in Waimanalo for applicants?
 - 2 sub-divisions are in the pipeline; consultation is coming up for Regional Planning
 - Please stay tuned for more information and share mana'o
 - 1960 applicant still waiting for Waimanalo; wants to know where he is on the list status
 - Needs more opportunities/homes in Waimanalo
8. Last year (2010); realtor came and mentioned that she sold her homestead house for \$450,000 (her parents home)
 - Encourage everyone to understand that we were annexed to US
 - Save money buy dirt; but possible to buy homes
 - Don't namunamu-wastes time; the past is pau.
 - Young leadership are smart has vision for future
 - Grandson is the position to work, save money and asks why you never went after homestead home; Tutu is now disappointed that they didn't consider for future generations (to pass down home).
 - "Work hard, save money & buy dirt"
9. Open to comments till Sept 3rd; via website and/or email
10. Pastoral land opening up? Need more on Oahu/Waimanalo
 - Regional planning
 - Commissioners
11. Scholarships eligibility is discriminating; smart, Hawaiian, from Waimanalo, self-sufficient. Eligibility needs to be changed so that lessees can better improve themselves (on-going self improvement); so that it can be applicable to more folks. Adults returning to school – not just high school students – changing.

NHDPP Meeting 7/28/11- Kauai

Recurring themes

1. More resources for scholarships & vocational education
2. Kulia get more training for board & new associations
3. Better grants process
4. Importance of defending our trust
5. Better communication with DHHL; timely response; communication channels

FEEDBACK

1. Love the process (new) format & stations are wonderful; interactive; opportunity to submit mana'o this way
2. Format is appreciated; interactive
3. Layout of boards is cool; content of plan is on hand; wishes copies were available to take away
 - a. Boards online as well as plan
4. Likes breakdown of plan and helps to give us tangible pieces

5. Would there be a rule in the making that limits the "transfer" of lease (sales); to address issues of those selling their leases; there should be limitations.
6. Why is the rule on drugs on Hawaiian Home Lands? Needs to clarify; happening on islands. Preference is to have a NO tolerance policy on illegal drugs on the Homesteads
7. Why does it take longer to do a transfer than a successorship?
 - a. Successorship genealogy is already done; so easier to quantify.
 - b. Transfer requires more time to research genealogy
 - c. Needs HHC approval as well; which only meets once a month
 - d. Approval from the AG office as well; for new lease
8. If you have a homestead you can't rent; but if they have general lease (GL) they can sub-lease.
 - a. Residential needs to be owner occupied.
 - b. How far down can they sub-lease?
9. Is there any benefit to DHHL to sub-lease?? Do they have the same obligation?
 - a. Sub pays lessee; who in turn pays DHHL
 - b. Sub lease is approved by HHC
10. If you were on waiting list and then deceased; does it pass on to successor (no quantum)?
 - a. Child can take your space on list if they meet the quantum (50%)
 - b. Successor to least at 25% who has a lease; but must be designated
11. There are 8,000 lessees statewide; 20,000 on list – need table/information that asks "Do you have successor??"
 - a. Suggests regular communication from DHHL to lessees to remind folks to designate successor
12. Commission meeting format changed
 - a. 2 wks prior – agenda available
 - b. Monday – workshop & agenda comments; testimony (written & in person)
 - c. Monday night community meeting; community partners; associations; etc. to network more
 - d. Tuesday – contested case hearings; voting; etc.
 - e. Visit our website
13. Is there a chance that DHHL can partner with other colleges for scholarships besides Chaminade?
 - a. Can partner with others & possibly Homestead Associations
 - b. Funded by DHHL thru NHRF; partnered with HCF to manage
 - c. Chaminade created a special scholarship program for Hawaiian Homestead students; in turn DHHL will partially match (includes thru HCF fund)

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NHDPP Meeting 8/2/11 - Mc Kinley

Recurring themes

- Scholarships
- DHHL to work in partnership for more scholarship monies (federal, etc.)
- Lowering the GPA.
- Land use issues (ag or pastoral on O'ahu)
- Other land uses for Hawaiian Home Lands

NHDPP Specific-issues:

- Please ask our staff if you have any specific issues.

Parking Lot issues:

- Successorship – so long as person is 25%
- 50% for applicant/beneficiary/lessee
- You can name the beneficiary/lessee's children/keiki and grandchildren as well
- Children can inherit your place on the list so long as the child is 50%
- Lot of applicants in this group. Lessee has transfer rights.
- If you are not a qualified lessee, upon the death of a lessee/spouse, you will unfortunately lose your DHHL lease.
- Undivided interest lessees have the rights to a lease and who have been awarded the lease.
- Lease lot size depends on differing factors: island, agricultural, pastoral, etc. award.
- 80% of DHHL waitlist is for the island of O'ahu.
- O'ahu land-base is only 2% of DHHL land inventory.
- Ka'u, Lana'i and Kona home lands are current openings available for waitlist applicants.
- Husband and wife, if both get awarded but are married, one of the parties has to give up an award.
- Where will the next lots be awarded? Kapolei, 'Anahola, Waimanalo.
- More housing options? NO reason for DHHL to obtain land to build vertically (condos, etc.)
- Obligation to take care of our kupuna. Community center, condos, assisted-living facilities, etc.
- DHHL rules currently dictate your placement on the waitlist. E.g., if you change islands, your name will go to the bottom of the list.
- Lots of issues to work thru to meet expectations of beneficiaries and applicants.
- If you have a lease, please name your successor NOW! It helps your 'ohana and the department.
- Make sure to name your beneficiaries and/or prepare to do so.
- Blood quantum issues are based on historical facts and Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.
- Property tax: part of the county taxes are for emergency services (police, fire, ems), sewer, water, etc.
- DHHL land inventory 230,000 acres.
- Every homestead has a homestead association.
- Island plans for each island will be going out for consultation soon. Regional planning is also part of this process.

- Why are there no ag and pastoral land awards on Maui? Administration is working on awarding ag and pastoral land in the future.

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NHDPP Meeting 8/3/11 - Maui

Recurring themes

- Organize their own associations
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Audience thoughts tonight....

1. Scholarship link on web only offers DHHL version; should link to others (i.e. OHA) Tell us about the others available!
2. Blood quantum reduction
3. Homestead students that go to mainland school can not get scholarship; even with 4.0; ran out of money; only slanted to those going Hawaii schools; yes you can qualify if you go mainland school for DHHL scholarship.
4. Suggest tie yourself to Pell Grant for 4-years commitment; scholarship every year. Tie stuff together DHHL HHC scholarship with Pell Grant
5. Felt scholarship application process was simple, useful and easy.
6. Link scholarships to be consistent to ONE deadline with other funding sources
7. www.hawaiianhomelands.org – mark it! Make it useful to you
8. IDdevelopment: settlement of native Hawaiians; been on list 18 year; refused 4 times; because didn't have \$250k award letter; doesn't want to use US dollars; wants to be on the land of ancestors
9. Sometimes people get award based on location then pass up because they don't like location; want to stay on home lands; near to family members; sometimes the wait so long for "that" location; priority to get folks on the land
10. Why is it the policy to choose one island/place; why can it be one list then choose when your turn on the list. Rules need to be updated (last 1998);
 - a. Remember to come to meeting to comment on draft rules!
 - b. Takes a long time to happen due to the process; conflicts; need agreement;
 - c. This administration is taking the process on! To make change of rules and update to be "current" and "right" for this time.
11. Homesteader pays for water & electric; just focus on building the HOUSES, infrastrucuter (roads, water, etc.)
12. Lease agreements – is beneficiary still wards of the State? If so, who takes care of us?? Understand the nature of who we are; do we pay all or pay half? Do we

- depend on DHHL to help Hawaiians; or help ourselves. Why do beneficiaries have to continue to pay? Language & detail in lease agreements? Legal issues? Need clarification.
13. Water – self sustaining & rehabilitation is purpose of DHHL; should be free or ag rates for everyone. Shouldn't have to jump through hoops to apply to get ag rate; that should be the rate from the start! So we can grow our own food, etc.
 14. Tax exempt for mortgage home; is that possible for DHHL? Tax is only on the value of house; it is not on the land (not land); each island has own rate; set by county council & approved my Mayor of every island.
 15. Sub division in Waiohuli; water meters how many? Keokea? Water meters are at the property – needs to be turned on; need to pay fee & request to be turned on!
 16. Property tax on Maui \$300,000; apply for exemption on homestead when you close your home! So that it goes in effect July 1 that year; then \$10 & \$150/year; no property tax first 7 years. Do exemption before 7 years is up!
 17. USDA loans – need to inform folks on property tax exemption!!
 18. When is DHHL going to comply with pastoral list for Maui? On list for over 20 years. Ag & pastoral community needs/wants to be served.
 - a. Why couldn't award be made without infrastructure? (Because you need it; and likely would ask for it once on the land.)
 - b. Policy decision by HHC; driven by budget
 19. Taxed property based on square footage of home; when assessment is made – is it being done the same for non-homestead land? Reason being value of home is different cause of the land.
 20. When kupuna gets lease; hard to get financing due to age; younger generation usually responsible; when property passes there is a family conflict when both husband & wife are beneficiaries but separate awards.
 21. Uniformed property tax across the state; should be same homestead vs non
 22. Kulia program – consultation process still waiting for letter; wrote letter in March; pending response. Too basic for a lot of organizations of homestead associations; needs to be tweaked to match capacity of individual association strengths; like this new consultation process - allows for individual interaction with staff; NHDPP renewed every 2 years
 23. Ag lands in planning process – how is DHHL going to answer the call for plans in NHDPP
 24. Where is the regional plan for Maui?
 - a. Available online by area
 - b. Need to consult with folks on the land when planning; and community
 - c. Want to have input
 - d. Process of regional planning is "good" cause it includes input from community
 25. Waiting list (husband Hawaiian); what happens if passes away while waiting; what about children – will they be able to get homestead? How are we addressing this? Successorship transfer
 - a. Quantum change – if it happens; will that change priority on the list?
 - b. Can designate place on your list; only if they are of age;
 26. Quantum change needs to be first passed by Hawaii state legislature then to US Congress for approval

27. General Leases – pennies; how is it beneficial to Hawaiians; why isn't his lease more? Specific to certain people (not Hawaiian); got to watch leases to be sure; no cheap leases; has report

NHDPP COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

INDIVIDUAL COMMENT SHEETS

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

#1 STAFF

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

Will DHHL Consider Scholarships for -
aid for students in preschool,
elementary, secondary school?

GOVERNANCE

Teach true land history from pre-contact to now

History & land Title - Please include the true history of
Hawaii since before Christianity arrived up until today
on; land & title, people, water & land uses then & now.
(See "hawaiiankingdom.org")
Distribute DVD of work shops so others can learn of
Self-Governance
Self Governance OK not Sovereignty
Use website to let others see self-gov. classes

Extend HHCS to Children of Lessees
(N.H. Families)

I want to see farm lots on Oahu

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Grants pie charts would be interesting to compare
the island pie chart to # beneficiaries/island

Concept of Kulia/support is good. Need to
strengthen the program.

DCCR communities beneficiaries need more
education

Land parcels - good idea for DHHL to designate
the "one parcel" to avoid confusion

Is the Dept. going after grants to bring to the
Dept.?

We should be teaching Kingdom law, not US & State law.

The vacant/unused not developed parcels in Keaukaha-are they forfeited?
Can they be put back into the "mix" to be awarded to applicants like myself, who have been waiting for 30 yrs.? Deborah L. Lee (Applicant for 30+yrs)

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

PLANNING

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Enjoyed Open House. Talking with staff helped answer various questions I had about plans DHHL has for beneficiaries and future plans available for our keiki. Mahalo!

Planning is comprehensive & a lot of work. Systematic approach to decision making.

How will HHC collect on delinquent loans?

Beneficiary Consultation Table Top Comments- 1) They had no knowledge of b/c policy-had the opportunity to explain our process & philosophy: 1) heavy lifting in planning process 2) Directed them to our website.

Doesn't the State have \$30 million a year from 1996 on? \$600 million for back per 1600 only

Put the Stations in a logical order
Support for Associations to do more for themselves

Need to signify what State recognition means

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

#2 HILO

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TOP COMMENTS 1) More education opportunities to understand guidelines 2) resource plans (sustainability) 3) Didn't know about many of our Community dev. programs. 4) Help associations & lessens connect 5) NHDPP materials are complicated need more time (longer than 30 days) to understand/comment. 6) Hard to understand changes when administration changes over - each leader w/ different styles & priorities.

Agricultural technical assistance is not effective. How can beneficiaries better hold service providers accountable?

Best way to self govern is by having my homestead. I am #1 on list for AG and still waiting

Will DHHL consider changing scholarship requirements to include children of beneficiaries?

Self gov. is economic development. Allow (cairos?) on HHL to generate money

I am in total support of the DHHL's promotion of Community Dev. & sustainability for beneficiary Assoc. But, it would really help our beneficiary community if...when the DHHL have their ongoing dev. projects (Home Depot, Burger King-Big Island) that they also consider & include the needs of the adjoining beneficiary community & what these large developers can contribute to aid in the sustainability...such as a sewer line connection for PHHLCA to develop the economic pursuits & ease the tremendous cost to beneficiary communities (Lessee)

Topic: Scholarships, is it possible that you can allow our successors of our leases to also be recipients of your scholarships? Doreen Kodani

Homesteaders should file the petitions for this program. The homesteaders know & understand this.

"Native" is a white mans term. We are Kauaha Maoli.

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

PLANNING

How come we/leaders didn't know about this mtg.? Would have preferred a workshop format - all day- 6 hrs. or a weekend to get a better understanding of what staff has to say.

This is a very good idea, but when communication does not reach all the participants, especially the beneficiary stake holder the tendency for delivering needed information might lead to a misunderstanding of other stakeholders & interested parties (Lessee)

Dept. share w/us what their analysis is of the program. All verbal? No written rpts. to analyze program would be interesting for county to see/read. This is a lot to consume-you have the staff to process. NRRF has dial up

Keaukaha-Sustainability for our 'Ohana

1) Aquaculture-offshore Netting/raising fish outside of Puhi Bay. 2) Agriculture training programs for high school teen/culturally based located at Kings Landing-Kalo, fresh produce. 3) Cattle, sheep, goat ranching program for high school teens located at Kings Landing. 4) Teaching Hawaiians to be owners of businesses, instead of working for the owners. (Lessee)

Right to know how NHORP is put to use

Should have workshop first (Lessee)

STEPS should be 60 day review so that homesteaders can better review report (Lessee)

Create educational opportunities for cultural experiences that were taught by our Kapuna. (Lessee)

This is confusing-you keep changing things & format. Teach our Opi'o so no guessing games. "This tutu said this & that" We grew up guessing teach our Opi'o the truth (Lessee)

Have our own Water Dept. (Lessee)

Everything falls through the cracks. All Strategic Plans that are developed, We put it on the table & it falls through should have start-up funds for (Lessee) Homestead AG Lessees. (Lessee)

Too short-need to have workshops on Re-named Keaukaha Tract II to actual each of these areas. (Lessee) name - King's Landing instead (lessee)

No paper work - here- please call 974- Regional plans- we should be able to 4250 or see Heather at door. vote on everything that is put into the plan, not just priority projects. (Lessee)

When I first heard this term, I was very excited that our in-put would be considered, but this was not the case with previous beneficiary consultations. Decisions were already made & this was just used and an avenue of saying "this is what we are going to do" These decisions and projects impact each & every beneficiary community assoc., we should be included prior to final decisions in the basic discussions (Lessee)

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

#3 KONA

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

My husband & I turned to HOAP for direction w/our finances. We were at a point in our lives about a year ago always playing the "catch-up" game with our debts. Helen Wai came to our home with great energy & tools to curb our spending & cut our costs & utilizing our finances to stay above water. She taught us simple but helpful ways to know, your day to day funds in the bank & keep track of our bank accounts. At our age you would think we would know all of this but, we needed help & she rescued not only us but our home. Thank You Helen Wai (wife of a Lessee)

Dump the contract w/CTAHR until: a) Contract reflects measurable objectives b) more people using their land - farm activities c) activities include beneficiary suggestions. Please email future thoughts ICRO. (no email address given) (other)

I applaud DHHL offering scholarships to the lessee. Would DHHL consider future scholarships (education) for a lessee's child going to college?

Can DHHL offer farm equipment in addition to technical assistance for farm lessees?

GOVERNANCE

DHHL & HHC - Transfer functions-have nt specifically identified the responsibilities the HHC plans to delegate. Please email initial thoughts. (no email address given)

Water advisory group to keep homesteads/community associations abreast of the current working related to their area so work is not duplicated.

It is VERY important to have Governance for all Native Hawaiians, it's good to always have people trying to challenge Hawaiians rights, but no matter what they will always be there, the Board for this presentation is awesome - Good job! (Lessee)

Like the way you have the community help police themselves as well as others. (Applicant)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Allow communities to erect entrance or other signs, ie: park, mail boxes, & etc. that do not have to comply to county regs. If on DHHL property

Our association has applied for this program grant. We will find out how we are doing, awesome job! We are still waiting. (Lessee)

Should not change if it is very successful. (Applicant)

I have a large pastoral lease. Being able to get tech assistance from CTAHR is valuable. The realities of ranching make it unlikely that a family can make the majority of their income within the present restrictions of our pastoral leases. I would like the idea of flexibility of allowing both farm & pastoral activities on an AG or Pastoral lot. Also, other activities which don't impede the use of the land as originally intended should be allowed where feasible and legal.. Specifically, lessees should be allowed to enter into alternate energy agreement to supplement income. (Lessee)

All Hawaiians have that dream "to have your

ownhome" Wishing DHHL would find a way to help

All Hawaiians get their home & make it so they pay it

from what they make, because most of us are poor,

but make it work. (Lessee)

Explore how beneficiaries & their children who have

NOT had prior post-high school education qualify for

scholarships w/o transcripts.

A lot of self motivation is the key to success!

(Applicant)

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PLANNING

Add HOC Committees to allow discussion, review & form policy DHHL talks, Ben talks, DHHL decides, HHC approves. Needs improvement - Not acceptable.

Everyone should let the plans take place before commenting on the situation. And then change as it goes.

This will be used a lot, we never knew DHHL had anything like this. (Lessee)

Planning-Assist communities to carry out regional plan, tech support, planning support

I'm ready to move in! (Applicant)

We held a Homesteader meeting with around 150 people (Lessees) from Waimea and asked what would they want to have & the Number 1 & 2 things the lessees said they wanted 1) a park & 2) a cemetery, I would like to see a park & a cemetery put on the plan up at Waimea. Your stations are awesome! (Lessee)

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

#4 KAPOLEI

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

Lessee: Education-Tuition waiver for Bachelor & higher degrees in education, Hawaiian studies, law & medical. Volunteer Service-Opportunity to volunteer in judiciary system, prosecuting atty office, parole board...Agriculture-Financial aid to Hawaiians who have 999 yr lease on DLNR lands. Homeownership-Allow homesteaders "rent" space & provide health care in their home-business to earn a livable income

?: Is there any chance of partnering with other colleges/universities much like Chamanade for scholarships?

GOVERNANCE

?: If there are open homesteads on other island that can't be filled because they don't qualify, can't you open it to other islands? Oahu has the greatest lis. Some of them may be willing to move because they may be retired. Therefore, those home won't be left open but to people who will be willing to move for their homestead. Giving other people to move up on the list. Some may have come from other island, it gives them a chance to go home!

Lessee: Goal 5 Governance-What will SB1520, SD2, CD1 mean to the Native Hawaiians? The USA overthrew the kingdom of HI 1893 because of the Spanish-American War-this war ended decades ago & HI is still govern by the USA. When will we regain our lands? Will the lands be sold before our justice?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PLANNING

Lessee: Basic Non-profit Org. Training-PACT lost its funding for they economic & development program as of Aug. 2011. Can DHHL help the Hawaiian that use this program? (PACT in Kapolei)

Lessee: Statewide consultation on policy issues-Why does the successor need to prove eligibility when his parent is already a lessee? Designation of Ewa Drum site for sale-Good farm land. When will Waianae and 96792 residents be awarded good ag land with water to farm? For example...tropic lands in Nanakuli/Waianae homestead.

Find co into renewable ? Less maintenance, ? A cut with a who re-cycles wood instead of throwing away

Partner with Nanakuli Community in improving Complex Schools Which should require Hawaiian lang. in all its schools (on the homestead) There is no 7th-8th grade Hawaiian Lang. ? Have to go to Anuenue or Waiau (long travel, long actions list) Hawaiian teacher are not compensated hourly as English to produce more teachers. DOE say do a plan to do this. Act 51 HRS

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

#5 MOLOKAI

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

1) Need more technical help at present lack of help for farming. 2) Would like a general lease for those who have exhausted lands already used by farming. 3) Create a cooperative of people already farming for technical assistance. 4) UH AG agent not as helpful. He puts down farmers, poor direction. 5) We need to partner with others to utilize each others expertise. (USDA, NRCS, Soil Conservation) (Lessee)

GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Complex changing more youth -
demeanor of conveying a connection.
Seeing unified staff this way. To be
valued-creating the experience is ---
from the end result. Never has --- so
much time --- where to go & the end
result is still a prayer lets --- it --- that's
the victory.

When you award lands, you have to
work the land - Constraints - should
learn about.

Beneficiaries not here-apologize but
probably because the are tired of same
old, same old meetings. Things not
getting done. Gone-bigger burden for
those here, you have to --- them take
hand outs - share information -we can't
do same old same old-we wouldn't
change the for --- if not.

Follow-up is very important from
meetings-no meeting notes, no
outcomes. If the meeting or report. So
email attendees when draft report.

PLANNING

Please put more attention on
streamlining & clarifying the
permitting/building process for
commercial community projects on
DHL lands (Lessee)

Planning is too long, we need to vote &
move the programs along, every 4
years they have a new commission &
things change. Staff changes too-we
need a shorter plan. (Lessee)

Spend too much money on plans.

Going directly to the people gives great clarity. Leaders are great but they can't always report all of the mana'o, feelings, ideas, wants & the priorities. There is a --- stream that flows thru all of this --- you talk to leaders - you are dependent on the (unable to read last of sentence.)

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

#6 KAUAI

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

DHHL needs better communication protocol written responses are important.

GOVERNANCE

?: Fed Native Policy (5.5)-Why no meeting/symposium for Kauai?
Revocable permits-When do they expire so that Hwns can get on the land?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PLANNING

Issues with Puu' Opae hunting 2015
license coming due.

DHHL needs to get KIUC to
compensate DHHL for projects on HHL.
LMD responses important to
beneficiaries.

We Submitted comments for regional
plan but did not get response. Need to
acknowledge comments and respond
in writing.

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#7 OAHU

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

GOVERNANCE

Would be great if scholarship program would include children of lessee who are less than 50% Hawaiian

Eliminate GPA requirements for scholarship

I encourage DHHL to work in partnership with community based organizations to draw on Federal Assets for Independence funds that would allow your scholarship \$\$ to reach more opio through an Individual Development Account program that would also teach important financial skills while bringing more \$\$ into our local communities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

1. Why would your name drop to the bottom of the list? 2. What are my options if I've accepted property and then find out that I'm now unable to occupy the property? 3. If I'm 50% Hawaiian but my child is less than & I pass away, can my child still occupy/own property?
Before I pass away, can I name my adult son as my successor and if so, does he have to have more than 25% Hawaiian?

PLANNING

What's going on with the Ewa Drum site? Sale/Exchange for more Kapolei land?

When and where is next project (Oahu)?

Looking forward Waimanalo area what are the update in the area of Waimanalo? 2. I believe there are a lots of area that are opening to build homes. 3. So, what are our option on homeland?

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#8 WAIMANALO

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT GOVERNANCE

Would like to integrate 1984 Waimanalo Advisory Council Plans updated. Contact: Kawehi Kanui, Pres. Aha Maluhia. 650-863-3870. email: kawehi11@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Intergrate 1984 Waimanalo Advisory Concil Plan & Updates.
Contact Kawehi Kanui @ 650-863-3870. Pres. Aha Maluhia.
Email: kawehi11@yahoo.com. Lessee/Applicant

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

Removing Ironwood Trees-this is a lot of land

Re: Accomplishments 2009-2011:
Waimanalo: 1) Where are the 2
Regional Plan Updates land
designation? 2:Advise where are the
ongoing/completed priority projects
Why is OHA not ???

Consulting on MKK-Oahu people should
be ???if they are on the MKK wait list.

We need programs for our homeless.
DHHL educate the people about our
National and ??? Rights
Where in Waimanalo are other
proposed sites being considered for
homesteading?

PLANNING

Why hasn't the 2nd increment
@ Waimanalo been followed thru?
Applicant got awad in this area-but still
waiting!! Meanwhile, other areas being
developed. *Applicants/Awardees need
updates

Time to intergrate 1984 Waimanalo
Advisory Council. Contact: Kawehi
Kanui- AHA Maluhia. 650-863-3870.
email: kawehi11@yahoo.com

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATIONS

#9 MAUI

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

Settlement of native Hawaiian on the land is DHHL's primary mission. I am on the waiting list since 1993 of the creation of the Apology Bill..for 18 years. To have been refused 4 times to get on residential lands because I failed to have \$250,000 award lette to want to get on my land of my ansestors without any obstacles of the American dollar

Scholarships be granted to grandchildren with on-quarter Hawaiian for college

GOVERNANCE

*To have attended "Kulia I Ka Nu`u Prprogram" to learn so much just from this whole some workshop. Please continue "Kulia I Ka Nu`u Program. I was also able to attend CNHA convention because of this program. Thank you! *a governance should be created from each island to represent (Maui) ohana's to empower self-governance organizations since we are now recognized as Naticce Hawaiians. *Training is necessary on federal policies and practices to claim settlements

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

PLANNING

My name is James Kahalepua Marfil. Why are we not receiving money like Indians, Eskimos? I have (land-house) that I need to pay tax and mortgage. If I don't have a job, how am I to pay bill

When are the roads going to be fixed and we need where in Kahikinui

Beneficiaries income on Maui are better

*Honokowai Valley on Maui is a sacred place and only Ahupua'a (mountain to ocean) with a stream that flows in the middle of this Ahupua'a. I would like to see traditional living of old, no modern development... Please keep this Ahupua'a pure clean sacred to our Maui Royal Heir

Consider hanging blood quantum for beneficiaries to trace their lineage to the original homesteader rather than on-quarter Hawaiian. For instance if original lessee is on-half, but grandchildren have less than one-quarter Hawaiian they should be able to inherit as long as they can trace their descendancy to the original lessee (grandparent who was one-half Hawaiian)

As an applicant, can I accept an offering from DHHL, give it to my adult son and then go back on wait list for another offering of my choice

I've been waiting as an applicant for over 40 years. At the rate leases are awarded none may be awarded to me. Is there any provision made where by my offspring can take my place on the waiting list? Even if their blood quantum is less than half Hawaiian?

Re: Pastoral Awards Consider

awards to be made at block increments ie: 10 acre/2-10 acre/3-10 acre lots for pastoral awards- that way if some one receives 50-acre award and get up in age, he can return 10 acre or 20 acre and still live in the awarded land

*Why isn't agriculture TA offered on Maui-when there are Homestead farmers here *Want Kulia trainings to continue-very beneficial *Like the idea of organizing homestead to form own associations *Preview of plans of projects that DHHL is going to do (where is lots/land/etc)

Our Maui representative should hold monthly meetings concerning

"consultations" to address offering our

Hawaiian Sacred lands of Maui and our

Native Hawaiian rights *More leaders on

Maui should be recognized and lead our

native Hawaiians in our new generation!

*Homestead Community Associations

(our maui rep) should be monitored and

motivate the DHHL officials that they are

in line of their duties to serve our native

Hawaiian community, especially

individuals issues

Waimanalo-relocated-12 lots from

Pahi'ihe'e Ridge *Small 2 acre parcel-

back to back-month to month- no can*

? @ Ag leases over to DHHL & award

lease

**NHDPP COMMUNITY
CONSULTATION**

**E-MAIL COMMENTS
RECEIVED**

Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan

NHDPP 2013 Email Responses

Community Development

Lessee: Good program. Attended Kulia I ka Nu'u training in Hilo with OHA Chair Collette who spoke highly of program and HANO who helped Hawaiian groups on Moloka'i.

The class was excellent and I learned a lot about different types of nonprofits.

The community must first have a vision and then the type of nonprofit becomes clear.

Beneficiary: Comment to Homesteads. Kulia program works well when the homestead has a vision to move forward with a project. Otherwise, you are wasting DHHL resources just to go and just to get money. It is more than just the money and the land.

New Homesteader: My wife and I attended all the classes and learned a lot. Glad to meet other homesteaders from other associations. We live in new homestead. Gigi and Brian helped us with setting up association, very clear and now up to community to make decision on moving forward.

Lessee: DHHL never provided this kind of assistance before. HACBED, Brian, Allan and Brad sent to our island to train and assist us one on one. All excellent, and wish more one on one assistance's throughout our project.

Lessee: Kulia, Gigi and Brad met with us several times on our business venture. Very clear, great advice and excited about our business idea. We had internal board issues and could not use Brad's advice at time. Saved Brad's notes, hope to use in the future. It was not the Kulia program and reason why we were not able to move forward. We have another economic development project our board fully supports and are close to construction.

Lessee: I like Kulia's technical experts. Trainers bring lot of expertise and experience and good communicators. DHHL needs to improve commitment to staffing the program, one person not enough. **Option:** Work with 5 to 10 groups per year. The following year work with another 5 groups. Groups with projects can move forward and access assistance as they need.

Right now, all groups coming through door, no sense of priority, who gets assistance, when and how much assistance they receive. Aware DHHL budget is limited, so limit number of groups served per year.

Lessee: Kulia helped our community vision, project concept, scope and budget. Need more one on one time with trainers to coach us through the project development process. New to all of this, we are volunteers and all lay people and need help to guide us through process, check in on us to stay on the same track. Not to teach us to be developers, will hire professional, but need help to understand development process, to know what skills to hire, and what consultants is expected to do, and how to manage/monitor consultant's work performance.

Community Development

Lessee: Kulia concept and intent good, however appears unclear expectation for the community leaders. Poor feedback to association from DHHL and very little advocacy support. All associations are made up of volunteers and continual change in the board. Provide continual training to new members and refreshers for those who have served.

Suggestion: DHHL have a staff person on each island trained to work as community advocate and help the organizations get resources, training and guidance need to be successful in its goals. Have DHHL staff person serve as liaison between homestead organizations to keep line of communication open and decrease homestead frustration and to know who to talk with.

Lessee: Kulia needs reliable outreach person to assist and advocate for the associations to get to next levels. Meet at least twice a year to check progress, give advice, assistance and support. Requirements not clearly understood and changes just when you think you are done and ready to move to the next level, another hoop to jump through. At start of training standardize list of steps to take and services provided to association. Provide status/certification update to organizations working to be certified on a timely basis

Lessee: The \$15 per homestead lease should be automatically given to associations recognized by DHHL without having to ask for it. What about new associations that do not have 2 years of minutes? New organizations spend more money to get established as the cost for a 501c3 Application is \$750. How does an organization get started without assistance? Does an organization have to be a 501c3 to receive grant monies?

Lessee: A Kulia staff needs to act as an advocate to keep tabs on the organizations and guide them through the next steps as previously stated. This has not happened.

Lessee: Board members and officers change all the time so have yearly training sessions and refreshers courses. Some things learned did not apply, but as we grow additional training is needed. Attended leadership conference, but could not do all the trainings. Total overload. refreshers and retraining are musts.

Lessee: A DHHL advocate needs to guide associations to know what services are available to utilize and how does one ask for specific training? DHHL needs to partner with associations and communicate and work together for the association to succeed. Not make homesteaders adversaries begging for help and being treated as if it's our fault we did not get all the requirements done or request for services we did not know are available through this program.

Lessee: The best thing the conference did; was to bring leasers from all islands together to meet each other, share concerns, issues and mana'o and what was going on outside of our Moku giving us a larger perspective. Future conferences could be held on different islands so the people on that island can participate.

Community Development

Lessee: Need for yearly training to maintain level by all Board members and others who may be interested in serving at later date.

Lessee: Have trained DHHL staff on each island cuts travel cost. Each moku would contact DHHL staff familiar with the associations and act as advocate and be a TEAM member.

Organization: Open qualification process for Kulia I Ka Nuu to include existing Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly Homestead Associations.

Organization: Dedicate percentage of Kulia I Ka Nuu funds to beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations to deliver capacity building services to Homestead Associations.

Organization: Direct DHHL Annual Leaders Conference funds to the Native Hawaiian and Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homesteads Assembly Conventions in order to maximize collaboration between the Trust and beneficiary-run and –serving organizations and expand reach of Trust funds to engage a larger population of leaders.

Lessee: Community had no real choice but to participate in Kulia and chosen in pilot project process. Training was excellent and process smooth. Want to have control of community assets to help DHHL manage our properties; all association should have this priority.

Lessee: DHHL should gain lands for beneficiaries to provide homes for beneficiaries on waiting list; such as Waihe'e land offering for compensation with tax credits to exhaust waiting list.

Lessee: Monitor homestead associations and have democratic vote every two years.

Lessee: Provide grants to start small business projects, neighborhood development, training and assessments to help native Hawaiian communities evolve more effective and active communities, youth programs and cultural projects to benefit natives today and in the future.

Lessee: Vouchers not bad, but homestead leaders should be able to suggest whose providers are as may not be good DHHL thinks.

Lessee: Financing Homestead Associations to continue to move forward

Community Development

Lessee: DHHL does not manage its grants program resulting in beneficiary associations left empty handed and scrambling for resources to support community initiative. DHHL must properly staff and fund its Grants Management Division to ensure funds are awarded on a timely basis.

Lessee: Outreach Grants not made available to homestead associations because there is no DHHL staff available. Has DHHL created an objective and not provided adequate support staff to ensure its implementation?

Lessee: DHHL has not provided adequate support staff to manage and work with beneficiary associations on certification process. DHHL must provide staff to support beneficiary associations to secure certification status as staff does not have time to review and respond to requests. How does DHHL expect growing associations to evolve without some level of support? It appears DHHL supports organizations that have financial resources or affiliations.

Lessee: Initial Thoughts –Grants – UNACCEPTABLE!!!

Plan only covers assistance to homestead associations and Community Development Corporations have to be formed to carry out Regional Development Priority Projects, which ultimately deletes the validity of the homestead association to receive authorities from HHC. Plan only addresses Kulia. SORRY!!!!NHRFunds are for all not for “fit in your box” discriminatory certifications. Get back to the first page of this program – Self sufficiency of the individual lessee to make best use of the ‘Aina he or she takes the responsibility to Malama.

Lessee: Grants shall be designed to address building individual lessee capacity to steward the ‘Aina he or she leases.

Lessee: Convene an Ad Hoc Committee to address building homestead associations’ capacity to implement vision mission and activities they have identified. Outreach grants to enable step#1 to Kulia.

Lessee: Operational Grants are not described.

Lessee: Implementation Grants are to be added.

Lessee: Is community Economic Development being combined with the Regional Plan Priority Project Grant?

Lessee: Noncompetitive grants remain as they have been. Other organization may compete for funds – make additional funds available.

Lessee: Organizations funded to serve homesteads should be trained to serve better, people not money matter.

Beneficiary Consultation

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Lessee: Homestead Leaders want to host and participate in these meetings.

DHHL could send representative to each homestead. Train staff on island to address current issues saving on travel time and expenses. Beneficial to take a lessee/successor from island to learn the process and to gather information for the beneficiaries. (Pay for stipend from money saved on travel)

Lessee: Who are these organizations? How do they support us?

Come out and inform our community about them and how we are being supported.

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Beneficiary Consultation

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Individual Development

Beneficiary Consultation Feed Back

Education:

Scholarships need to be made available to successors of at least 25%.

They will take over when Lessees are gone. Need to prepare and pass on to them.

What about on-line classes? With technology advancing there is no need to travel long distance for education.

How does a person over 30 years of age or older who was not a good student when in high school and now want to attend college or vocational training qualify for scholarships if their GPA is old? Is there a way to earn a GPA equivalent from job experience or an opportunity regardless if they were not a good student in high school?

Provide stipend program to those who are not classroom type learners, but have a passion for on the job training, or career oriented program for reforestation, restoration of fish ponds, erosion control, preservation reef, and cultural sites, etc.

Chaminade University great program, wish there were more opportunities for the other islands.

Volunteer Services Stipend Programs. People opt to work in areas of interest to develop their skills and received financial support while learning and providing a service.

Partner with beneficiary-run and -serving community based organizations, such as HOAP providers, to leverage State, Federal, and private funds to expand reach of HHC and Chaminade scholarship funds through delivery of matched savings, Individual Development Account products.

Require scholarship recipients to receive culturally-appropriate financial literacy training upon distribution of award funds.

Direct scholarship recipients to Volunteers in Tax Assistance sites for free tax preparation and/or FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) preparation.

Work in partnership with Office of Hawaiian Affairs to develop a comprehensive plan to provide post-secondary education scholarship opportunities to all Native Hawaiians, both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries.

Lessee: The best thing the conference did; was to bring leasers from all islands together to meet each other, share concerns, issues and mana'o and what was going on outside of our Moku giving us a larger perspective. Future conferences could be held on different islands so the people on that island can participate. (Also included with Community Development)

Individual Development

Education:

Organization: Partner with beneficiary-run and -serving community based organizations, such as HOAP providers, to leverage State, Federal, and private funds to develop a paid volunteer corps based off the AmeriCorps VISTA and Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps tasked with directly addressing Goal 1: Individual Development.

Lessee: DHHL tuition scholarship awarded through Chaminade could also possibly be made to students at BYU Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific.

Lessee: To understand the Federal Native Policy, were symposiums ever conducted? Need to be done again on every island. Difficult for few individuals to share message with communities as to what we hear, remember and translate is not necessarily everything. The community needs to hear and participate in a forum where they can ask questions and get answers (Also Noted in Governance Section)

Beneficiary Consultation

Beneficiary Consultation Feed Back

Agriculture:

Lessee: Technical Assistance: All Ag/Pastoral Lessees need support to succeed unless previous experience or education. Many times land is awarded and not used for said purpose. Provide lessee with business classes for creating budgets, planning, etc. be required before finalization of the lease agreements.

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Options:

1. Allow the current lessee to take the rural and let go of the residential.
2. Turn over lease to a successor and take the rural
3. ?????

Organization: Provide homesteaders with a variety of agricultural development as well as mix-use options (i.e. subsistence farming products, aquaponics, aquaculture, business-living, etc) on rural and additional acreage lots.

Organization: Require HOAP providers to leverage State, Federal, and private funds as awardees of trust funds in order to expand reach of homesteading opportunities support.

Organization: Conduct a review of loan products offered by Federal Housing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, and other Federal entities with intention of expanding lending options for HHC beneficiaries.

Organization: Facilitate partnerships between beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations and lending institutions to expand loan options for HHC beneficiaries

Organization: Contract beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations to deliver financial services from client intake to packaging of loan products.

Lessee: HOAP does not offer much to us as a homestead, would like people in their “pitching” to us and not having to look for them.

Beneficiary Consultation

Beneficiary Consultation Feed Back

Agriculture:

Lessee: Long term general leasing to beneficiaries first, as we cannot financially compete against corporate companies, beneficiaries should have priority first to encourage more people to farm, create partnerships with funders/financial institutions giving beneficiaries opportunity to expand.

Lessee: Lack of agricultural financing and technical assistance and resources. Provide organization or individual to make recommendations/solutions and would Address key component in Ag and enforce and execute the Ag task force.

Lessee: Agriculture/water person directed to protect area created within DHHL. This reassures and gives new and existing farmers that the two most important issues are protected.

Lessee: Need a representative for the Board of Agriculture Seat on Molokai. Create a Bill with help from DHHL, so Molokai will have a voice and representation for itself and not under Maui County. Molokai has separate issues.

Lessee: No umbrella insurance for all Hawaiian Home Lands. Buy policy to protect all DHHL lands. A single policy cheaper if people are leasing from DHHL .

Lessee: Continue to financially support island Agricultural Fair so farmers/ranchers can come to network, promote, market and educate farming and ranching with information and share to partner with other agencies to move forward.

Lessee: Make island issue separate from the state as every island differs.

Governance

Lessee: Transfer of Selected Function - What are the performance requirements?

Explain to homestead leaders the role and responsibilities and kind of contract requirements.

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Organization: Partner with Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and beneficiary-run and –serving organizations in conducting Federal Native Policy education with a particular focus on engaging youth and young adults.

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Lessee: Transfer Management functions of the trust as beneficiaries, staff and HHC have yet, since 2005, to address exactly what authorities will be delegated to Homestead Associations, per ACT 302.

Lessee: Implementation of ACT 302 functions – support development of Self-Governing Organizations to qualify for ACT 302 Authorities.

Lessee: Defend the Trust and add “Seek reinstatement/continuation of the \$30 million...

“Seek additional funding via Governor’s Executive Annual Budget. I

Lessee: Initial thoughts on the Transfer Functions is a good idea, now let’s identify those authorities.

Planning

Regional Plans

Lessee: DHHL has not initiated regional plan updates as specified in the plan. DHHL must commit to plan to support beneficiaries in regional plan reviews and updates.

Lessee: Strategic Plans, is it for Hawaiian Homes Commission? For DHHL staff? For Homestead Associations interested in participating in Kulia program? Need specific grants to conduct the Strategic Plan for our communities; this does not appear anywhere, except to implement the Strategic Plan. I brought this up two years ago to no avail.

Lessee: NHDPP not properly implement, appears components of plan not funded and provided with support staff. The plan is just another bureaucratic document where many objective not met. Recommend DHHL fully commit funds and staff each component of plan. Disservice to DHHL beneficiaries that are implemented in part or not implemented at all.

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OTHER

Lessee: Kupuna housing essential for Maui and rent to own is good.

Lessee: Current leases should be carefully scrutinized; some need to be cancelled, other reassessed and some need to be charge a fee.

Lessee: Why is it on Maui, native's being charged for access to easements and DHHL leases easement to people for no charge?

Organization: Sign Memorandum of Agreement between DHHL and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism dedicating a percentage of money directed from the imported oil barrel tax fund supporting local food and energy initiatives to projects on Hawaiian Home Lands.

AG T.A.

Organization: Expand service area to beneficiaries on all islands. Provide preference to beneficiary-serving community based organizations and homestead associations to provide expertise related to training/technical assistance delivery, in particular with mapping of "food deserts" on Hawaiian Home Lands

HOAP

Lessee: I support the Homeownership education an continue this program

REGIONAL PLAN

Lessee: Conduct state level, island level and regional level meetings. Commit to meeting with homestead leaders and beneficiary groups as defined in plan. Regional level meeting important to implement because commitment of beneficiary organization to regional planning process and use of DHHL and that deviate from beneficiary Regional Plans. (Also noted in Beneficiary Consultation Section)

Planning Office
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Saturday, September 3, 2011

FROM: M Kapuniai,
Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association, Inc.

SUBJECT: **COMMENTS/NATIVE HAWAIIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLAN 2011-2013**

A. **BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION**

- 1) After #5. 30-day Review Period, add
- 2) #6. Staff draft policy including beneficiary comments
- 3) #7. Form AdHoc Committee of interested beneficiaries (one per island)
- 4) #8. Staff provide draft policy to AdHoc committee for comments, clarification
And confirmation and agreement on correct interpretation of policy
- 5) #9. Staff revise, if necessary, and forward to AdHoc Committee for approval
- 6) #10. Staff forward to HHC for review
- 7) #11 Staff submit to HHC for decision-making.

The current process leaves full interpretation, whether in or out of context, up to the staff,
When in some cases, none have expertise³ in the area of concern.

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on rationale for or against a change.

Initial Thoughts – Consultations

I am sorry, I do not have time to watch for any scheduled meetings – not due notice.

Email would be helpful – DHHL Website **SHALL NOT BE THE ONLY METHOD
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Initial Thoughts-Beneficiary Group Support

I do not support Converting Statewide beneficiary

Groups (SCHHA/HuiKakoo/AHHL/Na Kupaa)

To competitive grants; these groups are helping DHHL and the HHC assist the
beneficiaries. It would be prudent that DHHL and HHC initiate support for OHA match
to DHHL grant as a line item to OHA budget.

B. **SELF GOVERNANCE**

1) **Transfer Management Functions of the Trust**

Beneficiaries, staff and HHC have yet, since 2005, to address exactly what
authorities will be delegated to Homestead Associations, per ACT
302. Currently, through KIKN, only land for community economic
development projects which have been identified in Regional Plans qualify.
Let's spend concerted effort to identifying authorities to "qualified
homestead associations" now, "qualified organizations which represent a
"region" ?????-
Start the process!

2) **Implementation of Act 302 Functions**

What the SCHHA did accomplish with Ka Paepae Aupuni was to support
development of Self-Governing Organizations to qualify for ACT 302
Authorities.

Comments to NHDPP

Initial Thoughts – *Defend the Trust*

Add the following to “Seek reinstatement/continuation of the \$30 million . . .
“Seek additional funding via Governor’s Executive Annual Budget.

Initial Thoughts-*Transfer Functions*

Good Idea! I just expounded upon this. Now let’s identify those authorities.

C. PLANNING

Initial Thoughts-*Strategic Plans*

- 1) For Hawaiian Homes commission?
- 2) For DHHL Staff?
- 3) For Homestead Associations interested in participating in KIKN?
 - a) Trainings talk about it – we need specific grants to conduct the Strategic Plan for our communities; this part does not appear anywhere, accept to implement the Strategic Plan. I have brought this up for two years, to no avail!

Initial Thoughts – *Administrative*

- 1) Yes, please include “Regional Plan” in your framework diagram - - Regional Plans have been around for more than five years.
- 2) “Homestead Community Plans” – “Community Development Plans” were introduced in 2005-2007 NHDPP with plans to initiate, actions to achieve, and with expected outcomes – has not been addressed. (Is the 2009-2011 KIKN the answer? Big difference!

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Initial Thoughts - *Grants*

UNACCEPTABLE !!! – This plan only covers assistance to homestead associations and the Community Development Corporations which have to be formed to carry out the Regional Development Priority Projects and which ultimately deletes the validity of the homestead associations to receive authorities from the HHC. This plan only addresses KIKN. SORRY!!! NHRFunds are for all not just for “fit in ;your box” discriminatory certifications.

PLEASE GET BACK TO THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS PROGRAM ---
SELF SUFFICIENCY OF THE INDIVIDUAL LESSEE TO MAKE BEST
USE OF THE
‘AINA HE OR SHE TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MALAMA.

Comments to NHDPP

Grants shall be designated to address:

- 1) Building individual lessee capacity to steward the 'aina he leases.
- 2) **CONVENE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THIS!**
Building homestead association's capacity to implement vision missing and activities they have identified.
 - a) Outreach Grants to enable step #1 in KIKN
 - b) Operational Grants are not described ??????????????
 - c) Implementation Grants are to be added
 - d) Community Economic Development being combined with the Regional Plan Priority Project Grant?
- 3) NONCOMPETITIVE GRANTS ARE TO REMAIN AS THEY HAVE BEEN, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MAY COMPLETE FOR FUNDS – MAKE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE.
- 4) **Add!!! Review and revamp of grant review process.**
 - a) Many times staff nor GRAC members have any idea on how to address the request nor the needs defined, and DEFER to their Non information, and up making poor decisions, to the detriment of the lessees, the families, the requesting homestead association, and ultimately, the community Grant applicants should have the opportunity to answer questions to clarify and justify their request.
 - b) Several times, the lame excuse "project is duplicating DHHL's efforts" is used to deny funding. The request is being made because DHHL's efforts is not being met.**CONVENE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND IMPROVE THIS PROCESS!!!!**

Initial Thoughts – Training and Technical Assistance

- 1) This section only addresses KIKN certification ??????????
- 2) Statewide Providers shall be from in-state. Planning Office has wasted a lot of NHRFunds. On the previous training strategy.

E. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1) As state earlier, draft a grants program designed to "lift" the individual beneficiaries, assist them to develop their leased lands, strive to attain self-sufficiency, and comply with lease terms and conditions. **THIS IS THE HHC PRIMARY CONCERNA AND OBJECTIVE, NOT JUST TOWARD THE LAND, AND "MANAGE THE ASSETS".**

Comments/NHDPP

- 2) **Scholarships.** There is conflict in statements as to whom should be assisted with scholarship.
Just lessees, or lessees and family members ???? __ Make pertinent changes.

3) **Agriculture**

The AG Task Force Recommendation 2000 report adopted has been poorly administered, resulting in the same number of lessees farming and complying with lease terms.

THE PROBLEM -- STAFF CONTINUES TO DRAFT CONTRACTS WHICH REQUIRE NO MEASUREABLE OUTCOMES -- CTAHR JUST SUBMITS REPORT, OVER OUR CONTINUOUS OBJECTIONS, I HAVE ADDRESSED THIS POINT 2005.
Well, big deal!

(Please know that your discussions of assigning this responsibility to NRCS is poorly conceived. NRCS programs assist in implementing improvements for best practices. CTAHR is supposed to provide initial and ongoing programs.)

- b) The Ag Task Force did not include pastoral input nor practices, nor concerns. Yet the HHC approved, by I do not know whose recommendation, that ranchers were included.
- c) Primary (Rural) & Additional Acreage Homestead (Honoka'ia) was implemented without rule change and without beneficiary input.
- d) Subsistence, Supplemental, and Commercial Concepts were implemented without Rule change and without beneficiary input (all accelerated farm/pastoral projects).
AgMatrix was approved by HHC over objections of 5 of 8 agricultural homestead projects in September 2010.
Although there were included in the NHDPP 2009-2011, there was never any opportunity for beneficiary input before staff recommended for implementation and HHC approval.

