

NHDPP

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- CONSULTATION MEETINGS**
- COMMENT SHEETS**
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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. IDvelopment: 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
