



O'ahu **Workforce** Investment Board
• *Making workforce connections*

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – March 2016

Board WIOA Transition Activities:

1. Executive Permitted Action Group (hereinafter "Executive Group") meets to discuss ongoing transition activities.
2. WIOA compliant board is pending. Nominees were submitted to the Mayor's Office in January and appointed in March. Interim WDC Executive Director, Allicyn Tasaka, set Oahu's deadline as January 15, 2016 and thereafter extended it.
3. The City and County of Honolulu/Department of Community Services (DCS) is having their department deputy corporate counsel look at conflict-of-interest issues. OWIB is administratively attached to DCS. DCS is: (1) the board's current vendor for the one-stops, adult/dislocated worker and youth services; and (2) is the Mayor's representative. OWIB will issue RFPs this Spring or so for one-stop operator, adult/dislocated worker and youth services providers.

Pacific Region Meeting – January 19-22nd, 2016:

1. Background: At last year's National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Annual Forum in Washington, D.C., the Hawaii County Chairman David DeLuz and OWIB had the opportunity to talk with Virginia Hamilton, the US DOL Region VI Administrator. During the course of the conversation, Virginia asked if we would like to host a "Pacific Region Meeting" and we both replies "yes". Local Boards worked in partnership (Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai County, and the C&C of Honolulu) to assist with logistics, funding, etc.
2. **First Part – US DOL Region VI**
 - a. WIOA Fiscal and WIOA Program Training. Participants: Invitations sent out by US DOL Region VI. They invited the Pacific Territories/Jurisdictions, State and Counties.
3. **Second Part – Local Boards Functions** (Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai County and the C&C of Honolulu). Collaboration: Local Boards worked together and shared the costs to retain trainers to assist with Local Board functions. The trainers are with organizations who do/did training for the National Association of Workforce Boards.

National Association of Workforce Boards:

Staff and Board Member attended this year's Annual Forum that focused on Innovation and Technology.

Board Member Dr. Richard Lum, protégé of Jim Dator, is an adviser to NAWB and led the discussion on the opportunities, innovative ideas, technologies, tools, expert advice, and strategies that were highlighted at the Forum this year. He was the closing session's featured speaker and helped people set in motion the next steps for moving from ideas discussed at the Forum to the next steps of development and implementation for their boards.

LOCAL BOARD REQUESTS OF THE STATE COUNCIL:

WIOA Transitions Activities: Requesting State Council Meetings dedicate time for discussion and development of WIOA activities, such as, though not limited to:

1. Cost-benefit analysis of HireNet – with the new WIOA law and its requirement, it would be good business practice to re-examine vendors/RFPs to get the best service for the taxpayer dollar.
2. Development of WIOA Policies – here is just one example: the WDC froze processing of new Eligible Training Provider (ETP) provider applications. As a result, schools/training programs and students in limbo and not able to receive job training. Please issue the new ETP policy as soon as possible;
3. Alignment of technology/data across partners