

Mālama ‘Ohana Working Group
Office of Wellness and Resilience,
Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii

Virtual Meeting via
Zoom November 20,2023
1:00pm-3:30pm

Members Present via Zoom (13): Laurie Tochiki (EPIC ‘Ohana), Venus Rosete-Medeiros (Hale Kipa), Chiemi Davis (Lili‘uokalani Trust designee), Kayla Samson (Birth Parent), Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (Kinship Resource Caregiver), Ka‘ano‘i Walk (Kamehameha Schools designee), Kimberly Nabarro (Birth Parent), Lisa Rapozo (DHS Child Welfare Services Branch), Scott Shimabukuro (Trauma-Informed Care Task Force designee), Amanda Mundon (Kinship Resource Caregiver), Paul Tonnessen (Licensed Resource Caregiver), April Lum (Licensed Resource Caregiver), and Elladine Olevao (DHS Child Welfare Services Branch)

Members Absent (4): Daisy Hartfield (DHS designee), Kacie Lambert (Former Foster Youth), Melissa Mayo (Former Foster Youth), Zuri Aki (OHA designee),

Guests Present (14): Chassidy Shinno, Dana Matsunami, Deanna Gonda, Genia Stith, Jenna Oda, Kay Smith, Kelly Sim, Ke’opu Reelitz, Laura Miller, Mai Hall, Shana Kukila, Nonohe Botelho, Noreen Kohl, and Sarah Antone.

MOWG Support Staff Present (8): Rachael Wong (One Shared Future - OSF), Kāwika Riley (OSF), Jessica Kaneakua (OSF), Keala Kaopuiki-Santos (OWR), Rachel Aquino (OWR), Ally Trest (OWR), Kevin Thompson, and Lise Vaughan-Sekona (EPIC ‘Ohana).

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/ CONCLUSIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE
I. Call to Order	Laurie Tochiki(MOWG Co-chair) called the meeting to order at 1:04pm. Quorum established.			

<p>II. Introduction of Working Group Members and Acknowledgement of Teams and Guests</p>	<p>Rachael Wong (Co-facilitator) invited members of the Malama Ohana Working Group to introduce themselves by answering a check-in question.</p>	<p>Community members encouraged to answer prompt in CHAT</p>		
<p>III. Working Group: Spirit of and Overarching Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasons of the Working Group: Learning 				
<p>IV. Vote to Approve the Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2023.</p>	<p>Venus Rosete-Medeiros (MOWG Co-chair) called for a motion to approve Meeting Minutes. Motion: Kailene Nihipali-Sanchez (MOWG) Second: Chiemi Davis (MOWG) No changes. Action: Minutes unanimously approved</p>	<p>October 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.</p>		
<p>V. Reminder of Sunshine Law and the Spirit of Mālama ‘Ohana Working Group</p>	<p>Kāwika Riley (Co-facilitator) reviewed the parameters of the Sunshine Law</p>			
<p>VI. Working Group Process- Reaffirmation of the Designed Alliance</p>	<p>Rachael Wong (Co-facilitator) reviewed the MOWG-created Designed Alliance.</p>	<p>MOWG Designed Alliance is accessible on malamaohana.net</p>		

<p>VII. Description of PIGs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children 2. Parents (and family) 3. Caregivers 4. Community Groups 5. System Supports (policy, administrations, regulations) 6. Native Hawaiian/ Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laurie Tochiki (MOWG Co-chair) highlighted key points about MOWG Permitted Interest Groups (PIGs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The heart of the PIG is listening and sharing the heard ideas, which will become the proposals for discussion and potential inclusion in the report; and ○ There is funding for PIG staff; food; location; and travel costs. ● The Working Group engaged in discussion about PIGs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topical areas and scope ○ Spirit and structure ○ Service and membership ○ Focus for each ○ Names of each 			
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<p>VIII. Decision-Making:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish PIGs; 2. MOWG members on PIGs 3. Google registration Form for community members to opt into PIGs 	<p>Kāwika Riley (Co-facilitator) presented the six (6) proposed PIGs names for decision making:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children 2. Parents and Families 3. Caregivers 4. Community Groups 5. Systems Supports 6. Native Hawaiians/Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders <p>The Working Group engaged in a robust discussion—which included questions and contributions from Guests—refined the focus of each PIG, and renamed them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group 1 - Keiki & ‘Ōpio (Children & Youth) [impacted by the child welfare system] ● Group 2 - Makua & ‘Ohana (Parents & Family) [parents and kinships; including those in the system with needs and concerns] ● Group 3 - Lawe Hānai (Caregivers) [those nurturing, feedling, and caring for our keiki and ‘ōpio in the system – those who stepped up as licensed and family caregivers – relative and non-relative] ● Group 4 - Hui Kaiāulu (Community Groups) [geographic or more] ● Group 5 - Hui Ho‘opūlama (System Supports [regarding DHS, agencies, and whole-system processes and procedures] ● Group 6 - Kanaka & Po’e Pasifika (Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders) 	<p>Community members asked to contribute via Chat and/or to save their comments and ideas for the Public Comment section of the agenda.</p> <p>Motion to establish the PIGS with the amended names as appears on slide 15: Paul Tonnessen (MOWG). Second: Amanda Mundon (MOWG). Voice vote: all in favor. No nays and no abstain.</p> <p>Revised Names for Permitted Interaction Groups to the following (see slide 15):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group 1 - Keiki & ‘Ōpio (Children & Youth) [Group 2 - Makua & ‘Ohana (Parents & Family) Group 3 - Lawe Hānai (Caregivers) Group 4 - Hui Kaiāulu (Community Groups) Group 5 - Hui Ho‘opūlama (System Supports] 		
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IX. Focus of the Day: Expanding our lens to see the whole system and stepping into others' shoes	Due to time constraints, this section was skipped.			
X. Presentation and Pig Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speakers Kimberly Nabarro (MOWG) and Kayla Samson (Guest) share birth parents' perspectives and hopes for Mālama 'Ohana MOWG and community comment in Chat 	Due to time constraints, the Birth Parents presentation was moved to a future meeting.			
XI. Break				
XII. Public Comment and Input <i>(Pursuant to Section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, community members will have 3 minutes to speak or submit written testimony, preferably at least (3) business days before the meeting. See page 1 for the physical mailing address. Email malamaohana@onesharedfuture.com or gov.owr@hawaii.gov to submit written testimony or comment on agenda items before the meeting.</i>	Rachael Wong (Co-facilitator) invited public comments, limiting each speaker to three (3) minutes: Nonohe Botelho (Guest): "[For Group] 3. those who stepped up as licensed and family caregivers," What if caregivers are not licensed at the time of removal. will they get help to get licensed without disruption to the children? It must be seamless without disruption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elladine Olevao (MOWG) shared "That is the goal, no interruption and yes CWS will assist." 	Public comments were made orally and via Chat		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachael Wong (Co-Facilitator) clarified: the description of the group was based on discussion, it is not a guiding principle, the group decides how that conversation flows.” ● Laurie Tochiki (MOWG Co-chair): , “Let's make sure we uplift this kind of situation when the PIGS do the work.” <p>Shana Kukila (Guest): "Does No. 2 include parents currently in the system?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laurie Tochiki (MOWG Co-chair) responds “Yes, that's an important voice and we want to make sure that participants feel safe.” Shana clarifies that parents in the system may overshare and feel safe to participate. ● Venus Rosete-Medeiros (MOWG Co-chair): voices in the system and with lived experience are important Ke’ōpu Reelitz (Guest):“I appreciate this mana’o. I think it's important to be very clear about these kinds of boundaries, including mandated reporting requirements.” ● Nonohe Botelho (Guest): “Thank you Shana! Parents who have active cases need to have protection from retaliation.” <p>Kay Smith (guest) “Aloha, Is there someone I can email with follow-up questions?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachael Wong(Co-facilitator): email malamaohana@onesharedfuture.com and specify if your question should not be shared with MOWG. 			
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XIII Next Steps	<p>Kawika Riley (Co-Facilitator) congratulated the MOWG on the establishing of the six PIGs, reminded Working Group members and and Guest that the link to an online form to indicate interest in joining PIGs will be sent to those on the MOWG community email list and posted on Malamaohana.net, and highlighted that people do not need to be a member of a PIG to participate in the PIG</p> <p>Next meeting is on Zoom on December 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.</p>			
XIV. Closing Comments	Rachael Wong (Co-Facilitator) Invited all to participate in a check-out activity.	Rachael Wong asked that Elladine to share her well-being mana'o at the next meeting		
XV. Adjournment	Laurie Tochiki (MOWG Co-chair) adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.			

