

**SUMMARY OF WIOA TRANSITION ACTIVITIES – June 2015**

**Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Mandatory Partners:**

- Notice of Intent to Amend sent to all Mandatory Partners to extend the term of the MOUs by one year to June 30, 2016
- Why? On June 8, 2015 the US DOL issued a "Training and Employment Guidance Letter" (TEGL 38-14) which provided instruction on the transition of participants, funds, performance reports, grants and sub-recipient contracts of WIA and Wagner-Peyser.
  - This TEGL stated that *"current contracts do not need to be automatically terminated... Given how resource-intensive the Request for Proposals (RFP) process can be, option year contracts are a strategy to ensure maximum flexibility while final regulations are published and program guidance is issued."*
- The Board Chair is instructing the Board's one-stop operator (the City's Department of Community Services' WorkHawaii Division- DCS/WH) to meet with the Mandatory Partners to operationalize the TEGL.

**WIOA Requests for Proposals – drafts completed or near completion:**

1. One-stop operator
2. Adult and Dislocated Worker
3. Youth

**Board Transition Activities:**

- The Board, in partnership with the Mayor, transmitted a request to continue designation as a "local area" to the Governor.
  - Why? On April 15, 2015, the US DOL issued TEGL 27-14 which stated: *"Requesting Initial Designations: Chief elected officials and local boards of local areas that currently operate under WIA have the option of requesting local area designation under WIOA. The Department encourages such requests to be completed prior to the onset of PY 15 (July 1, 2015); however such requests may be made after July 1, 2015. The Governor may establish a procedure for accepting such requests... If the chief elected official and local board in the local area submits a request for initial designation, the Governor must approve the request if the entity was designated as a local area for the purposes of WIA, performed successfully, and sustained fiscal integrity for the two years preceding the enactment of WIOA..."*
- WIOA Board By-laws drafted.
- Matrix of WIOA Board composition requirements developed.
- List of new WIOA Board policies being maintained. Policies to be drafted by Board Committee members (see below)
- Executive Committee exploring new Board committee structures -- WIOA and Local Plan.
- Technology: Established an online "drop box" to share with fellow local boards to serve as a virtual filing cabinet of WIOA Bulletins and WIOA Memos issued by DLIR.
- Firewall – the Board has always been "administratively attached" to DCS and not within it.

**Pacific Region Meeting:**

- At the National Association of Workforce Boards Annual Forum, Virginia Hamilton (US DOL Region VI Administrator) asked if our local board would host a "Pacific Region" meeting. OWIB is asking our fellow local boards for help. We will also be reaching out to the local boards of the Territories.
- More recently, Region indicated that the meeting may occur in the October/November time frame.
- Contact made with national organizations/consultants specializing in WIOA to develop technical assistance workshops to be held in concert with this Pacific Region meeting.

**QUARTERLY UPDATE:****WIOA Transition Activities**

- Please see “Summary of WIOA Activities – June 2015” on Page 1

**Board’s Marketing and Outreach Group**

- Hawaii Lodging, Hospitality & Foodservice Expo
  - There will be an OWIB booth at this expo to offer information about our one-stop center services such as the on-the-job program salary subsidies, the eligible training provider program, and the array of business services we provide.
  - The expo is attended by thousands of vendors (a.k.a. “employers”) statewide. They represent “...Hawaii architects, attractions, caterers, colleges, concessions, convenience stores, country clubs, government agencies, health clubs, hospitals, hotels, interior designers, military housing & foodservice, nightclubs, property managers, restaurants, retirement homes, supermarkets, shopping malls, timeshare residences and schools.” It is a market “(v)alued at over \$12 billion annually.”<sup>1</sup>
  - The Expo is at the Neal Blaisdell Center on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - At the booth will be Board members and staff.
  - We also invited our fellow local boards to send us their business cards so when statewide companies ask about services, we can connect them directly to the right people.

**Grant Applications:**

- DLIR’s Health Professions Opportunity Grants (HPOG) to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals grant application (Grant No. HHS-2015-ACF-OFA-FX-0951).
  - OWIB Letter of Support submitted
- DLIR’s grant application for Round VI of the federal Disability Employment Initiative (DEI)
  - OWIB Letter of Support submitted

**Tentative Visit by “high ranking” US DOL Official from Washington, D.C.**

- US DOL Region VI contacted OWIB to inquire if we would be able to host a site visit by a “high ranking” US DOL Official on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- We are waiting to hear for confirmation of the visit and who might be the official visiting.
- We hear that the Hawaii County Workforce Investment Board was also contacted regarding a potential site visit.

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<sup>1</sup> Hawaii Lodging, Hospitality and Foodservice Expo website, 2015