

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

August 16, 2012 1:00 PM to 2:35 PM

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

Members Present:

Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors), Mark Behrens (Department of Education), Chuck Beneke (VPP), Mark Benson (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii), Walter Chun (Veterans of Safety), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (Past Chair), Teddy Espeleta (ILWU, Local 142), Anna Giunta for Joan Craft (Hawaii Nurses Association), Kurt Hirose for Michael Redman (HEMIC), Dr. Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers Council), Jon Kumashiro (Department of Human Resources Development), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Thomas Vendetta (City and County of Honolulu), Gary Warmoth (Queens Medical), Tina Yamaki (Hawaii Hotel Association)

DLIR Staff:

Dwight Takamine, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Raechelle Toyo, Director's Office; Lori Ikenaga, Personnel; Renee Nagahisa, Personnel; Diantha Goo, HIOSH; Phillip Arbitrario, Consultation and Training Branch; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Barbara Goto, Walter Medina, Mary Sullivan

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Chuck Beneke welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the February 16, 2012 minutes.	February 16, 2012 minutes were approved.
Selection of Vice Chair	No selection of vice chair. For Subcommittee, Mr. Jim Newberry will replace Mr. Walter Chun.	
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Takamine gave an update on HIOSH's relinquishment of 18(e) status. Handouts of what is currently being proposed were given. See attached.• The agreement is very close to being final. Negotiations were done by Ms. Diantha Goo, Ms. Jennifer Shishido, and Ms. Doreen Miyaki.• HIOSH's grant will not be reduced. Federal funding that the State is unable to match will be deobligated.• Federal OSHA will help develop a training plan and provide training such as OJT for OJE and PSM, training for discrim inspectors, and mentoring. HIOSH will receive priority placement for mandatory training.• HIOSH's 18(e) status will be a suspension, not a termination. HIOSH will become 18(b) status. When HIOSH meets the benchmarks, HIOSH can reapply for 18(e) status.• On June 15, 2012, the agreement will be put in the federal register. After the agreement is put in the federal register, there is a 35 day comment period. Sometime in August, the agreement will be finalized. Even after the agreement is finalized, it is subject to revision by the Region and Director.	

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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sub-Committee's business is currently complete but this item will not be discarded yet. 	
Information From the HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH		
Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Les Onaka thanked everyone for their support of the 2012 Governor's Biennial Pacific Rim conference. The committee has started planning the next one. It will be held at the Koolau Conference Room on May 9, 2014. Dr. Frank Izuta stated that the DOT regulations and rules have changed. To be a certified physician, a training class and passing a test is required. Mr. Jim Peck requested anyone email him if they are interested in getting copies of the articles he talked about during the meeting. Mr. Clayton Kamida informed OSHA and ASSE's website has information on global harmonization and fire exits. Mr. Jon Kumashiro thanked Mr. Walter Chun for attending his office's quarterly meeting and giving a presentation. Ms. Diantha Goo stated that Harvard, Boston, and UC Berkeley did an injury and illness study and found after Cal OSHA's inspections, the injury and illness rate fell 9% and costs went down 20%. The article is on OSHA's website. Mr. Phillip Arbitrario informed HIOSH has new copies of the small business handbook and posters available. Director Takamine informed tomorrow he will have a meeting with the Boiler and Elevator contractors. Boiler and Elevator's fees will generate their revenues. 	
Next Meeting		August 16, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Mr. Chuck Beneke, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee