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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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**Minutes of the
O'AHU ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING - KAPOLEI
MINUTES
October 17, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee Keoni Souza

ADMINISTRATION:

Colin Kippen, Interim CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Jason Lees, Digital Specialist
Kelli Soileau, Communications Strategist
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT
Kaimo Muhlestein, BSA
Chase Simmons, Operations
Denielle Meyer, Operations

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Summer Soares, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide
Kahelelani Keawekane, Trustee Aide

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:02 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	Excused	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	Excused	6:13 p.m.
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	Excused	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	Excused	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **five (5)** Trustees are PRESENT, there is quorum at the start of the community meeting.

Introductions

Trustee Souza Aloha mai kākou, my name is Keoni Souza. I'm one of four At-Large Trustees here at OHA. This meeting is especially close to my heart because this is my community. This is where I grew up for the last 33 years, give or take. I live right next door. My family is here tonight. My mom, Julia; my sister, who's the Representative for District 43, Kanani Souza; of course, we have the Kalilimoku's and also District 42 Representative Diamond Garcia out there as well. I want to introduce my Aides, Richelle Kim, as well as Kauai Robello. Mahalo nui, aloha.

Trustee Akina Aloha mai kākou, I'm Keli'i Akina, one of your Trustees At-Large. I am so honored to be here tonight. Let me introduce my staff, Ruben Sierra, and watching online, Evalani. Thank you so much for coming tonight. I just want to say we're looking forward to hearing your mana'o. We want to know what's on your heart, so please, during community concerns, come up and share with us. Mahalo, aloha.

Trustee Galuteria Aloha everybody, I'm Brickwood Galuteria, Trustee At-Large. I am happy to be here in Kapolei. We look forward to hearing your mana'o and look forward to hearing the beautiful music of the cheerleaders and the high school band, I just love it. It's part of the entire atmosphere of being here at Kapolei High, so mahalo for having us, aloha.

Trustee Alapa My name is Luana Alapa, Trustee for the Island of Moloka'i and Lāna'i, and I am here with my Trustee Aide, Summer Soares, and I also want to introduce my mother, who is a resident here in Kapolei, 89 years old, actually 89 years young (inaudible).

Trustee Akaka (inaudible) It's so wonderful for us to be able to have these meetings throughout O'ahu Island and I want to thank our Board Chair for supporting this. This is something that I wanted to do and target our homestead communities so that we can stay on the pulse on the needs of our community and hear what is working and what could use some improvement. Mahalo nui for joining us this evening, we greatly appreciate you joining us and I also want to mahalo my staff, her staff, and Administration for all the many

hours that go into making this possible, even just finding a great location, live streaming, and all of that jazz. It takes an army at OHA to do all this so mahalo nui.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo to all our Trustees. I'm Hulu Lindsey, I'm the Maui Trustee and I'm also the Chair of the Board for now, and we're so happy to be here. As I said earlier, I also have my staff with me. Our Board Secretary is Lehua Itokazu. My Aides are Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua. We're here to listen and to serve. We also have Kahelelani, who represents Trustee Trask, who's not feeling well this evening. Did I miss any of our staff in the Board suite? Otherwise, we have our CEO Colin Kippen with us this evening and I would like to call upon him to introduce himself and our administrative staff supporting us here.

Colin Kippen Aloha mai kākou, I'm Colin Kippen and I'm the interim CEO at OHA. We have a number of our staff here tonight helping with the meeting and I want to introduce them. Jason Lees, he's with our Digital Media Department. Kelli Soileau, she's also with the Communications Department. Kaimo Muhlestein, you saw her when you came in tonight. Arlene Aguinaldo, she helps with the IT, which is really important. And finally, we've got Chase Simmons and Denielle Meyer from the Operations Division. Thank you very much for coming tonight, we look forward to hearing from you.

Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana Kūikawā/Interim CEO's O'ahu Island Community Report and Update on OHA's activities.

Colin Kippen Aloha again, the mission of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is to better the conditions of Hawaiians and what that really means is we're trying to change the status quo in a good way for Hawaiians. So, what Kaimo handed out to you was just the summary. One of the things we do is we collect the information because (inaudible), who are part of the diaspora who have moved to the continent? Raise your hands. So that's one of the reasons we want to keep Hawaiians in the piko. We want them to remain here in Hawai'i and to do that, we want them to be healthy. We want them to be able to afford to live here. We want them to be successful and have their family be part of our family here in Hawai'i, so I just want you folks to look at that. If you have any questions about that, go to our website or simply just call our office. We have a research division that really is focused on trying to understand what it is that we need to do to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians. So, thank you, aloha.

Community Presentations (no actions are taken)

1. Hale Kipa - Venus Kau'iokawēkiu Rosete-Medeiros, CEO

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Aloha Trustees, mahalo for having us once again and thank you for coming today to check out our site, and mahalo to Trustee Alapa for coming to our grand opening. We're going to share a little presentation that we shared already with the Trustees. Some of you were not here earlier but I'm not sure if all of you know, Hale Kipa started our campus here in 'Ewa. We have a brand-new campus that we built in 2020 and the day after we did our grand opening, the state shutdown with COVID. So many people did not know, and we were pretty much shut down for a year. Although our programs continue to run because as you know, Hale Kipa has shelters and we cannot not shelter our children in need. So, we kept the programs alive.

HALE KIPA
Inspiring Lives - One Youth At A Time

We provide young people with opportunities and supports that help them to develop into responsible and caring adults, motivated by their own passions, enabling them to create a successful life for themselves.

- 72,000 Hawai'i Youth Served by Hale Kipa
Over 72,000 Hawai'i youth have benefited from Hale Kipa's programs and services since 1970.
- 45% Native Hawaiian Youth Served
45% of Youth Served are of Native Hawaiian Descent.
- 44% Male Youth Served
- 56% Female Youth Served
- 4.7 out of 5 Consumer Satisfaction
- 20 Number of Hale Kipa Programs

So basically, our mission is to provide young people with opportunities and supports that help them to develop into responsible and caring adults motivated by their own passions, enabling them to create a successful life for themselves. Hale Kipa has been around for 53 years; we've served over 72 young people and we began in 1970 as a girls shelter for runaway girls here on O'ahu. Out of all the young people, the 72,000 youth, 45% of them are Native Hawaiians, so that's alarming. When you figure out what we do at Hale Kipa, 44% are male, 56% female and we have 4.7 consumer satisfaction and over 20 programs we offer at Hale Kipa.

In the 53 years that we've been open, I am only the 3rd CEO. Yeah, third CEO. The first wahine and the first k̄anaka to serve Hale Kipa and when you see 45% of our youth, our Native Hawaiian we needed to have a Hawaiian at the helm. Seriously, if it wasn't me, some other k̄anaka, because most of the things that we were doing was very westernized at Hale Kipa.

