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KPAA's Talk Story Series Begins – First Session is September 6th

An informal Talk Story series is being launched for KPAA members. A survey of members was recently conducted to determine interest and to learn what topics were of concern to members. As a result of the positive response to the idea (72%), the first session for members is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 6th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the KPAA office** and will focus on the topic suggested most often by members who took the survey – **“Improving Collaboration and Cooperation Among Community Agencies and Organizations”**. KPAA members are invited to come “Talk Story”. There is no registration or fee required. Just come as you are and bring your lunch if you like. Beverages will be provided.

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Education Action Team Sets Vision and Goals

In March of this year, about 20 people with a passion for public education agreed to serve on KPAA's Education Action Team. We are fortunate to have the participation of people from the Department of Education, business, nonprofits, and Kauai Community College. Daniel Hamada, DOE Complex Area Superintendent, and Peggy Cha, Kauai Community College Chancellor, also participate and provide their invaluable insights. Several of the team members are parents who serve on their School Community Councils or the PTSA.

The group has been busy discussing the changes resulting from Act 51 (the 2004 state legislation called Reinventing Education Act for the Children of Hawaii) and determining the areas where the group can make an impact over the next two years. In order to avoid duplication, we are also mindful of other community efforts to support education, such as KEDB's new Aloha 'Ike program. To create a foundation for our efforts, the Education Action Team established its vision for Kauai in 2010:

Kauaians value and support public education at all levels, recognizing that it builds productive citizens and enriches the lives of all.

Several guiding principles help focus the group's work:

- Public education is strengthened when schools collaborate with and receive the support and involvement of parents, businesses, local and state government, and the community.
- The new School Community Councils (SCCs) should become knowledgeable and skilled regarding their role in school governance and set a standard of excellence for the councils that follow.
- Leadership at our public schools starts with the principal, and it is the job of the principal to establish a school culture that fosters in students and staff respect, creativity, collaboration, doing one's best, and an expectation of achievement.
- Students' learning and preparation for life is enhanced by a safe, caring, supportive environment at home, at school, and in the community.

- Communities and the economy benefit from strong, innovative schools that enable students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to meet their personal goals and contribute to society.

Three goals have been established for the Action Team for the next two years, and strategies to implement the goals are in development.

- Goal 1: Promote lifelong learning that uses innovative approaches that develop personal, academic and work-related skills.
- Goal 2: Support Act 51 and the role of principals and School Community Councils in improving and transforming schools.
- Goal 3: Encourage, recognize and celebrate community involvement in our public schools.

KPAA extends a grateful mahalo to Hawaii Community Foundation's Mo' Bettah Together Program, County of Kauai, and Bank of Hawaii for their generous support of this project.

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Haena State Park Master Plan Funded

Improvements at Haena State Park have been at the top of the agenda for KPAA's Parks Action Team. With over 740,000 visitors each year, Ha`ena State Park is among the three most visited state parks in Hawaii. The park, which includes renowned Kee Beach, is suffering from the effects of tremendous use and extended neglect. But almost all improvements require completion of a park master plan.

During the Legislature's recent biennium budget process, the Parks Action Team worked with Senator Gary Hooser and Representatives Hermina Morita, Ezra Kanoho and Bertha Kawakami to secure \$300,000 in funding for Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to complete the long-awaited Ha`ena State Park Master Plan. Our legislators successfully championed the passage of this funding and KPAA extends its sincere thanks for their recognition of the importance of this beautiful resource to Kauai.

Until the Master Plan can be completed and funding for major improvements secured (2-4 years), the Parks Action Team is working on interim improvements to parking, signage, and road design to protect the resource and make the park experience safer and more enjoyable. For those of you who have been there recently, you've noticed that Dept. of Transportation has worked on the road and filled in the huge potholes, a relief to all who go there. And more good news – DLNR has funds to rebuild the deteriorated restroom facilities. Work on that should get underway in 2006.

