HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special Meeting (Concurrent Juresdiction)

September 12, 2013 1:05 PM to 2:12 PM

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations / 830 Punchbowl Street / HIOSH Training Room 427

Members Present:

Chuck Beneke (VPP), Teddy Espeleta (ILWU Local 143), Jon Kumashiro (Department of Human Resources Development), Allan Los Banos (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Brian Polis (American Society of Safety Engineers), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Michael Redman (HEMIC)

DLIR Staff:

Dwight Takamine, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Audrey Hidano, Director's Office; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

OSHA Staff:

Ken Atha, Dorothy Dougherty, Doug Kalinowski, Galen Lemke, Rob Swain

Guests (Public):

Robert Aquino, Eddie Vidad, Ray Welch

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Director Dwight Takamine informed a press conference will be held on September 13, 2013, at the Governor's Office. Since some HIOSH Advisory Committee members may not be able to attend the press conference, Director Takamine wanted to give members an opportunity to meet with OSHA staff and ask questions they may have.	
Minutes	 Mr. Ken Atha gave a recap of HIOSH's inspections. Because HIOSH had a reduction in staff, HIOSH used to average 800-1,000 inspections and then fell to under 300 inspections. Federal OSHA and HIOSH agreed to concurrent jurisdiction. HIOSH went from 18e to 18b status. For the first year of concurrent jurisdiction, HIOSH completed over 400 inspections and federal OSHA completed over 200 inspections. Over 90% of the violations that HIOSH issued are serious and each citation averages 2.5 violations. On October 1, 2013, HIOSH will be adding some manufacturing to its jurisdiction. Next year, HIOSH's goal is 460 inspections. Federal OSHA will complete 150 inspections which covers the services industry, safety management facilities and agriculture. Ms. Dorothy Dougherty gave an update on latest OSHA issues: Mr. Thomas Perez is the new Secretary of Labor. The Injury and Illness Prevention Program is still Dr. David Michaels' number one priority. The next step is to hold a small business meeting. The proposal for silica has just been published. A copy can be viewed on OSHA's website. The next step is there will be hearings in March. The next standards that will be worked on are electric power generation transmission, recordkeeping modernization, backup alarms, combustible dust and infectious disease. There were two major campaigns this year on heat and fall. 	

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Minutes	 Mr. Jim Newberry filed a CASPA in 2011but was asked to rescind it by Region IX with the promise that the 7 issues would be addressed. He asked for updates on some of his concerns: Consultation and Training is under staffed with only two staff. The administration is working on filling the vacancies, but is have difficulty in recruiting. Improving the process for addressing complaints. There is one rotating duty officer for consistency. Three to four years ago, complaint responses took one week. Today, HIOSH responds in one hour. In 2011, 21d money was used for 23g. The change in administration has made a difference. Essential management positions are unfilled, such as Occupational Safety Manager and Consultation and Training Manager. This year, OSHA will provide general leadership training to build leadership from within. There was discussion on staff training. Mr. Chuck Beneke requested the next agenda for the HIOSH Advisory Committee include explore training ideas with the Department of Education and possibly invite Ms. Kathryn Matayoshi. 	

Respectfully submitted,	Approved:	
Deirdre Yamasaki	Mr. Chuck Beneke, Chair	
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH	HIOSH Advisory Committee	