

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

September 23, 2015 10:35 AM to 11:27 AM

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

**Members Present:**

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Warren Ando for Mike Redman (HEMIC), Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Mark Benson (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Joaquin Diaz (American Society of Safety Engineers), Melveen Longboy for Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Pane Maetoga, Jr. (Operating Engineers), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Dan Miyahira (Department of Transportation), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Jill Niitani (County of Kauai), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Gary Warmoth (Queens Medical)

**DLIR Staff:**

Linda Chu Takayama, Director's Office; Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Diantha Goo, HIOSH

**Guests (Public):**

Joe Albinio, Mary Brown, Laury Cary, Wendy Dantas, Dorothy Dougherty, Roger Forstner, Barbara Goto, Doug Kalinowski, Peter Landry, Kim Locey, Denise Modgiln, Jeffrey Romeo, Jill Uyeda, Edward Vidad, Richard Vieira, Travis Yara, Archie Yu

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<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Mr. Tristan Aldeguer welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
<b>Minutes</b>	A motion was made to approve the August 20, 2015 minutes.	August 20, 2015 minutes was approved.
<b>Director's Comments</b>	Director thanked HIOSH Advisory Committee members for their time and service.	
<b>Information From Federal OSHA to the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
	<p>The following information and updates were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About three or four years ago, HIOSH lost about half of their positions. The number of inspections went down to less than 300. Consultation services were not being provided. So the past three years, Federal OSHA has been working with HIOSH to make it better than it was before.</li> <li>• Under the Operational Status Agreement, HIOSH is at the end of the third year.</li> <li>• The first three years CSHOs were provided to help with inspections. Gradually, all jurisdiction was given back to HIOSH except for PSM.</li> <li>• Since HIOSH has a hard time with staffing and retention, they have not made their benchmarks.</li> <li>• This next year, HIOSH needs to work on staffing, training, their consultation program and developing some management.</li> <li>• After HIOSH receives full jurisdiction, they will still be monitored for a year. After an evaluation is done, HIOSH can apply for 18e but HIOSH will need to be as effective as it can be in all areas, not just the number of inspections.</li> <li>• The HIOSH Advisory Committee can help HIOSH by bringing to HIOSH's attention any areas that may need an emphasis program.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although the salary is very low, HIOSH is trying its best to fill the vacant positions by using creative ways to recruit and rewriting the job descriptions.</li> <li>• Since Honolulu Community College has a Safety Program, suggestion was made to have the University take over the Consultation and Training Branch. It is up to each State to decide who will maintain the Consultation and Training Branch.</li> <li>• Each year, HIOSH has been able to get back jurisdiction because Enforcement has been meeting their numbers. Consultation has not been meeting their numbers because they are not fully staffed. Simple inspections can be done with staff that have less seniority whereas there are no simple consultation visits. Since Consultants need to know everything about the program, it is not easy to find someone applying from the outside. In the past, Enforcement staff would transfer to Consultation but currently HIOSH does not have any Enforcement staff interested in transferring.</li> </ul>	
<b>Around the Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jeffrey Romeo was commended for being a great area director.</li> <li>• HEMIC recommended that Ms. Lata Sua be their new representative and Mr. Warren Ando be their alternate.</li> </ul>	Motion was made and accepted to have Ms. Lata Sua be HEMIC's new representative and Mr. Warren Ando be HEMIC's alternate.
<b>Public Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawaiian Dredging would like to form an alliance with HIOSH. In the past, Special Government Employees did not work due to workers compensation coverage. Federal OSHA will provide templates and will encourage the alliance through grant language but Hawaiian Dredging make arrangements with the State.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		November 19, 2015, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m., DLIR Conference Room 310

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Deirdre Yamasaki  
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Mr. Tristan Aldeguer, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee