

# *West Hawai'i CAN Coalition*

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## **~ May Minutes ~**

**People in attendance: Erika Empey, NPK; Carrie Parrish, EHS; Heather Basham LASH; Bev Frasier, Friends of the Children of W. HI; Anthony Savvis HIYC**

### **I. Name, Logo, and Mission Statement**

Erika very briefly described that we should choose a new name that was shorter and had some sort of special, relevant meaning to the group; as well as a logo. The Maui child abuse and neglect prevention coalition had a great logo, which was a net, and they described it as “looking for the puka’s to fix in the community”. Carrie Parrish from Early Head Start mentioned a dreamcatcher as a potential logo. Heather Basham from Legal Aid said that she had a few ideas, and would get them to the group.

### **II. Work Plan for the Coalition**

Erika stated that a work plan needed to be put together by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, so the group could add to it by emailing Erika.

### **III. Implementing a girls group like Boys to Men**

This started a conversation about what different avenues of prevention and awareness the group wanted to go. Bev mentioned that she would like to see more of an awareness campaign about child abuse and neglect through-out the year, instead of just April. We discussed how radio ads could help with that. Erika thought getting another group started for pre-teen and teenage girls like “Boys to Men” would be a good prevention method. Bev also talked about a group called “Darkness to Light,” as a training model for the community.

Anthony brought a few of the youth he works with. They were able to share a little about themselves, as well as their thoughts on seeing child abuse and what they would do.

Next Meeting: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016