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Mahalo to KPAA's New and Renewing Members

KPAA welcomes the following new General and Supporting Members and appreciates their support of our mission and goals. We extend a special mahalo to our new Patron Members for their generous support.

Patron Members

The Complete Package (Kukui Level)
Kauai Business Education Partnership (Kou Level)

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County of Kauai, Office of Economic Development
County of Kauai, Planning Department
County of Kauai, Department of Water
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Hawaii Advocate Program (Hale Kipa)
Hawaii Department of Education – Office of the Complex Area Superintendent
Hui O Laka - Kokee Natural History Museum
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Kauai Mokihana Festival

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Poipu Beach Resort Association
Princeville Employee Council

Renewing Members

Malama Mahaulepu
Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center
Hale Halawai Ohana o Hanalei - Hanalei Community Family Center
Sierra Club/Kauai Group of Hawaii Chapter
Princeville Phase II Community Association

For information on how to become a member, visit our website www.Kauainetwork.org or contact us by phone 632-2005.

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Announcements

Community Input Meeting on Coastal Bike and Pedestrian Path. Exciting plans are moving forward for a 16-mile coastal bike and pedestrian trail from Nawiliwili to Anahola. The Kauai Coastal Path will be completed in six sections, each of which will require its own environmental assessment report process and design/build process, and each process will offer a series of three public meetings. A community meeting on the environmental assessment for Phase IV, covering 4 miles from Ahukini Landing to Lydgate Park, is scheduled for **August 22nd from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Lydgate Park Pavilion**. This section of the trail will include Hanamaulu Beach Park, open lands between the park and the Radisson, and the Wailua Golf Course. This is your opportunity to voice your ideas about this phase of the path. For background information on the Kauai Coastal Path, go to

www.Kauai.gov/Portals/0/PW_Bldg/BikePathProject/Articles/Bike_path_overview.pdf.

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A Wealth of Conferences and Training Offered

The Community Connection

Hawaii Alliance of Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) is now accepting applications for the Community Connection (Comm Conn) 2005/2006. *Comm Conn* is HACBED's 8-month community and community-based economic development training and technical support institute that provides community-based economic development organizations with capacity building, access to timely and relevant information, technical assistance, and valuable networking opportunities. If your organization is using community and community economic development strategies to address economic, social, and environmental justice issues, Comm Conn will strengthen your organization's capacity to develop and implement viable economic ventures. Only 20 organizations will be selected to participate in this year's institute. **Applications are due August 31, 2005.** Applications and more information are available online at www.hacbed.org or contact Derrick Kiyabu at 866-223-7057 tollfree or via email dkiyabu@hacbed.org.

2005 International Women's Leadership Conference

This 2nd annual conference is scheduled for September 14-15, 2005 at Sheraton Waikiki. Cost is \$150 for students, \$195 government/military and \$295 general public. For more information go to www.iwlchi.org.

Seminar on Nonprofit Organizations

Offered by Weinberg Foundation. The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Pagoda Hotel's International Ballroom, 1525 Rycroft St, Honolulu. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Topics will include a Hawaii State Tax Update, Trends in Governance, Accounting and the Form 990, Nonprofit Executive Compensation and State Oversight of Nonprofits. Luncheon keynote, "Harry's Story and the Types of Programs the Foundation Funds" will be by Gailene Wong, grant director of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. The conference is designed for officers, directors, members and managers of tax-

exempt organizations and their accountants or attorneys. Non-member cost, which includes lunch, is \$130 per person \$120 for early registrations before July 31. HANO members can receive a 25% discount: \$95 per person or \$85 for early registrations. For more information, contact Chaminade University Tax Foundation, (808) 946-2966, extension 130 or 107. Date: Friday, **Aug. 26, 2005**

Nonprofit Project Planning

Offered by Weinberg Foundation, this is a one-day, six-hour class (lunch included) that will be offered six more times, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, 42 Puiwa Road, Honolulu on the first Thursday of each month through February 2006. Class dates are: **Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2, 2006**. Employees and volunteers of 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible for the class. Cost is \$25, which includes materials, a sample project plan and lunch. Classes are limited to 12 students. To apply, download and print the application form at <http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/projectplanning2005.pdf>. For more information, contact Gailene Wong, (808) 924-1000.

