

West Hawai'i CAN Coalition

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~ June Minutes ~

Present at the June 28th meeting were: Erika Empey, Heather Basham, Marbella Alford

I. Name, Logo, and Mission Statement

The logo was discussed. We decided on a Kalo plant, because all parts of the plant will produce healthy young plants, which will grow into healthy mature plants. Marbella suggested having it be a tribal looking plant, and we all agreed that would be a good idea. Heather suggested changing the name to “Kona Keiki” coalition. The name change would have to be discussed with the administrator of the parent agency. A mission statement was not discussed.

II. Review work plan that was submitted to HCTF

The work plan that was submitted was reviewed. We discussed what sort of workshop we would hold. At the last meeting, Bev Frasier wanted to do more community awareness, and to work towards training the general public about feeling comfortable and empowered to call the CWS hotline if they witnessed child abuse. We discussed having this as a focus of the workshop/conference, and discussed one topic could be the complexities and process of having to report friends. We will continue to think and brainstorm and come up with dates and agenda items. We also discussed doing radio ads as there is funding for that, and keeping up a blog.

III. Discuss “Catchafire” opportunities

HCTF provided a 12 month subscription to “Catchafire” which matches volunteers to projects to assist in certain areas. Out of the choices listed on their website, we chose to pursue a volunteer to help the coalition with marketing and communications. We hope this will make our coalition more visible, as well as recruit the general public to more of the workshops and conferences, along side agencies. Erika will work on setting that up.

IV. Anything else?

The group decided to move forward with inviting a group of women interested in getting a girl’s mentoring program in schools to the next meeting, and having this be one of the focuses of the coalition. There is already a boys mentoring program going, and we would like to see a strong group get going for girls.

Next meeting: July 26th, 2016 at 12 PM to 1:30 PM, location to be announced, but most likely Kona Coffee and Tea.