Our youth:

We work with all ages, but **60%** are youth ages 13 - 18

- Young Adult 26%
- Youth 60%
- Child 14%

Four Main Program Departments

We work with all ages, but 60% are ages 13 to 18. Now really quick because I only got 10 minutes, we have four main programs that we offer. We have residential services. So, we have shelters.

- RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
- OUTREACH SERVICES
- THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- 'OHANA RESILIENCE SERVICES





RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- 3 Emergency Shelters
- 2 Transitional Living Program Shelters
- 2 Independent Living Training Homes
- 1 Sex Trafficking Shelter

We have outreach services that we go out into the community to work with Opportunity Youth before they used to be called Youth at Promise and before that At Risk Youth, but they're called Opportunity Youth, and then we have therapeutic services. We do mental health counseling in the home, and we also work with families with our 'Ohana Resilience Services that we just started last week.

Our residential services, basically we have three emergency shelters. So, we are licensed for eight youth per shelter and we're pretty full right now. In our boys' shelter, we have five but we're pretty consistent with being full with girls. Transitional living program shelters are for those who are coming out of the foster care system, or they're homeless and now they really want a stable life. We put them into our transitional living program shelters and our independent living training programs. These are the young people who are coming out of the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility. So, they come, they transition into our shelters there and their homes are all in 'Ewa. We have one sex trafficking shelter that used to be in Kailua, but we transitioned that shelter over to Hale Kipa in 'Ewa. A lot of people say we have sex trafficking, we have sex trafficking and in fact, majority of our young people being trafficked right now are Native Hawaiian. You know, you think about it. It's a no brainer, right? Sex trafficking happens on the dark web, so a lot of it, majority of it happens online and it is military and visitors, tourists. But recently, since COVID, we've been seeing 'ohana, family are now trafficking their own children. A lot of boyfriends will also traffic. We also have same sex trafficking, boyfriends will traffic their partner and like I said, our shelter was full at one time for sex trafficking and we only take from 12 to 18. So, this is what's happening in Hawai'i and many people don't realize it.

OUTREACH SERVICES

Hale Kipa's Department of Outreach Services provides strategic outreach and builds community relationships for youth and young adults ages 10 to 27 on O'ahu, Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, and Moloka'i. Services include educational support, skill building, advocacy, and case management.

A total of 14 different outreach programs are offered to our youth to meet their various needs.



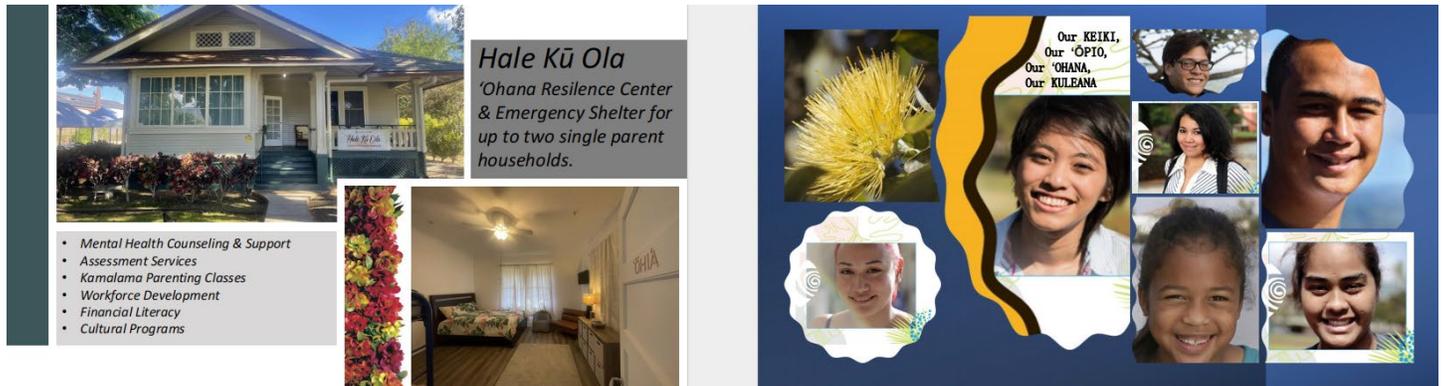


THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

- Intensive In-Home Mental Health Counseling & Therapeutic Services
- Therapeutic Foster Homes

Come November, we have a show right now called Kūkākūkā on 'Ōlelo TV. I am hosting it with different visitors coming in and talking about their programs and issues impacting our young people. We are going to feature sex trafficking next month, so try and catch them on channel 52. You're going to get blown away when you hear their stories. We have outreach services, over 14 to 15 programs out in the community.

We have therapeutic services like I said. So, this is mental health counseling, if you know any young person who needs support, parents who are struggling with their kids, please call Hale Kipa. We'll get you the support you need. And then we also have our high-end therapeutic foster homes. These are for young people who the parents just don't know how to take care of them already. So, we do training, we get foster parents to foster these young people and they're assigned a therapist.



And then we have our newest one. As a kākāna I knew that Hale Kipa being 53 years old, we've never had an outreach program for families and I thought, how come? We work with the keiki, we have to work with our 'ohana. We have to support them. Our families are not the enemy, they just need help, they need guidance. Let's support them so that the keiki can get back to their families, that's what we want. We want them to be reunified if can. So we have our newest Director here, Brandy Akimo. She's going to talk a little bit about Hale Kū Ola.

Brandy Akimo Aloha nui kākou, Brandy Akimo, Director of Ohana Resilience Services. We had a wonderful party last week Thursday down at Hale Kū Ola just down the road, right on Renton, and for those of you who are not familiar with the area, though I'm assuming everyone is because this is your moku. We're in the ahupua'a right here and so how fitting that Venus said that when she came on board, she thought about what more could Hale Kipa do and that was to initiate this forward program around serving the whole family. 'Ohana Resilience Services at Hale Kū Ola, is the hale, the center but it's also serving as a shelter. We do have capacity to serve up to two single families with children which means that they have to have some kind of qualifying thing around being homeless or at risk of being homeless and , as you know, there's a high need for housing in general for families like you and I. We all look the same right for varying reasons, one of them being some of the risk factors that our kākāna are involved in whether or not it'd be around child abuse and neglect or other issues such as substance abuse.

So, we want to be able to kind of provide that offering. We currently have a wait list and we hope to move in our first family probably in the next couple of weeks. Single family with a baby. In addition to that, we also have a Resource Center which is a walk in. Anyone, any individual that needs support, whether or not they come from Wai'anae or Kailua, right although it's probably less likely, like you know what we are going to do in Ewa that we can't really get in Kailua, but we want to be able to provide those walk in services for families between 9:00AM and 5:00PM.

So, this hale is just across the street from 'Ewa Community Church and 'Ewa Elementary School. It's old plantation style home that we're leasing from the County so we have kuleana to take care of the house and we want to be able to mālama families. The program offers mental health and counseling support. The Kamalama Parenting Classes are starting this Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30PM. This curriculum was authored by our CEO Venus, I mean who better than a kākāna wahine and at the time she wrote it, she was a single parent. So, what this

parenting class does is it adopts the principles of like parenting principles, and it weaves in kānaka values around discipline, aloha, and mālama. We are almost full, but if anyone here is interested in coming in to see who we are, no call is necessary, you can just walk in because we want to be able to meet families, specifically Hawaiian families, where they're at. We take you in, we sit down, and we engage in the process of what many of us know as kūkākūkā but it's also a form of ho'oponopono. We want to be able to help families reconnect with what's important for them. We also have workforce development programming that we're in collaboration with the Wai'anae Economic Development Council for our youth, and then our cultural programs. We want to be able to have this offering for the community and for the current programs within Hale Kipa. I do have some program brochures that I can leave right here on this front table, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Our services are free. There's no cost to anyone. Just come on in and once again, even if you don't know what you need, just show up. If you know a family, send them our way. We're here to support and help. Hale Kipa is for all families, but because our Native Hawaiians are at the top of all, we really want to reach out to them as well. But , we serve all families and keiki. Even though 45% are Hawaiian, we have Samoan and majority of our girls coming in now are Micronesian from Chuukese, and Trustee Galuteria, it would be awesome to partner with you and your kūpuna program.

Trustee Galuteria Okay, got it.

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Come hang out with us at Hale Kū Ola.

Trustee Galuteria That's a guarantee.

Melodee Haole Hello, my name is Melodee Haole. I'm with a nonprofit organization for special needs children. So, with talking about Hale Kipa, 10 years ago, my son had major behaviors, but because he has special needs, he's autistic, he was higher functioning, but he had violent behaviors. Hale Kipa could not take him. Queen's Kekela took him, but then had to release him. I had to quit work and stay home with my son and try to figure it out what to do because all the different agencies was not there for my son because he has dual diagnosis, he has autism and mental illness too. So, especially when they're higher functioning, he could have worked that time. Long story short, he ended up getting injured and now he's severely autistic because we didn't have the support. So how can we get the support? That's what I'm here for.

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Mahalo for bringing that up and that has been a need that we've been hearing, ADA services. That's on my list of things to look into. I actually have a daughter who graduated from Chapman, and she specializes in that, so she wants to start program there. But because I'm CEO, we cannot hire her. But anyway, we are going to, but we are going to bring ADA services to Hale Kipa and those are for children with autism.

Melodee Haole I started the nonprofit 16 years ago because I had no support. Now parents are reaching out to me and is saying that not all ADA services does work. I had to create my own in my home like a sensory home trying to figure out what to do for my son and he's calmer now. He's more out in the community, but there's no other organization or nonprofit that is willing to think outside the box and figure it out with me so it's frustrating. I have events all the time. The last event we had, especially during COVID, we have people that are homeless. I'm dealing with the shelter now. We have like 10 families right now that are at the shelter because they had to quit work because there was nothing out there for them so now we end up having people homeless.

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Come talk story with us, we'll figure it out together. Any other questions?

Trustee Akaka Mahalo nui for your folks presentation.

Trustee Galuteria Venus, first, thank you for what you guys do. I think our hope is to put you guys out of business one day. My question has to do with the bureaucracy that you're dealing with. What agencies in the government do you folks have relationships with? DOH? DHS? Which ones do you primarily get help from?

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Primarily DOH with our child and adolescent mental health division. However, I'll be honest, it's really challenging working with the contract that they provide us with. The other one is DHS and under them, primarily Office of Youth Services and CWS.

Trustee Galuteria What about Public Safety? No, nothing, OK.

Venus Rosete-Medeiros No, we don't have public safety. We had Judiciary, Family Court.

Trustee Galuteria They send families your way?

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Yes, well they send the youth, right. But what we're trying to do is get them before they end up with us, yeah, we'd like that. You know, like why wait until they're incarcerated? Why not catch them before they get into.

Trustee Galuteria I mean, we're a quasi-government agency, so we want to know who your partners are.

Venus Rosete-Medeiros Yeah that's our partners. Can you tell them to start funding us at true costs? Because they fund us like 80-85% and we gotta fundraise the rest. Appreciate you guys.

Trustee Galuteria Well thank you very much, appreciate it, thank you, Chair.

Trustee Akaka Members, are there any other questions or comments for the presenters? Seeing none, I also wanted to note that how I got to know Venus was there was a roundtable discussion that was hosted at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Venus, as well as those that are living survivors of human trafficking/sex trafficking were there. I wanted to make note of some stats so that you folks can really get more of a sense of what was shared. According to the 2022 Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force report, more than 1/4 of missing girls in Hawai'i are Native Hawaiian. The average profile of a missing child is 15 years old, female, Native Hawaiian, and from Oahu. 43% of sex trafficking cases are k̄naka maoli girls trafficked here in Waik̄k̄i, O'ahu. On Hawai'i Island, k̄naka maoli children ages 15 through 17 represent the highest number of missing children cases, with most children reported missing in Hilo, area code 96720. From 2018 to 2021, there were 182 cases of missing k̄naka maoli girls on Hawai'i Island, higher than any other racial group. 57% of participants served through the Mana'olana Program at Child and Family Services are Native Hawaiian females who have experienced human trafficking. This is a subject that is also very dear to our US Senator Mazie Hirono's heart and this is a conversation that we continue to have and we greatly support the efforts in trying to mitigate this and we appreciate the collaboration that we have with all levels of government and those within the community like Hale Kipa, like Venus, that work on this. So, I want to say mahalo nui for being here and to share this with our community, mahalo nui. Alright, our next presenter is executive director Mickey Alan Lidstone from Ulu A'e. Lehua, do we have any other testifiers?

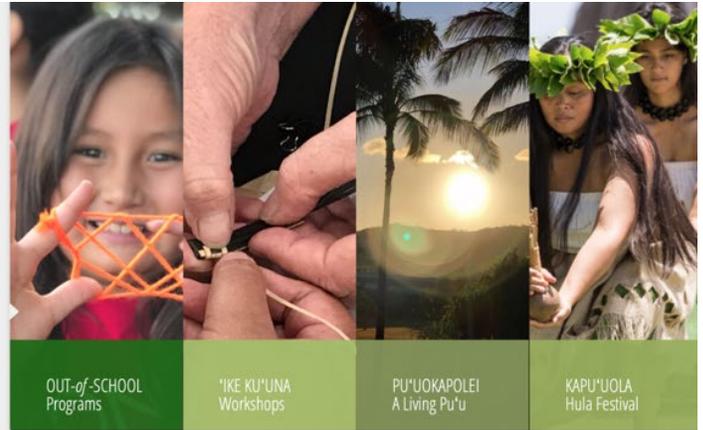
2. Ulu A'e Learning Center – Miki'ala Lidstone, Executive Director

JKae Holmberg I came in and wanted to first hear how this meeting was going to be, and I saw Ulu A'e was on the agenda, and you folks had gone to Ulu A'e today, the Learning Center in Kalaeloa. My son goes there. I just couldn't make it at the 3:30 because I work till 5:00PM, but I wanted to share the wonders, the relief, and the thankfulness that I have for this program and being a k̄naka maoli, I wanted to give my sons something that I didn't have, which was the culture. As raised one of six, we were heavily Christian-based and we kind of stripped culture and didn't learn our identity with our community until later in life and I wanted to get my sons a good head start and schools. When we moved on Homestead, we were so appreciative to be able to get a space in Malu'ohai as a second homeowner and the thought of kids and the things that come after it, you know, it's overwhelming but I knew that Kapolei is a good place to raise my family. I'm from K̄ne'ohe and I'm very fortunate for my parents instilled in us to make sure we sign up for our Hawaiian Homes at age 18, stay updated with the news as much as possible and be supportive of other local Hawaiians. I work at Aulani and my friend/coworker mentioned this program, Ulu A'e Learning Center. I was like what is that? Our little one was already four-ish and going to attend Kapolei Elementary, there's an after school program, and it's convenient but my friend said I had to check out this Learning Center. They help the kids identify who they are at a young age, how to be 'āina based, be rooted, and they also learn mele, 'ōlelo, and all the crafts. I found that this could be a fit for my little one since the school I chose for him didn't really have a Hawaiian-based education so I figured we'd try Ulu A'e out. He was one of the youngest little boys and he's a shy one but he came out of his shell. I heard some good reports that he's coming into his own and the space that they have in Kalaeloa is so beautiful. It's so green in an area like Kalaeloa area that can be dry. Kumu Miki'ala and her staff have been so amazing with not only instilling culture in these little ones, but loving them, caring for them, and keeping them safe. I hear that good firmness in their tone to when they want to help groom them to be good k̄naka and so I'm so grateful because it works with our work hours. Thank you so much Ulu A'e.

Miki'ala Lidstone Mahalo JKae, and mahalo Hale Kipa for all your hard work and all that you do in our community. I have a dear friend who is alive today and she still struggles with the trauma of the past but she is alive and well today because of the services of Hale Kipa, so mahalo.



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I'd like to share today about Ulu A'e Learning Center, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs role in our journey, our most in demand program, and our goals for expansion. Aloha nui kākou. My name is Miki'ala Lidstone of the Ulu A'e Learning Center. We grow rooted and engaged communities through out of school and community programs here in West O'ahu. We're located here in Kalaeloa and it was such a treat to have your grand presence at our campus because the presence is about this tall, generally are keiki and so to have the Trustees on our campus today was quite a treat. So mahalo and mahalo especially to Trustee Souza, because I have a feeling you had a big hand in that so mahalo nui.

We offer a variety of programs. Our most in demand program is our out of school programs which consist of our after school and intercession programs. Our after-school program is a program where we pick up students after school from schools in 'Ewa, Kapolei and Nānākuli. We bring them to our Learning Center in Kalaeloa. We offer help with homework, small group tutoring, Hana No'eau Enrichment Workshops, and we care for our garden and the pā hula at Pu'uokapolei.

Our intercession program is our program that we run during the DOE fall, winter, spring and summer breaks, and students come to us all day from 7:30AM until 5:00PM and we go to sites within our community. We care for those sites and then we go back to our Learning Center, and we practice Native Hawaiian skills and we spend our time developing those skills and our knowledge. During our intercession programs, we also have our Hana 'I'o program which is our hunting, fishing, and diving program for middle school and high school students, and we also have a high school internship program which is a paid internship program for high school

students workforce development program. We've had about 24 students finish that program and are workforce ready. They are ready with resume in hand and ready for their next job.

We serve a little over 300 students per year in our programs. Every program has a large wait list, and they fill up quite quickly. We are looking to expand our campus so that we can serve more students. We are very fortunate to have received a grant from OHA in fiscal year 2020 and 2021. It was a two-year grant for over \$291,000 and through that grant, we served 801 individuals and through this two year project, we went into schools during the out of school time and we basically increased access to spaces where children and youth could increase their knowledge, skills, and Native Hawaiian practices. We went into schools, we taught lei making, how to make kōnane boards, and how to play kōnane, then they went home and taught their family, and then kōnane became a part of their 'ohana practice. We taught mele, hula, hana hei and , during the intercession, we did that as well.

Now if you looked at those dates 2020-2021, those were pandemic years. So, at the onset of the grant, the pandemic hit, and it hit us hard because we are high touch, face to face. We signed our lease to our building the month before the pandemic hit so we had this grant, our newly signed lease, a 15 passenger van, and all these materials and learning supplies. So, what do we do with all of this? Everybody's sheltering in place. Well, we decided to package all of our materials and we created a No'eau learning box. We delivered these boxes to homes so families could engage in Native Hawaiian practices while they were sheltering in place and during this very dark time in our homes, these practices brought light to our families. This was also a transitional time for us at Ulu A'e and , , Ulu A'e means to grow, it was a growing time for us. We had no Wi-Fi at our Learning Center. We just signed our lease. We started to enter the digital space, so we started to create ordering forms for this learning box, we started to beef up our website. We started to create instructional videos. We created a YouTube channel, and these instructional videos are still being used today by teachers, classrooms, families and individuals so the OHA grant allowed us to pivot and create this program.



