

Meeting Summary
Social Worker/Human Service Professional Series Meeting Series
Thursday, November 17, 2005, 2:00 p.m.
Supreme Court Conference Room

Present: Jackie Graessle, Sherri Higa, Wayne Iha, Patty Johnson, Jan Kemp, Clayton Kitamori, Alvin Kutaka, Bonnie Lee, Daeleen Liu, Jeanette Matsumoto, Kevin Mulligan, Wendell Murakawa, Sharon Otagaki, Suzanne Sasaki, Carleton Taketa, Alton Tamashiro, Donna Tanigawa, Amy Tsark, Lori Lynn Yasutake, and Dawn Young

Facilitator: Elizabeth Kent

Welcome

Jan Kemp and Kevin Mulligan welcomed attendees to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance. The draft agenda was reviewed and accepted. The October 12, 2005 Meeting Summary was finalized.

Report to Legislature

Dawn Young reported that comments on the draft report were received from DOH, DHS, DOE, HGEA and NASW. Significant changes that were made to the draft were discussed by the group.

NASW, HGEA, and the UH School of Social Work will submit an expression of disagreement with a portion of the report. They will forward the statements, in PDF file, to DHRD no later than November 25, and the statements will be included in the appendix to the report.

Survey to Assess Employees Interested in Pursuing a Social Work Degree

The group agreed that it would be beneficial for the survey to get the widest distribution possible, so departments will be urged to send the survey to as many possible respondents as possible. The group noted that this might affect the calculation of the survey pool and response rate.

Licensure

Jan Kemp expects to soon receive a response to her request to DCCA for clarification as to whether the State's social workers and human services professionals are exempt from the licensure. She will share DCCA's response with the group via email.

Next Steps

HGEA and NASW may form another group to address some issues that came up during this process. Other parties may need to be included in that discussion.

Group members and the facilitator thanked each other for their contributions and the meeting, and the process, was completed.