

WIB report to the WDC
(For March 31, 2016 WDC Meeting)

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Island:	Maui County (Maui, Molokai, and Lanai)
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1) SUMMARY

Maui County continues to work on transition to the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) through the following activities:

- Completing the RFP and awarding the contract for youth services to the University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC).
- Gathering potential candidates for the MCWIB to address new board criteria under WIOA.
- Request For Proposals (RFP) for the One Stop Operator is in progress.

In addition, the County suffered a blow to its economy and agriculture industry with the announcement of the closure of HC&S sugar operations, which will result in the massive layoff of nearly seven hundred employees. A task force was formed by Mayor Arakawa to assist in the transition of the dislocated sugar workers. The task force, led by Managing Director Keith Regan, is comprised of a diverse group of legislators, HC&S and union representatives, State and County agency representatives, Maui Chamber of Commerce, UHMC, members of the nonprofit and business sectors.

Furthermore, the County is expected to deal with more massive layoffs as Makena Beach and Golf just announced the closure of its resort effective July 1, 2016. The closure will result in the layoff of 385 employees as announced.

2) INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

A) Workforce Development Division (WDD)/WorkSource Maui (WSM) (WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Service Provider)

The Workforce Development Division/WorkSource Maui (WDD/WSM) continued to assist employers with their respective on-site recruitment efforts. In addition, WDD/WSM daily maintenance of current and newly posted job listings from Employer Relations and/or telephone, email and faxed job orders is ongoing. Furthermore, outreach services to various agencies, employers, businesses and Department of Education schools have also been ongoing.

As the designated One-Stop Operator during the WIOA transition and RFP process, staff continued its efforts in the recruitment and enrollment of eligible Adult and Dislocated Worker customers to provide Career and Training information and services. Intensive screening for potential participants through HNH, walk-ins, UI claimants, referrals from other WDD programs (Wagner Peyser, Worker Profiling, REA, REA EUC, Veterans), development of Work Experience and On-the-Job-Training components. Management continued to work on strategies to improve recruitment, enrollment, counseling, case management, performance outcomes and overall services provided in the WIOA programs.

WDD/WSM has assisted with the layoffs of HC&S employees. They will continue to lead rapid response efforts to help transition dislocated workers. To assist with the transition, Senator Schatz announced the availability of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) funds for eligible workers. TAA funds will be administered through the One-Stop.

Furthermore, WDD/WSM will also be involved with rapid response services for Makena Resort employees as well.

B) KU'INA PROGRAM – (WIA Youth Services Provider)

WIOA Transition

The youth service provider contract has been awarded to UHMC for Program Year 2015. The Ku'ina Program is undergoing a transition in leadership at this time. Wayne Aguiran, the former program director has accepted a full-time counseling position on the campus. Staff has also moved on to other positions on campus. Karen Hanada, Director of University of Hawaii Center and Acting Director of the Office of Continuing Education (OCET) has assumed the responsibility of administering the Ku'ina Program and its WIOA funds. The county continues to work with the college in its transition.

3) OTHER: NONE