

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

August 18, 2016 1:00 PM to 2:01 PM

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

Members Present:

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors), Mark Benson (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board), Teddy Espeleta (ILWU, Local 142), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Dan Miyahira (Department of Transportation), Jill Niitani (County of Kauai), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Travis Yara for Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers),

DLIR Staff:

Linda Chu Takayama, Director's Office; Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Tin Shing Chao, HIOSH; Clayton Chun, HIOSH; Conroy Dang, HIOSH; Soon Hye Edgerton, HIOSH; Albert Li, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Ruth Amancio, Roger Forstner, Steven Kalani, Shanalee Kuikahi, Melanie Villanueva

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Ms. Jennifer Cynn welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	Request was made to add Mr. Teddy Espeleta and Mr. Joseph O'Donnell to Members Present on the May 4, 2016 minutes. A motion was made to approve the May 4, 2016 minutes.	May 4, 2016 minutes was approved.
Director's Comments	Director Linda Chu Takayama introduced the new administrator for HIOSH, Mr. Norman Ahu.	
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH's staffing is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Occupational Safety Branch's (OS') benchmark is nine positions and a manager. Currently, nine positions and a manager are filled. Mr. Conroy Dang is the acting manager. ○ Occupational Health Branch's benchmark is nine positions and a manager. Currently, eight positions and a manager are filled. HIOSH is recruiting for the ninth position. ○ Consultation and Training Branch's (C&T's) benchmark is four positions and a manager. Currently, two positions and a manager filled. Mr. Alan Yamamoto is the new manager. ○ Administration and Technical Support Branch's has four positions. Currently, three positions are filled. ○ Mr. Ahu is the new administrator with secretary, Ms. Deirdre Yamasaki. • Last year, HIOSH's goal was 640 inspections. HIOSH completed 660 inspections. This year, HIOSH's goal is 700 inspections. HIOSH is currently at 350 inspections and is doing their best to reach the goal. HIOSH has a lot of new inspectors who are going through training. • For 2016, there were 11 fatalities so far. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH has updated their Field Operations Manual and Discrimination/Whistleblower Manual. • For the 2014 EFAME report, HIOSH had nine findings completed and four findings were carryover. SHARP and VPP continue to be a challenge. For VPP, HIOSH is looking into creating posters and flyers which can be distributed to the industries. For SHARP, HIOSH is looking into sending the new C&T manager to shadow and get training from some major companies. • HIOSH will work with Legislative staff under the Director's office to adopt the increase in penalty structure during the next Legislative session. • HIOSH needs to catch up on its rules and regulations. HIOSH is working with the Federal OSHA. The reporting and recordkeeping rule is top priority. Director's office has provided dedicated resources. • HIOSH was asked what is its stance on incentive awards in the workplace. If the program discourages employees from reporting accidents or injuries, then HIOSH would be against it. 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last reported from the sub-committee regarding becoming part of participating high schools' Career Technical Education Program was the notifications for Career Days were too short notice. • GCA may be participating in the upcoming Job Fair in October at the Aloha Stadium. Ms. Lata Sua may be looking for assistance. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pacific Rim Conference was successful. There were 556 attendees. • The next OSHA One Day Workshop will be held at Dole Cannery at the end of April 2017. The committee would like a key note speaker from HIOSH and from Federal OSHA. There will be three classes every hour to hour and a half. Topics so far will be on understanding the reporting requirements, incentive programs, do and don'ts, and professional certifications as well as federal updates. There will be a total of 11 speakers. If members are able to provide any assistance, they should contact Mr. Tristan Aldeguer. • The next Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board meeting is August 24, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 114. The board needs to provide to the 2017 Legislature a plan regarding proposed changes to the crane rule. In December 2016, OSHA is going to publish a new proposal for updating the crane regulation to address competency, certification and qualifications. The board has been tasked with evaluating the proposed regulation to determine how it impacts licensing requirements. The board is also looking at expanding their licensing to other industries besides construction and possibly riggers. The board has data that shows that a lot of the crane accidents across the country were the result of poor rigging practices and not poor operating practices. The board now has an office assistant doing support services instead of an executive director. Mr. Aldeguer will become the new chair. 	

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New Business (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Newberry reported a Highway Association Builders organization has put together a training program for works on safety. It is a software they will be teaching. The organization was wondering if DOT and HIOSH could put a dedicated class on. The class would be free for any State agency that might be affected by road safety and possibly BIA and HECO. The organization would just need the space to hold the class. 	
Information From HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the construction confined space, more pits and elevator pits are defined under FAQs. 	
Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Aldeguer thanked HIOSH for their support on the Pacific Rim Conference and look forward to their support on the OSHA One Day Workshop. At the next meeting, there will be elections for the new vice chair. Congratulations went out to the new C&T Manager and acting OS Manager. DHRD is looking for their website any good videos that would benefit employees. 	
Next Meeting		November 17, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Director's Office, Room 321

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Ms. Jennifer Cynn, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee