# My Voice, My Choice Management Team Meeting

**July 6, 2009**  
9:00 – 10:00 AM  
HDRC Conference Room

**MINUTES**

Present: Cabral, Lesser, Brown, Ahina S.

Late: Dellera

Guest: Ahina, J.

Staff: Say

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<td>Introduction</td>
<td>Sarah Ahina was introduced to the group as the new president of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council. She announced that she and Nathan would be meeting at Noon on Wednesday to finalize the change in leadership. Howard Lesser from HDRC attended in the place of John Dellera.</td>
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<td>Youth Council Membership</td>
<td>After the Hawaii Youth Leadership Academy: Say reported that during the Hawaii Youth Leadership Academy, he identified four people he wanted to add to the Youth Advisory Council. Say talked to them, and they all accepted the invitation. This brings the total number of members to 8. All new members are from the island of O’ahu</td>
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| Updates | Hawaii Youth Leadership Academy: Say and Brown reported that the attendance count at the Hawaii Youth Leadership Academy was around 73 individuals. They stated that written evaluations of the academy indicated that it was overall positive. Brown stated that because of the grant budget for the next fiscal year, they would only be able to provide a 1-day Academy. They are looking into incorporating it the possibility of an event during the PacRim Conference, as opposed to before or after. They are also looking at having the event outside of a hotel in a more youth-friendly space.  
Maui WrightsLaw Training: Say attended the Maui WrightsLaw Training and reported that while he thought it was useful it was different than what he thought it was going to be, with less of an emphasis on locating the language in the statute, and more on the actual content of the law. Lesser reported that agency representation from HDRC included two staff attorneys.  
NCIL Conference: Say attended the NCIL Conference in Washington DC, representing the Statewide Independent Living Council as chair, as well as Regional Representative of the SILC Congress and reported that an emphasis was placed on |  |
the Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act, and providing services to underserved populations. Say went to trainings on service providing for newly disabled veterans, youth, and seniors, as well as a session on sexuality. Say pointed out that a lot of CILs did not include youth leadership programs.

| SAAC (Self Advocacy Advisory Council) | Disability Perspectives TV Show: Say reported that members of the leadership team of SAAC filmed an episode of Disability Perspectives. It is a one hour show that Say moderated. They talked about issues relating to budget cuts, dental issues, *ku-puna* issues, TheBus Fare increase, and Adult-Day Programs. The show airs on ‘Olelo Channel 54 at 6:00pm on each Friday during the month of July. Annie Moriyasu helped produce the show.

SAAC Website: Say reported that SAAC has a website located at [http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/saac](http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/saac). It contains the membership application that will be e-mailed to Say after it is filled out online and there is also a spot for other self advocates to ask questions of SAAC members. Brown mentioned that SAAC will need to let Say and Brown know how they would like the website publicized.

| Next Youth Advisory Council Meeting | Say reported that he is checking with the Youth Advisory Council on a meeting after July 15. The June meeting had to be cancelled because not enough people could attend. Say indicated they would meet by teleconference.

| News | HDRC: HDRC reported on two activities. The first was a decision that was rendered by Judge Ezra that allows SPED students to stay in school until age 22 if the IEP team deems it appropriate. Previously the age was 20. Lesser also mentioned that they met with officials of the City & County transportation department to discuss the fare increases and how it would affect People with Disabilities. Lesser reported that the official agreed not to implement the increase and changes in policy until August 1.

SCDD: Cabral reported that she is still waiting for Governor’s approval to fill the Self-Advocacy Network position. Due to the current budget crisis and deficit, she was unable to encumber funds from this fiscal year’s budget to use for SAAC activi- |
ties. Cabral indicated that DOH Chief Dr. Chiyome Fukino asked each division to submit an additional 10% budget restriction. This would delay the self-advocacy position by 6 months.

**CDS:** Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities will be held on April 12 and 13, 2010. Say also mentioned that he and Brown will be coordinating Disability Mentoring Day.

**SAAC:** SAAC’s next meeting will be held on July 23. It will be held at Diamond Head Health Center.

| Next Meeting | Wednesday, October 7, 2009 10:00am, HDRC. |