2005 Hawaii Employment Law Seminar

The Kauai Chamber of Commerce and Torkildson Katz Fonseca Moore & Huntington, Attorneys at Law, are sponsoring this day-long employment law seminar on Thursday, **September 8** at the Aloha Beach Resort. Cost ranges from \$125-225 depending on when you register and what materials you receive. Contact the Kauai Chamber of Commerce at 245-7363 for more information and to request a registration form.

Innovations in Family-Centered Practice: Why and How to Do It and How to Measure Your Success

Child-focused, family-centered programs are now recommended by research and accreditation standards. Federal mandates, including the Adoptions and Safe Families Act, do not require private providers to deliver family-centered programs, but they do require states to provide them. In the future, therefore, Hawaii state agencies may contract for family-centered programs exclusively. This conference provides information you need to respond to this new reality with quality programs.

Monday, Sept. 19 – New techniques in family-centered programs – a full-day program for direct service staff working with children and families to provide mental health, juvenile justice, substance abuse and child welfare services. **Tuesday, Sept. 20** – How to prepare your organization to meet new challenges and to demonstrate that your family-centered programs deliver results – a full-day program for program administrators, directors, supervisors and executives. The conference will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. Cost is \$75 per day or \$125 for both days. Deadline to register is September 6. CEUs are available. For more information, contact Erica Kaminski 808-681-1438 or familycentered@cfs-hawaii.org.

Certified Grants Specialist Training

This 3-day course is packed with information required to find grants, develop programs, and write successful proposals. Course will be held at the Alana Doubletree in Waikiki **October 19-21**. Cost is \$499. To register, go to www.GrantExperts.com or contact Kapi`olani Community College 808-734-9286.

The following workshops are offered by the Hawaii Community Services Council. All classes will be held in Honolulu.

Critical Issues for Nonprofits: The Legal & Financial Environment.

Sponsored in part by Harold K. L. Castle Foundation. This half-day workshop highlights the changes in the national and local legal environment that will affect Hawaii nonprofits. It is designed to provide you with guidelines for improving oversight and establishing critical internal controls in your nonprofit organization. Dates: **August 23, 2005** and **November 18, 2005** http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/downloads/criticalissues2005_0823.pdf

Board Alive!: Best Practices for Nonprofit Board Governance

This half-day workshop highlights the critical elements and best practices in board governance that help assure a high-quality board. It will provide your board members with tools to help them become more

engaged and informed and to fully understand the commitment of serving on a nonprofit board.
Date: **September 14, 2005** http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/downloads/board2005_0914.pdf

Volunteer Management for Nonprofits

This full-day workshop will help you assess your volunteer program and will highlight the steps in developing or enhancing your organization's volunteer program. Topics include: how to articulate a philosophy statement for your volunteer program; how to optimize the staff/volunteer relationship; policies and procedures essential to volunteer management; recruitment, interviewing and placement of volunteers; orientation, training, supervision and evaluation of volunteers; how to recognize your volunteers appropriately; and turning volunteers into champions, members and donors.

Date: **September 21, 2005** http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/downloads/volunteermgmt2005_0921.pdf

Business Planning for Nonprofits: An Overview

This half-day workshop is designed to cover the basic elements of a nonprofit Business Plan. It will help you decide when a Business Plan is needed and whether to initiate business planning activities within your organization on your own and when to seek assistance. Topics covered include: financial projection basics; business risks and the frame of mind needed for successful business planning; and what to prepare before you seek assistance.

Date: **October 05, 2005** http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/downloads/businessplng2005_1005.pdf
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