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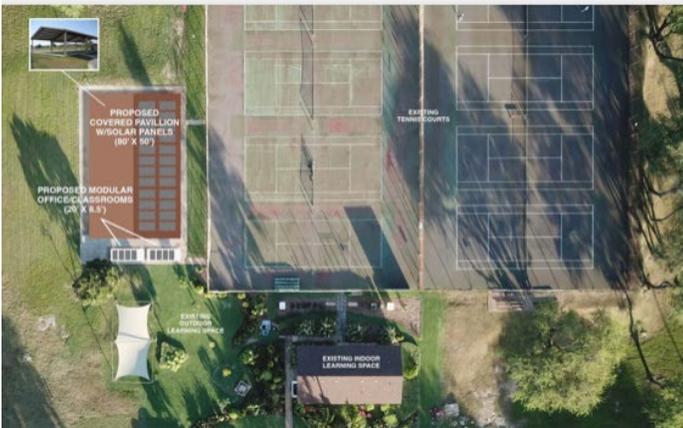
The pandemic lasted two plus years. We were unable to go into schools, but we had our facilities. We opened up our facility so parents could bring their students to our Learning Center. We opened our Learning Center from 7:00AM to 5:00PM, and students would attend their schooling virtually, then we would run our Hana No'eau program afterwards and parents would pick up their children at 5:00PM. When schools opened up, we began to pick students up after school in our vans because we still couldn't go back to the schools and run our program so, we just ran it at our Learning Center. We still do that today and we just run our program all from our Learning Center in Kalaeloa homework help, Hana No'eau enrichment activities, and of course our 'āina stewardship is a part of that.



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This is what our facility looked like when we first moved in. It was a sketchy white building in the middle of Kalaeloa with just dead grass. There was zero shade, zero trees. We were able to leverage, during COVID, the OHA funds for other funds to build out an outside learning space so we can serve more students so parents could get back to work. We could only put so many students in that white building and today the space looks like this. We were able to put in a shade sail, irrigation, grass, trees and an outdoor learning space so students could social distance and we could serve more students during the pandemic time. We hope to further expand this space because we need more spaces during the out of school time for our students. The Kapolei-Campbell District has the largest school enrollments in the entire state of Hawai'i and it's growing. We have a growing population, a growing Native Hawaiian population. Growth is everywhere in our community except in learning spaces for our children, especially during the times when parents are at work or still on the road in traffic. We need these spaces, and we have a lot of space on this lot so what we'd like to do is plan for our expansion. We have this concrete pad, and we'd like to put a pavilion on it with two additional large modular spaces for an indoor learning space on that rare occasion that it rains in this area, but we need that because when it rains, we have to go indoors because it does flood in Kalaeloa so safety is very important. We also have a lot of sun, so these modular units can be solar powered and we hope to expand so we can serve more students because our wait lists are no joke. Our wait lists are long and our parents really need care for their children and they need engaging safe spaces that really grow the hearts and minds of their children and plant them in this place so that they grow their love and their engagement in this place.



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We at Ulu A‘e are committed to our high touch place-based approach to connecting our learners to the history, the stories, and the historic and cultural places and spaces of our community so that they may ulu a‘e grow their sense of place, their sense of belonging, and their love their pride in the place that they live. This grows involved youth who want to contribute to their health, youth who want to contribute to the health of their community, youth who want to be problem solvers for the place they live, youth who want to be part of the ea of their kaiāulu, and youth who want to be part of the ea of the lāhui, mahalo.

Trustee Souza Miki‘ala, thank you again. Miki‘ala is a big advocate for our Native Hawaiian community, as well as our community in general, and I got to serve on the Neighborhood Board with her as well play music with her husband. Thank you for all that you’re doing, appreciate the site visit today, mahalo nui.

Trustee Akina Miki‘ala, congratulations to you on what you and your team have built. It was just marvelous today to be there with the young keiki and their parents, and to see the community coming together. Just quickly, what is your vision if you have access to the resources you need? What is your vision as to what the center will look like in 5 to 10 years?

Miki‘ala Lidstone The vision for the Learning Center is that there will be no wait list. That’s really the vision that we will be serving all the families that need a space for their child and as I mentioned to you earlier today, at one point our wait list was 247 people. So, if that is what is needed, that is the vision.

Trustee Akina Thank you, that’s a big vision given the growth rate of Kapolei and West O‘ahu, thank you.

Trustee Galuteria Aloha, there's always a tipping point that makes you move. What was your personal tipping point to get this started? There had to have been, was there a specific need, was there a specific moment that you can share with us that made you go?

Miki'ala Lidstone Yes, I shared it earlier today. I used to be a teacher here at Kapolei and my classroom was all the way at the other end. I was sitting at my desk, and I overheard two students talking and one student said to the other student, hey, what does Kapolei mean? And the other student said, it means traffic. Everyone laughed except the boy who said traffic because he honestly believed it meant traffic because that's what his parents told him and what that told me as I observed him and his reaction was what I had known all along was that our youth were growing up in this community with no sense of kinship, with no sense of understanding of what this place means if they don't even know what the name of their community means, they think it means traffic. You know what I mean and so I had already known that and as a teacher I'm sitting there, I said I know this, but what am I going to do about it? And it was at that point that I said I've got to do something about it and I started to go into schools and well, I approached my principal and with his permission I started to go into schools, and I started to teach place-based education in schools.

Trustee Galuteria Thank you, mahalo for that.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo. Members, are there any other questions or comments? I also want to say how impressive of a program you have there and the fact that we have something on this side of O'ahu to offer our keiki and the parents, it's a gift for this community so mahalo nui for all you're doing, and it made it extra special to have the opportunity to hear from the keiki and their parents on what you're doing for our community here. I also wanted to note for those that are tuning in and here are the programs that they have are deeply rooted. It is in our Hawaiian culture to hear that the keiki there are lauhala weaving. You really don't see that in our schools and we need to see more of that, and I appreciate that you incorporate that into the day-to-day activities. I also wanted to note that these beautiful crown leis that we're wearing this evening was from outside learning center site that they created with that green space. When we were walking around, we had the tour that you provided for us, and I saw the crown flowers that were growing there. I knew that you folks had weaved this from the flowers there and it made it even more of a special experience than we were already having. So mahalo nui for what you're doing for this community and I'd like to see how we can further collaborate.

3. Kapolei Community Development Corporation – Homelani Schaedel, Co-Founder

Homelani Schaedel I'm Homelani Schadel, President of Malu'ohai, but I'm here in my capacity as the Treasurer for KCDC, otherwise known as Kapolei Community Development Corporation. Unfortunately, our President extends her aloha to the Trustees, but she got on a plane to Washington, D.C. for a conference, and our Executive Director had prior commitments.

Kapolei Community Development Corporation was founded in May 2008 by Auntie Shirley and I, we were very green at this. We had no clue, absolutely none, but we knew we wanted to do something for our community. In 2008, we became a 501c3 and then we knew that the Department had lands but to get those lands, we had to participate in a training program called Kūlia i Ka Nu'u and that training program was for leadership to learn how to do things in your community and so we were very fortunate. They did these training sessions on the different islands, and we went to the ones on O'ahu. It consisted of about eight Saturdays. After we completed with that, we were able to go to the Department and we got lands for two projects. One was a community project, which was 20,000 square feet plus pushing it to the one acre, . Our commercial project,

because the department said we don't have money so if you want the land, you have to do this, this, this and this, so we did. We were able to complete the course, complete the steps, get our general leases, but now we needed money so through the generous support of OHA, who partnered with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands back in 2009, we were able to get a \$250,000 grant. That Grant started us off and we squeezed every penny we could. I was the Treasurer then, and now I've come back and have been the Treasurer again. Today, we have what we call phase one. It is a building with two classrooms, a certified kitchen, bathrooms and storage. We opened our doors in July 2016. While we were doing all of this, we were also trying to find a developer to develop our commercial property which is 4.9 acres that sits at the corner of Kualaka'i Parkway and Kapolei Parkway, right across the Kamakana Ali'i, that is what we call Ho'omaka. Last June, we broke ground, and our developer (KZ Development) took over. In December, Hele Gas Station and 7-11 will be opening up along with Chick-Fil-A and Longs Drugs. In that center, we also have a 1200 square foot eleemosynary space which our board will determine how it will be used based on the information of a beneficiary consultation we did a few years ago. We are looking at that along with what is the best fit for that space. It is a lot of work, but we are very excited.

We have eight seats on our Board, four of them are homestead designated meaning the Homestead Association designates someone from their Board to sit on our Board, and then we have 4 resident seats. I'm the president for Malu'ohai. I'm the Board designate and then our resident recently stepped down this month because she has termed out. We have two, three-year terms on our Board and so her name is Leonani Puailihao and so she had to term out. So, if you live in Malu'ohai and you're a resident, I might be tapping you. Our next homestead is Kaupe'a. Michelle Kauhane is the president and takes the resident seat. The person who is the Board designate is Daniel Luke, he is our Vice-President. Our next homestead is Kanehili, the President is Randy Akau. The Board Designate is here is Alikea Kea. Uncle Sonny is the residency. Finally, our 4th Homestead is Ka'uluokaha'I, the President is Kimo who is the Board Designate. The resident and secretary is Capella Wong.

Trustee Souza Mahalo, Auntie Home, I met you during the pandemic. You guys had a collaboration with Kamehameha Schools, and I was able to participate in one day of many days that you guys were distributing meals. But for those of you who don't know Auntie Home, she is very effective in our community, especially our homestead community and she's sweet, but she can get the job done and it makes me proud to know her and know she's a part of our Native Hawaiian and homestead community, so thank you so much.

Homelani Schaedel I heard what Hale Kipa and Ulu A'e had to go through. Miki'ala has a soft spot in my heart, she was my kumu for hula while she was teaching here at Kapolei High school. But you know, we have the two classrooms in our center and the Homestead Association used to be able to hold meetings there. Let me just share very quickly what Keoni was talking about during the pandemic. We partnered with Kamehameha Schools, the Kroc Center, and Alu Like. We delivered over 38,000 meals within our four homesteads in our ahupua'a and it was hard. We had to go there, pick up the meals, get back, sort through them, and then hand deliver those meals to each of the homes that were receiving it in our four homesteads, but we have an Alu Like program for kupauna on Monday and our Keiki O Ka 'Aina program who come and service our keiki Tuesday-Friday at our center. We also have a switch off, free ukulele classes on Mondays with Larry Santos and then one of our Board Members, Capella Wong, she's a Kumu 'Olelo Hawai'i and so she switches off with Larry. So, we provide all of this for free at the center.

Our center is used so much that our homesteads can't hold our board meetings there anymore. We have to go to the Department and use Hale Pono'i to hold our meetings. That's a good thing because we are planning phase two which is our hālau and hopefully it will provide spaces. Miki'ala is right, this ahupua'a is the fastest growing Native Hawaiian population here and as the Department moves forward with the building of homes in

Ka'uluokaha'i and whatever space they can find, they're going to be building a few more homes. I believe 60 in Kaupē'a because they purchased the vacant lot next to the high school so we are going to get more of our lāhui in our ahupua'a and we need the support that you can provide to organizations like Ulu A'e and Hale Kipa.

Trustee Akaka I also wanted to say mahalo nui for all these beautiful leis. Yes, we have it from Auntie Homelani

Homelani Schaedel These beautiful leis were done by a young lady, she's about 12. Her name is Pohai Abrigo and I asked her to make these leis for me because I had such a busy schedule.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo, they are gorgeous leis and also mahalo, Venus for the lovely ti leaf leis we received today at the site visit.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Melodee Haole I wanted to speak again because I've been living here for 33 years and I had to take my son out of school and started my own tutoring center. I thought I was alone but later found out that there's so many other families out there, especially on this side of the island And it's crazy how a lot of them end up. Some of them are homeless after Covid and some are in prison. I'm trying to help because there's a lack of services for the ones that are dual diagnosis that have both some type of disability and mental illness. When we found out that my son had dual diagnosis, Developmental Disability Services told me that he was going to get dropped from DDS because he had a mental illness. When my son had CAMHD, CAMHD said that he was going to get dropped because he had a developmental disability.

So right now, I'm working with Senator Fevella to do a legislature bill to try to break that. We started it last year, SB1615 and I'm hoping that we can get it passed. We got it passed through the Senate, we got stuck in the House so that is a really big thing for our state because right now we have these kids, these young adults that became 18, their parents don't know what to do with them. They end up homeless or their families end up homeless because they can't keep their kid at home because the landlords will kick them out because kid is acting crazy and breaking things. It's sad and we're stuck. The state is not helping, no one is helping, and it's me telling my story of what I have to go through with my son to try to make a difference and to let people know what's going on in our community and in our state. I deal with people from Hawaii Kai, Kailua, Kapolei, Wai'anae, Ewa Beach, all over the island. But what's sad is Kailua, they have parents that are willing to fight and advocate for them to get services. Our Leeward District, we don't and it's sad to see our Hawaiian children out there on the streets, at the beaches, roaming the streets and everyone thinks, oh, it's mental illness only. It's more than that, so we really need to walk in there and find out what's going on. How can we help our families and how can we help our Hawaiian kids?

Trustee Akaka I see it here, but if you could please share the organization that you founded and you're President of.

Melodee Haole Okay, so my organization is Keiki Education Living Independent Institute, and it spells out my son's name Keli'i. Keli'i came with us to our first gala and I was blown away that we had over 500 people that showed up that I did not know. But through the pandemic, we ended up losing so much money because the

criteria to get grants is so different that our special needs are left behind. I'm still holding events but I'm dishing it out of my own pocket. My husband is basically carrying my nonprofit. My last event we had over 350 families that came and I had to turn away some people because my church donated the facility since I don't have funds. So that's where we're at right now, thank you.

Trustee Galuteria I'll be very specific with you okay. What does SB1615 look to do?

Melodee Haole It is trying to get the dual diagnosis because DD will not give services to people that have mental illness.

Trustee Galuteria I see. Okay, so you're trying to split the service?

Melodee Haole Not split it, make them join together.

Trustee Galuteria Make them join together, so that is the object of, and would you want any of us here on this table to submit supportive testimony for you?

Melodee Haole Yes, please. I was going to ask Representative Garcia to help and support the bill because I need someone from the House to help push and put it on social media, that's what I do all the time. That's how I get parents to come to me. They trust me more than a regular, big organization that receives funds, millions of dollars, because they know I'm going through the same thing that they are going through. I live the life.

Trustee Galuteria Well, may I recommend you speak to Representative Souza right over there who could probably be your voice.

Melodee Haole My son played soccer with Keoni a long time ago.

Trustee Galuteria Lastly, what can OHA do for you?

Melodee Haole I don't know, I just came here just to open my mouth and just let everybody know what's going on.

Trustee Galuteria Okay, well you did hear that the grant process, so you might want to investigate that as well.

Melodee Haole Yes, thank you.

Trustee Akaka And the grant process is done quarterly so you can apply more than once a year. It's not limited to just the one time.

Melodee Haole Okay, thank you.

JKae Holmberg Hello again, if you don't mind, I wanted to do two. I didn't get to do a testimony for KCDC. So, the first one would be about the concerns of the dry land and the Kalaeloa area. I think we've always passed by it. We think it's going to be okay, but as you all know what happened with Lahaina and Maui, our concerns rose. We have to make sure that that doesn't happen here, especially since it's so close to people like my son goes there. I don't have any concerns at all with Ulu A'e. I just have concerns about the area now since it's so dry and I don't know if there is any way we can get informed if things are going to be maintained in that area. I do believe there is military presence. Those areas were relinquished

and so forth. But I don't know that detailed information yet, but just to know that, hey, are we taking care of that area so that it doesn't happen to all those homes there. There's a couple of schools there, there's businesses but just thinking of that raises the huge awareness that maybe we should talk about that more, water here, dry area, fire. Even if we're getting into our wet season for Lono, we still have to think about how to prevent those things from happening.

And then my second one was just as I had shared, I moved into Malu'ohai Homestead at the end of 2015. I come from a big family where we do get involved. We're heavy with community church volunteering and I couldn't fully do that until my little boys were a little bit bigger. So I have two little guys, four and six, Gibson and Hendricks and when we finally got them into school, established areas, I wanted to step up so I stepped up to be a Board Member at Malu'ohai Homestead and I had more in mind to help out with projects and I have to say, KCDC is one of the biggest supporters of our projects because they do, our projects has to deal with wellness for our community safety. We also do ea education and we also try to do sustainability. So, we connect with our neighbors, we connect with organizations that want to help give free programs or free time to mālama our community because Malu'ohai is the first homestead which makes it a little bit more, the eldest generations have passed by, the homeowners are now grandparents or they have their children coming back home to live. So, it's a little bit busier, but still older and so some of the projects that we had requested to have at that site, at the heritage site, was lomilomi for our kūpuna and our community, lā'au lapa'au workshops and wellness checks, and these are all people are volunteering their time. We had a few of those workshops happen toward the end of this past summer. We did squeeze in disaster awareness and it was right before Maui, we had a good turnout. The space at KCDC was perfect. They really helped to support these types of projects and I really wanted to testify that they've been great. They hold space for these programs and missions so that our community thrives and continues from there because we want to be sustainable. So, it's to find our entrepreneurs, healers, weavers in our community and then help gather to make our own community thrive from that so I just want to thank KCDC for being a huge supporter of that.

Announcements

Trustee Souza I just wanted to introduce my sister-in-law. She just got in. She's been busy preparing for her fight, and she fought last week in San Diego. We were all up there to support her and she's also been a big advocate for the the Maui wildfires and raising money and so, I just want to introduce her, that's Ilima-Lei Macfarlane.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo nui to Kapolei High School for allowing us to have our meeting this evening.

Adjournment

Trustee Souza Moves to adjourn the meeting.

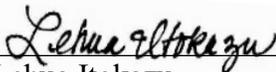
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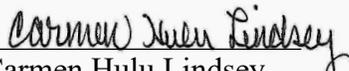
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Trustee Akaka Adjourns the O'ahu Island Community meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Lehua Itokazu
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on July 11, 2024.


 Carmen Hulu Lindsey
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Hale Kipa Powerpoint
2. Ulu A'e Powerpoint
3. Excuse Memo – Trustee Waihe'e



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- OUTREACH SERVICES
- THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- 'OHANA RESILIENCE SERVICES





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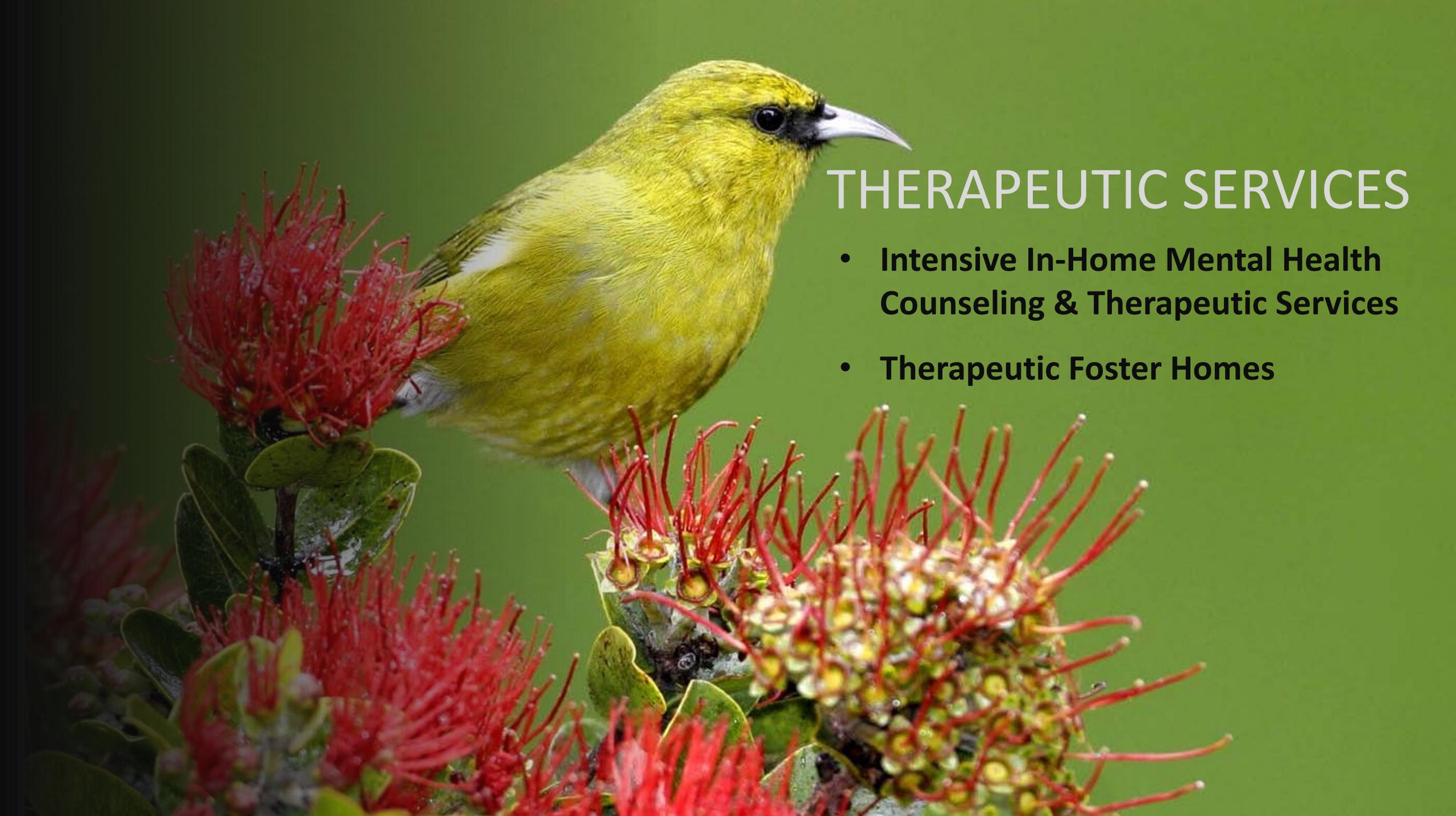
- 3 Emergency Shelters
- 2 Transitional Living Program Shelters
- 2 Independent Living Training Homes
- 1 Sex Trafficking Shelter

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Our KULEANA**



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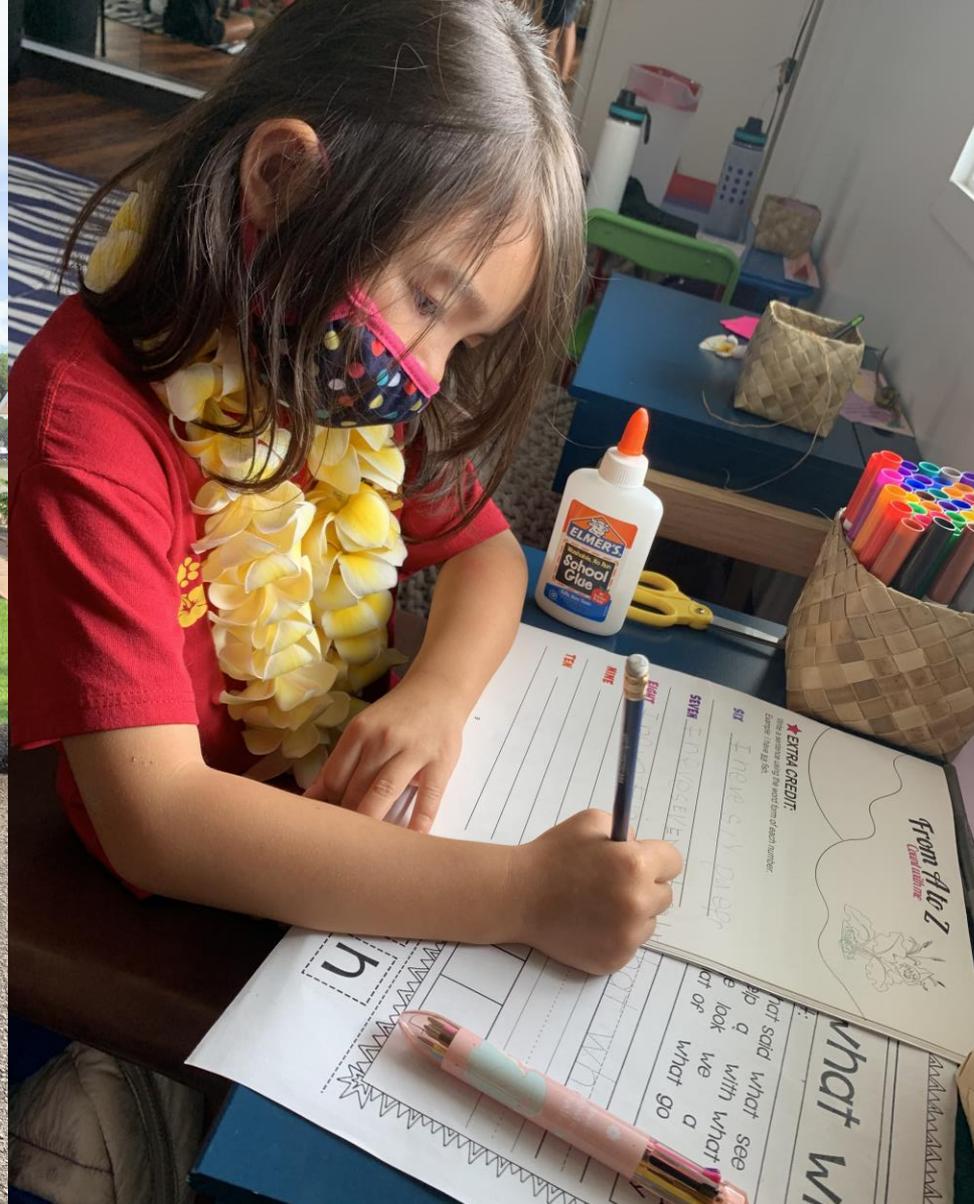


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees (BOT)

FROM: Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, Member / At-Large

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Waihe'e, IV", written over a horizontal line.

DATE: October 16, 2023

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR 10/17 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SITE VISITS (2) AND
COMMUNITY MEETING

I am unable to attend the two (2) O`ahu Island Board of Trustees Site Visits and the O`ahu Island Community Meeting on October 17, 2023.

This memo serves as a request to be EXCUSED from:

1. Hale Kipa at 2:00 p.m.;
2. Ulu A'e Learning Center at 3:30 p.m.; and
3. The O`ahu Island Community Meeting at Kapolei High School's Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

Please also extend my apologies to the rest of the Board of Trustees.

Mahalo.