CONVENE THE ADHOC COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE BEFORE INITIATING ANY OTHER PROGRAMS!!!

Thank you! I will include testimonies from previous NHDPP for your leisure reading!

M. Kapuniai, Policy and Watch Dog Committee Chairperson for the

Waimea Hawaiian Homeseeteaders' Association, Inc.

REDRAFT THIS SECTION!!!!

Initial Thoughts -- Grants

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Please respond to
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Subject NHDPP 2013: Community Development (Kulia I Ka Nu'u)
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To: DHHL Planning

From:
Lessee

Message:

this is good program. I was at a training in Hilo and OHA Colette attended and spoke highly of this Kulia program and HANO trainers. HANO helped many Hawaiian groups on Molokai. The class was excellent. I learned a lot about different types of nonprofits and the community must first have vision then the type of nonprofit becomes clear.

Mahalo DHHL.

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Subject NHDPP 2013: Community Development (Kulia I Ka Nu'u)
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To: DHHL Planning

From:
beneficiary

Message:

This comment is to the homesteads. this Kulia program works well when the homestead has a vision and is moving forward with a project. otherwise you are wasting DHHL resources by going just to go and just to get the money. it is more than just the money and the land.

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Subject NHDPP 2013: Community Development (Kulia I Ka Nu'u)
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To: DHHL Planning

From:
new homestead

Message:

my wife and I attended all the classes. We learned a lot and was glad to meet other homesteaders from other associations. We live in a new homestead and Gigi and Brian has helped us so much with setting up our association. he explained everything about nonprofits and is very clear. Now it is up to us the community to make decision on moving forward. thank you Gigi and DHHL for providing this kind of assistance

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To: DHHL Planning

From:
lessee

Message:

Mahalo DHHL. The department never provided this kind of assistance before. Thank you for sending HACBED, Brian, Allan and Brad to our island for training and to assist us one-on-one. They are all excellent and know their stuff. wish we could have more one-on-one time with them throughout our project.

lessee

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To: DHHL Planning

From:
lessee

Message:

Mahalo for Kulia. Gigi and Brad met with us several times to help us with a business venture. Brad was very clear and provided great advice on how to make it work. We were all excited about our business idea. We had internal board issues and , in the end, could not use Brad's advice at this time. We saved all of Brad's notes and hope may be in the future we can pick this up. I just want to say that it was us not the Kulia program as to why we haven't been able to move forward. We have another economic development project that the board fully supports and we are close to construction.

lessee

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Subject NHDPP 2013: Community Development (Kulia I Ka Nu'u)

To: DHHL Planning

From:
lessee

Message:

Chairman, what I like about Kulia is the technical experts. The trainers bring a lot of expertise and experience and are good communicators. Please improve on the department's commitment to staffing the program. One person is not enough. Another option is to commit to work with 5 or 10 groups (or whatever number works) per year that will receive assistance. Then work with another 5 groups the following year. This way , those groups that have a project and want to move forward can access assistance at the time they need it. Right now, all groups are coming through the door and there's no sense of priority as to who gets assistance, by when, and how much assistance they get. We know the department's budget is limited, so may be limit the number of groups that can be served per year. just some thoughts.

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To: DHHL Planning

From:
lessee

Message:

Kulia helped us take our community vision and put together a project concept, scope and budget. We appreciate the assistance. Is it possible to get more one-on-one time with the trainers to stick with us and coach us through the project development process? We are new to all this, we are volunteers, and we are lay people. We need someone to guide us through the process and to check in with us so that we stay on the same track. We are not asking to teach us to become developers. We plan to hire professionals, but we need help with understanding the development process so we will know what skills to bring on board, what the consultant is expected to do and how to manage/monitor the consultants work performance.

thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Beneficiary consultation PINK

First off I noted that these documents are dated 9/22/09. I have been pretty active and was really surprised and disappointed as many of the objectives do not appear to have been met by the department. They look great on paper and are wonderful goals if they were instituted. I will try to keep this as organized and easy to follow as possible

Titled Beneficiary Consultation-Pink Exhibit A

Objective 3.1 Statewide consultation and policy issues

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3.1.1 Statewide consultations

Scope to have quarterly meetings. does that mean the department has held eight beneficiary consultation meetings each year since 2009? Are there any minutes to those meetings? Are they posted on-line? Record of comments ?Outcome/recommendations from those meetings.

3.2 Leadership meetings

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3.2.1 State Level

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2. Are all the meetings held on 'Oahu?

3.2.2 Island level

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3.3 Beneficiary Groups

3.3.1 Association level

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3.3.2 Beneficiary group support

Who are these organizations? How do they support us? Maybe they can come out and tell us about themselves and let us know how we are being supported.

3.3.3 Conferences

Since all leasers are volunteers, there will always be turn over, I suggest that there be at least 2 leaders from each Association minimum, if one leaves the org at least there is someone else who has a clue as to what is going on. Cannot put all the eggs in one basket.



Individual development-Self sufficiency

Implementing Action:

1.1.1 HHC Scholarships- General eligibility

4. Scholarships should be also be made available to the successors of at least 25% as they are the ones that will have to take over when the lessees is gone. The need to be prepared to take on the responsibility passed on to them.
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7. Stipend program for those who do on the job training in career oriented program i.e. reforestation, restoration of fish ponds, erosion control , preservation of the reefs, cultural sites and etc. Those programs will develop the skills needed to care for the lands and the ocean. These types of positions will serve in the best interest of everyone in Hawaii for the future. Invest in and support those who can do the work, are passionate about it but are not classroom type of learners.

1.1.2 Chaminade University

Great program, wish there were more opportunities for the other islands

1.1.3 Volunteer Services

Same as comment above regarding stipend programs, reality is that most people have to work. People are more apt to work in areas of interest to develop their skills in the areas listed above if they got some kind of financial support while they learn and provide a service.

1: 2 Agriculture

Technical Assistance: All ag/pastoral lessees need the support to be successful unless they have the previous experience or education. We have seen to many times, the land awarded but not used for the said purpose. Maybe a business class to include creating budgets, planning and etc. should be required before finalization of the lease agreements.

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4. Turn over lease to a successor and take the rural
5. ???

1.3 Homeownership education

I am in support of continuing this program

Governance-Yellow

Implementing Action

5.2 Transfer of Selected Functions

Needs to be explained to the homestead leaders the roles and responsibilities and what kind of contract requirements there are. What are the performance requirements?

5.3 Examine Act 302 Provisions

What is the current criteria and procedures. If this was approved on 2009, what has transpired since then?

5.5 Understanding Federal Native Policy

Were these symposiums ever conducted? They need to be done again on every island. It is very hard for a few people to try to share the message with our communities. What we hear, remember and translate is not necessarily everything they rest of the folks need to hear and participate in a forum where they can ask questions and get answers.

Community Development and Sustainability- Green

Kulia I ka Nu'u program needs to have a reliable outreach person who can assist and advocate for the associations to get to the next levels and meet with them at least 2 times per year to check progress, give advice, assistance and support. DHHL needs to remember that the association leaders are all volunteers who most have regular jobs, families and lives. Often times the requirements are not clearly understood and seem to change. It seems every time you think you are done and ready to move to the next level you have another hoop to jump through. A standard list of what steps need to be taken along with the services can be provided to the association from the very beginning.

It is imperative to have the adm. of Kulia to provide status/certification update to the orgs. that are working to be certified on a timely bases. I know for myself that I found out that we had been certified through another associations member who saw it in the commission meeting minutes. We were NEVER notified in writing and it will be almost 1 year since the commission meeting. I would be nice to get a Congratulations, you are now at Level _____. You can now qualify for _____ and Your next step is _____.

Implementation:

2.2.1 Outreach grants

The \$15. per homestead lease should be automatically given to the associations that are recognized by DHHL without having to ask for it. What about the associations that are new and do not have 2 years of minutes. It does not cost them less to operate, if fact the newer organizations spend more money to get established. The cost of application for a 501-C3 is \$750, how does any org. expected get started without assistance? and isn't the org have to be a 501-C3 to receive grant monies?

Objective

2.3 Training and technical assistance

There needs to be a Kulia staff who acts as advocate to keep tabs on the orgs. and guide them through the next steps as previously stated. That has not happened.

Implementing Action

2.3.3 Basic non-profit org training

Board members and officers change all the time. This training was very helpful but as the board changes new members need the training and the roles of others change we all need to have refreshers. I think it would be very helpful to have regular yearly training sessions. Some things that we learned did not apply then , but as we grow we need additional training. I did the training at a leadership conference but could not do all the trainings as help simutainiously and can only remember so at a time. Total overload. refreshers and retraining are musts.

2.3.4 Advanced specialized and project specific training

Again and advocate person would be wonderful guide associations to know what is available to them in services in order to utilized them. How does one go about asking for specific training. To be a successful program I believe that DHHL has to be a partner with the associations and work together and not make the homesteaders adversaries begging for help and being treated as if it is our fault we did not get all the requirements done or did not request for services we did not know are available through this program.

2.3.5 Annual leaders conference

The best thing about this conference is that it brought the leasers from all the islands together to meet each other, share their concerns, issues and mana'o. It gave all the islands an idea of what was gong on outside of our Moku and gave us larger perspective. I have enjoyed the conferences and an sorry that there will be none this year. Perhaps in the future, the conferences could be held on different islands so the people on that island can participate.

Objective 2.5 Certification program

Again, the need for yearly training to maintain level of training by all Board members and others who may be interested in serving at later date.

Objective 2.6 Staff Training

I agree, DHHL should have staff trained on each island to cut travel cost and each moku would know who to contact and that person would become familiar with the associations and could also act as the advocate and TEAM mem



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Kulai i ka Nu'u

I think the concept and intent is good, however it appears to have unclear expectations for the community leaders. Poor feedback to the associations from the department and very little advocacy support.

All associations are made up of volunteers and will continually change. The training must be on going so the newer members can get the training and those who have been serving will get refreshers.

I suggest DHHL have a staff person on each island trained and work as community advocate and help the organizations get the resources, training, and guidance it needs to be successful in it's goals. This person would also serve as the liaison between the homestead org and the department, thus keeping the lines of communication open, decreasing homestead frustration and knowing who to talk to.

Clear understanding of where an org is in the Kulia process is very important and what the steps the org must take to get to the next level and guidance to get there. Again looking at a TEAM approach

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Consultation on NHDPP - Hawaiian Community

Aloha,

On behalf of Hawaiian Community Assets, a beneficiary-controlled and -serving organization, we are submitting our recommendations to the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan as part of the Beneficiary Consultation period.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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RE: Consultation on Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan

Dear Hawaiian Homes Commission:

As a HHC beneficiary-controlled and -serving non-profit organization, Hawaiian Community Assets has outlined recommendations to the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan based on our work in providing housing counseling and financial education services to Native Hawaiian families statewide.

Goal 1: Individual Development

Objectives 1.1. Education

Implementing Action 1.1.1 and 1.1.2: HHC & Chaminade Scholarships

- Recommendation 1: Partner with beneficiary-run and -serving community based organizations, such as HOAP providers, to leverage State, Federal, and private funds to expand reach of HHC and Chaminade scholarship funds through delivery of matched savings, Individual Development Account products.
- Recommendation 2: Require scholarship recipients to receive culturally-appropriate financial literacy training upon distribution of award funds.
- Recommendation 3: Direct scholarship recipients to Volunteers in Tax Assistance sites for free tax preparation and/or FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) preparation.
- Recommendation 4: Work in partnership with Office of Hawaiian Affairs to develop a comprehensive plan to provide post-secondary education scholarship opportunities to all Native Hawaiians, both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries.

Implementing Action 1.1.3: Volunteer Service

- Recommendation 1: Partner with beneficiary-run and -serving community based organizations, such as HOAP providers, to leverage State, Federal, and private funds to develop a paid volunteer corps based off the AmeriCorps VISTA and Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps tasked with directly addressing Goal 1: Individual Development.

Implementing Action 1.2.1: Technical Assistance

- Recommendation 1: Expand service area to beneficiaries on all islands.
- Recommendation 2: Provide preference to beneficiary-serving community based organizations and homestead associations to provide expertise related to training/technical assistance delivery, in particular with mapping of "food deserts" on Hawaiian Home Lands.

Objective 1.2: Agriculture

Implementing Action 1.2.2: Primary (Rural) & Additional Acreage Homesteads



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- Recommendation 1: Provide homesteaders with a variety of agricultural development as well as mix-use options (i.e. subsistence farming products, aquaponics, aquaculture, business-living, etc) on rural and additional acreage lots.

Objective 1.3 Homeownership

Implementing Action 1.3.1: Homeownership Education

- Recommendation 1: Require HOAP providers to leverage State, Federal, and private funds as awardees of trust funds in order to expand reach of homesteading opportunities support.
- Recommendation 2: Conduct a review of loan products offered by Federal Housing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, and other Federal entities with intention of expanding lending options for HHC beneficiaries.
- Recommendation 3: Facilitate partnerships between beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations and lending institutions to expand loan options for HHC beneficiaries
- Recommendation 4: Contract beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations to deliver financial services from client intake to packaging of loan products.

Goal 2: Community Development & Sustainability

Objective 2.1: Homestead Association Capacity Building

Implementing Action 2.1.1: Program Design

- Recommendation 1: Open qualification process for Kulia I Ka Nuu to include existing Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly Homestead Associations.
- Recommendation 2: Dedicate percentage of Kulia I Ka Nuu funds to beneficiary-run and –serving community based organizations to deliver capacity building services to Homestead Associations.

2.3.5 Annual Leaders Conference

- Recommendation 1: Direct DHHL Annual Leaders Conference funds to the Native Hawaiian and Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homesteads Assembly Conventions in order to maximize collaboration between the Trust and beneficiary-run and –serving organizations and expand reach of Trust funds to engage a larger population of leaders.



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Goal 3: Beneficiary Consultation

Objective 3.1 Statewide Consultation on Policy Issues

(3) Development Proposals for Revenue-Generation

- Recommendation 1: Sign Memorandum of Agreement between DHHL and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism dedicating a percentage of money directed from the imported oil barrel tax fund supporting local food and energy initiatives to projects on Hawaiian Home Lands.

Goal 5: Governance

Implementing Action 5.5 Understanding Federal Native Policy

- Recommendation 1: Partner with Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,

and beneficiary-run and –serving organizations in conducting Federal Native Policy education with a particular focus on engaging youth and young adults.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our recommendations with respect to the Native Hawaiian Development Program Plan. Please contact us if you have any questions or need clarification.

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SUBJECT: Native Hawaiian Development Plan 2011-2013 Recommendations

Dear Mr. Yagodich:

DHHL's Native Hawaiian Development Plan was not properly implemented because it appears that components of plan were not funded and provided with support staff. As a result, the plan was just another bureaucratic document where many objectives were not met.

It is KPFA's recommendation that DHHL must fully commit funds and staff for each component of a plan. It is a disservice to DHHL beneficiaries to create a plan with programs that are only implemented in part or not implemented at all.

Our recommendations are outlined below:

Individual Development

MOVE OBJECTIVE 1.2 AGRICULTURE FROM INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

CHANGE IMPLEMENTING ACTION 1.2.1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS FOLLOWS:

DHHL has not managed its technical assistance contractor, CTHAR. DHHL must either assume the responsibility to properly manage or completely dissolve the CTHAR CONTRACT. The DHHL contract with CTHAR Hilo needs to be properly managed with sufficient oversight by DHHL or revoked. CTHAR is not in compliance with the scope of technical assistance services outlined in the current development plan. It is a disservice to all DHHL beneficiaries to expend significant resources on contracts that do not serve beneficiaries. Hilo's CTHAR agent works in behalf of CTHAR for their constituents, not for DHHL beneficiaries.

If DHHL cannot manage the CTHAR contract to ensure that technical assistance is provided to the DHHL community beneficiaries, then DHHL should hire its own employee or a consultant

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based at DHHL offices to provide technical support to beneficiaries. This would provide accountability. Under the current contract, there is no management oversight or accountability. Other than coordinating classes, our DHHL beneficiaries do not have any idea what technical assistance CTHAR provides.

INSTITUTE IMPLEMENTING ACTION 1.2.3 AGRICULTURAL REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS AS FOLLOWS:
DHHL has not implemented the Agricultural Task Force Recommendations and has not provided support funding through the Regional Plan Community Grants process. DHHL must implement the recommendations and provide support funding as well as technical assistance to beneficiary associations.

DHHL has left the responsibility to implement Task Force Recommendations on homestead associations who do not have the funding and staff. DHHL has not provided staff to ensure that grants are awarded and managed. Two years ago, KPFA applied for and was awarded grant funds to support its farmer's market initiative. To date, the grant funds have not been received from this grant. KPFA was also awarded a capacity building grant in 2009. We have yet to see a contract or grant funds.

Community Development

INSTITUTE IMPLEMENTING ACTION 2.2 GRANTS AS FOLLOWS:

DHHL has not managed its grants program. As a result, beneficiary associations are left empty handed scrambling for resources to support community initiatives. DHHL must properly staff and fund its grants management division to ensure that grant funds are awarded to beneficiary associations on a timely basis.

2.2.1 Outreach Grants-This grant has not been made available to homestead associations. KPFA has been told that there is no DHHL staff available to support the Outreach Grant program. Once again, DHHL has created an objective and has not provided adequate support staff to ensure its implementation.

As previously stated, KPFA was awarded grants two years ago but grant funds have not been issued. In 2009, KPFA planned to hire an attorney with a DHHL capacity building grant. We are still waiting for the grant funds. KPFA is also waiting for its award to support its Farmers Market which is scheduled to open next week. As a result, KPFA is now scrambling for resources to support this regional plan priority project.

REVIEW/REVISE OBJECTIVE 2.5 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS AS FOLLOWS:

DHHL has not provided adequate support staff to manage and work with beneficiary associations on the certification process. DHHL must provide staff that can support beneficiary associations to secure certification status.

KPFA is still waiting for proper certification of its status. Staff does not seem to have the time to review and respond to our requests for certification review and assessment. Moreover, if KPFA had received its 2009 capacity building grant, KPFA would have established a 501 (c) (3) for a Ho'omakua certification. How does DHHL expect growing associations to evolve without some level of support?? It appears that the certification program only supports organizations that have financial resources or affiliations.

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INSTITUTE OBJECTIVE 3.2 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

DHHL has not conducted state level, island level and regional level meetings as specified by this objective. DHHL must commit to meeting with homestead leaders and beneficiary groups as defined in its plan. The Regional Level meetings are the most important to implement because of the commitment of beneficiary organizations to the Regional Planning process and the use (and proposed use) of DHHL land that deviate from beneficiary Regional Plans.

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INSTITUTE OBJECTIVE 4.1 REGIONAL PLANS; IMPLEMENTING ACTION 4.1.2 AS FOLLOWS:

DHHL has not initiated regional plan updates as specified in the plan. DHHL must commit to a plan to support beneficiaries in regional plan reviews and updates.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mele at 808-959-5026 or Maile at 808-280-0083.

Sincerely,

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Message:

Aloha Chairman Nahale-a, My comments have to do with a little about more than just one of the issues of the NHDPP. As for the Individual Development plan I feel we as a community had no real choice but to participate in the Kulia I Ka Nuu project, in fact, Paukukalo was one of the first to be chosen and we were in the pilot project process. As a leader I felt the training was excellent and the process went smoothly. We were already a 501(c)3 and had already built a community center, a preschool, and we have a park which all of these was completed over 10 years ago. Individually as a community we have reached our basic goals and visions and we are in the planning stages of developing more of "hands on" self sufficient project with the hopes of attaining the 1.7 acres here in Paukukalo. 1) KIKN completed, 2) we agree with the fact that all homesteads can be self sufficient. 3) Home ownership: grants should be set up to help rebuild or retrofit aged homes, more IDA type of programs to help people with closing costs, down payments, or pay off debt; 4) Beneficiary homesteads should be given first priority to contacts that DHHL has control. 5) WE would like to have control of our community assets and help the DHHL by managing our properties and turn in reports monthly to the DHHL in order to be in good standing, all associations should have this priority. 6) When opportunity arises to gain lands for the beneficiaries it should be taken, in order to provide homes for those on the waiting list, such as the Waihe'e lands that David Goode was willing to give to DHHL and be compensated with tax credits, in way in which to exhaust the waiting list would only prove beneficial in the end. Neither Waiehu 3 and 4 were entirely accepted by the community at large, but over 100 people spoke for the Hawaiians and today those Hawaiians have homes. Move forward to get lands to build. 7) Kupuna Housing is essential for Maui and we have a proposal to help put some of our Kupuna into affordable housing; 8) I agree with rentals to help people afford homes, rent to own is good. Training should be given on a yearly basis, especially since some homestead associations change leadership every year, such as Waiohuli, who has had trouble keeping their presidents. These homesteads should be monitored and kept tab on. Ours has a democratic vote every two years, so with new leaders it would be good to have constant update on training. 9) I agree with lands for homesteads to generate revenue, which would also create jobs and training, small business, etc. which would lead to self sufficiency, self reliance, self sustainability and also give us ability to manage ourselves. Proper training and help from the DHHL will provide associations with the "know how" of self management. 10) All current leases should be carefully scrutinized, some need to be canceled and others need to be reassessed, still some need to be charged a fee. Here on Maui the natives are being charged for access to easements and I see DHHL leases easements to people for no charge,

not fair to us. Reassess all leases to non Hawaiians.11) Goals to build homes should be set, example 3000 homes to be built by 2014, this would give hope to all who have been waiting. It would not cover everyone, but would certainly help.12) People who sell their homes should be assessed a "pay back" fee, such as what the state does to their Hawaii Housing purchasers. They purchase at a low cost, cannot sell for at least 10 years and when they do they give a percentage of the capitol to the state. DHHL should do the same, because these people who sell, get lots for free, and then sell at more than half of what they bought the home, giving equity and causing us to pay more taxes. We use to be able to say we don't have equity, but not now. Even undivided interest lots are selling for \$50,000.00 DHHL needs to put a stop or charge a return fee, especially when they get it for nothing.

Homestead Leaders meeting with the Chairman or staff should be held at least every other month, to find out what our needs and thoughts are and to keep us informed. United we stand. Beneficiary Consultation should be done in a more acceptable way. Beneficiaries seem to be the last to be consulted and then when consulted our words are not heeded. Trust needs to be established between the department and the homesteaders, all of us. Too much has been done in the past that leaves behind mistrust and the need to fight for our rights. Mahalo

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Message:

I agree with the needs for Governance within the homesteads. I agree with democratically elected boards and also with being self governing, without too much pressure from the department. I am all for the Kulia I Ka Nuu program because I saw the difference in the operations of the board and within the communities, and also between our homesteads. I agree with compensating community associations for taking on more responsibilities for the management of community assets within the community. We did manage our own hall but the department canceled our lease and according to some of our homesteaders that was a shady deal. According to the past chairman it was because of past things that happened over 15 years ago under the leadership of then President Kalani Tassill. We are hoping we will be given the management of our hall soon and alleviate costs to the department. I also agree with Federal Recognition of native Hawaiians and especially the homestead act and working on receiving the monies due the beneficiaries from the state and the Federal government.

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Grants to start small business projects, neighborhood development, training and assessments, would help native Hawaiian communities evolve into more effective and active communities, youth programs and cultural projects would benefit natives today and in the future. The NeighborWorks training that I attended would be beneficial to all community members, although I realize not all can attend, but training for more than just one person per community would be beneficial. So far I have been the only one to attend, and was co chair in producing the Hui Mana DVD with the rest of those who attended NW. Grants for these type of trainings would be beneficial, also the CNHA conferences are great and more scholarships should be given for us to attend instead of just 1 per association, and at least airfare and lodging would be beneficial since CNHA scholarships 3 per association which pays for registration and lunches. This type of training is very beneficial. Not in support of just 1 statewide agency to provide capacity building services. Reason: It would be a monopoly and association boards may not feel comfortable with the services or people who service, we should at least have the choice of choosing who would provide service to us?

Th thought of vouchers is not bad, but again I think the homestead leaders should be able to suggest who should be these providers, sometimes the "pick" may not be as good as you think. Right now HOAP does not offer us much as a homestead, we would like people who are in their "pitching" to us and not where we have to go look for them. I as a leader have had to call and give referrals and pass out the leaflets of organizations just to inform the community of what is out there to help us. So, give us a say on who should serve us. People "matter" and the organizations funded to serve us should be trained to serve better, people not money should matter!

I feel the DHHL scholarships should be made to only beneficiaries and their families, spouses, children, grandchildren. I do agree with the 50% blood quantum, but for those beneficiaries who are 50% and have children of 25%, I feel that maybe they should create another scholarship for these children, even if it is only \$50.00, it is something. Maybe as leaders we should help to fund the scholarships. One other thing on scholarships, the DHHL makes a tuition scholarship awarded through Chaminade college, I feel if at all possible the same type of agreement for scholarship should or could be made possible for students at BYU Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific, just a thought. We here in Paukukalo raise a little bit of money at our Kuhio Day celebration for scholarships for our children to attend extracurricular educational activities and college. We are constantly looking for fund-raising opportunities. Maybe DHHL could be part of the CNHA Native Hawaiian Way Fund, which would help with scholarships. I remember a man at our Paukukalo meeting who said that both his children applied and were denied scholarships from the DHHL program. That is sad and if at all

possible no one should be denied. Everyone should get something even if just a little, every penny helps, I know I sent 7 children to college, and I have to admit all those who applied for the DHHL grant and kept up their grades did receive a grant from DHHL, thank you!

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Message:

Just wanted to say "Mahalo" for all the good work the department has done in the past and for what the new Chairman and staff are doing now. I am also grateful for Mona Kapaku who has served our community here on Maui the best she could being she is trying to serve in more than one capacity. I appreciate her giving me the opportunity to grow as a leader. As a leader she has supported me in my endeavors to manage our community in a decent and respectable manner. Although there was an eviction of a long time community member who has lived here since 1962, I was able to speak to him and to ask him to remember our kupuna and to show respect. We did not want any violence and there was none. Kimo Rivera, grew up here and ran into hard times when the company he had worked for since high school closed and he lost his job. He was not able to pay his mortgage and although he met and tried to meet his commitment, he just could not, and under Vanessa Medeiros as Maui's DHHL agent his home was knocked down. I think Ray Soon was the chairman, and Micah Kane soon after. Although our community has had such things happen we still band together, and at this point are making a point to stand together in bettering our little community and we as a board are looking to create ways to help lift up those who need assistance and to especially be able to help our kupuna. Homes are falling apart and need more than just fix, some need bathrooms, others need roofs repaired. Our goal is to help fix up 4 of our kupuna homes, and we need the help of the department and others.

Another thing that has troubled our homesteaders not just here in Central Maui but all of Maui, is the cancellation of leases. We are hoping the department will look more closely at what the reasons are for not being able to pay mortgages, maintenance fees, and for not building on their lots awarded. Instead of listening only to those in authority, listen to the real story. Also, when having hearings, the department can afford lawyers, but the beneficiaries probably cannot, the state should look at funding for legal representation for the beneficiaries. When calling Native Hawaiian Legal Corp the answer in the past is we have too many cases, and a long list of case waiting, so we will take your case but you have to wait. So, if the beneficiaries know that the department has representation, the beneficiaries should be given ample notice to try to get legal representation when meeting on any contested subject. This may avoid legal hassles in the future. Just a thought.

Another thought: When beneficiaries sell or transfer their leases they should be given a wait period before going back on the applicant list, maybe 1 year or so. this gives opportunity to those still on the list, instead of real estate agencies making a profit.

One thing that came up in discussion amongst leaders here on Maui: When DHHL give out agriculture or pastoral leases, they should make sure the beneficiary has a plan, not just a plan but a business plan if they are getting more than 2 acres. Those who get 1 to acres are

usually going to farm for themselves, but those with more should have a plan to use that land for business, and not just sit on the land and say they have land, cause there are so many people who want to have ag and pastoral lands, so to be fair, it should be used as being self reliant. Farms to produce business, same for ranches, not just give land. Look at Molokai, so much land is just bushes, with some kalo and some other plants. There are farmers who really do use their land and that is good, but otherwise beware of just giving out land.

Maui has land in Puunene, and we need homes, I think that maybe we can build residential homes mauka on Kula side of Mokulele, ag lots on some, and commercial properties on the west side of Mokulele, also we could also look at leasing lands to Maui Electric for solar energy plants, just a thought. I personally would like for the homestead associations to each recieve 10 to 20 acres for their own business ventures, this has come up for discussion and I agree, why not? Central Maui homestead associations could combine and use some land to venture some kind of production. We are talking about a plan. Just another thought.

Well, mahalo, but I am sure you have read enough.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Mahalo

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Aloha,

Members of Keokea Hawaiian Farm Lots Association met 8/11/11 at the homestead hale of Stephen and Karen Park after the 8/4/11 DHHL beneficiary consultation open house, and came to a consensus on mana`o, as follows:

Individual development/agriculture:

As the lessees on Maui's only agricultural homestead, we feel that the county limiting us to 600 gallons of water per day per lot is unduly restrictive; does not support the concept of subsistence agriculture; and may represent institutional genocide. Members feel DHHL should be proactive in resolving this water situation by, for example, seeking to have the daily allocation per lot increased and to have ag water rates levied.

Community development/homestead capacity building:

Keokea homesteaders received a three-year, \$10,000 grant for community building, with which we:

Formulated a name/address/phone list

Communicated with co-homesteaders

Held meetings and weekend campouts on undeveloped homestead

Were able to bond, organize to lobby for infrastructure and
publish/distribute newsletters

To this day, a core of about a dozen families remains close, active and proud that we truly have formed a community; in fact, an extended `ohana.

Based on this experience, we feel DHHL should be proactive in helping/encouraging/supporting other future homesteads, e.g., Waiohuli Phase 2 Kahikini undivided-interest lessees, to organize as a ³community.²