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CONSULTATION**

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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!!!!NHR Funds 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

Lessee: Disappointed, many objective not met by DHHL looks great on paper and wonderful goals if instituted.

Lessee: Not heard of any listed issues requiring consultation brought to lessee for input.

Were these consults only with West Hawaii lessee? We were not included and have never been consulted on any energy policy discussions or proposals.

Lessee: Quarterly Meetings has DHHL held eight beneficiary consultation meetings each year since 2009? Are there minutes, posted on-line, record of comments or outcome/recommendations from those meetings?

Lessee: How did DHHL support the advocacy efforts?

We have not been kept informed and involved in any major issues affecting DHHL programs.

Lessee: Were quarterly meetings held? Not invited to participate. Are all meetings held on Oahu?

Lessee: Is regional level updated every 6 months? Nice idea but did not happen No annual meeting held with homestead leaders with region to update regional plan. Beneficial for both DHHL and associations if DHHL met with leaders and each association individually to act as advocate, provide feed back on ways to move Regional Plans forward. Need DHHL to look for barriers and assist associations to overcome these barriers and create a plan together. TEAM Work.

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.

Lessee: Leaser's are volunteers and with board turnover's, suggest at a minimum; there be at least two (2) leaders from each Association.

Beneficiary Consultation

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.

Lessee: Current process leaves full interpretation, whether in or out of context, up to the staff, when in some case, none have expertise in the area of concern. This process allows for complete participation and full understanding and allows for discussion on rational for or against a change.

Lessee: No time to watch for any scheduled meetings – not due notice. Email would be helpful- DHHL Website **SHALL BE THE ONLY METHOD OF COMMUNICATION.**

Lessee: I don't support converting statewide beneficiary groups 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 to match DHHL grant as a line item to OHA budget.

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.

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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.

Lessee: Support plans to create new rule changes and convert conventional Pastoral/Ag leases to rural homesteads. However, DHHL cannot exclude current lessees that have residential lots and been on the waitlist for AG or pastoral lot award. Previously, you could have only one home, but have one residential and one pastoral or Ag. New proposed rural homestead distribution you would have the potential for a lessee to have 2 homes. I don't think that was the intent, there has to be a choice for those who have been on the waitlist.

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.

Lessee: Act 302 Provisions, what is the current criteria and procedures and was this approved in 2009? What has transpired since then?

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.

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.

Lessee: Agree with governance within homestead, democratically elected boards, self governing without pressure from DHHL and Federal Recognition of Native Hawaiian, especially Homestead Act.

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
OF COMMUNICATION**

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.

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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 ahs 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 accerated 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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Message:

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Mahalo DHHL.

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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.

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To: DHHL Planning

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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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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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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

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Objective 3.1 Statewide consultation and policy issues

1. I have not heard of ANY of the listed issues requiring consultation were brought to the lesees for input.
2. Were these consults only with the West Hawaii lessees? I know we were not included in these consults
3. We have never been consulted on any energy policy discussions or proposals

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 ay minutes to those meetings? Are they posted on-line? Record of comments ?Outcome/recommedations from those meetings.

3.2 Leadership meetings

How did DHHL support the advocacy efforts, we have not been kept informed and involved in any major issues affecting HHL programs

3.2.1 State Level

1. Were quarterly meetings held, if so, we were not invited to participate.
2. Are all the meetings held on 'Oahu?

3.2.2 Island level

1. Were quarterly meetings held, if so, we were not invited to participate.

3.2.3 Regional level

1. Updated every 6 months? Nice idea but did not happen
2. No annual meeting held with homestead leaders with the region to update the regional plan
3. It would be beneficial for both the department and the associations if there was a representative from DHHL that met with the leaders with each association individually to act as advocate and provide feed back on ways to move the regional plans forward. Look for the barriers and assist the associations in overcoming those barriers and create a game plan together. That is TEAM work.

3.3 Beneficiary Groups

3.3.1 Association level

We would love to host/participate in these meetings. The department could send representatives to each homestead. Train staff on each island to take care of their island and can address current issues as needed. Saving travel time and expenses. I think it would be also beneficial if they could take a lessee/ successor from each island to learn the process and what it takes to get the information to the beneficiaries. (pay stipend from money saved on travel)

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.
5. What about on-line classes? As technology advances more is offered without having to travel long distances for education.
6. How does an older person qualify for scholarships if their GPA is old. i.e.: someone in their 30s or older who did not like high school and has not gone to college before is now ready to get a higher level of education. There should be some kind of way for them to earn a GPA equivalent from job experience or something that will give them an opportunity even if they were not good students way back when.
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.

1.2.2 Primary (Rural) & additional acreage homesteads

In support of the plans to create new rule changes and convert conventional pastoral/Ag leases to rural homesteads. However, the department cannot exclude current lessees that have residential lots who have been waiting a long time for AG or pastoral lot to be awarded. Previously you could have only one home but have one residential and one pastoral or AG. In the new proposed rural homestead distribution there would be a potential for a lessee to have 2 homes. I do not think that was the intent, so there has to be some kind of choice for those on the list who have been on the wait list. Options:

3. Allow the current lessee take the rural and let go of the residential.
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 simultaneously 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 an advocate person would be wonderful guide associations to know what is available to them in services in order to utilize 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 leaders 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 going on outside of our Moku and gave us larger perspective. I have enjoyed the conferences and am 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 Nuū to include existing Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly Homestead Associations.
- Recommendation 2: Dedicate percentage of Kulia I Ka Nuū 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.

Sincerely

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Response to

Aloha Darrell,
Attached is our response.

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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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President

MAILE LU'UWAI
Board Member & Chair, Planning Committee

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I would like to submit comments for our native Hawaiian Plan 2011-2013

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Implement- Continue to financially support Fair

Benefit- Allows farmers/ranchers already existing and those that are not to come network, promote market and educate them about farming and ranching allows for information and sharing to partner with other agencies to move forward

Issue- Financing Homestead Associations

Implement- Set aside in a separate account for associations under the Kulia I ka Nu'u Program and give \$10,000 to each qualifying association

Benefit- So that these associations can continue to help their homestead communities move forward

Issue- Make each island issue separate from the state

Implement- Separate out by islands

Benefit- Issues and priorities are different on every island

Please accept my comments for the Native Hawaiian Development Plan for 2011-2013

Mahalo,

Lynn DeCoite, homestead farmer

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Mahalo,

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Subject Re: native hawaiian development plan comments 2011-2013
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Aloha Planning Department,

Please set the insurance for Umbrellaing of all Hawaiian Home lands and take out no we want all your lands covered.

Mahalo,
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On Fri, Sep 2, 2011 at 11:56 AM, Lynn Decoite <molokaisweetpotato@gmail.com> wrote:
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Subject NHDPP 2013: Individual Development
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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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Message:

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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Subject beneficiary consultation
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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