

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

August 17, 2017 1:05 PM to 1:45 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), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board), Teddy Espeleta (ILWU, Local 142), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Angel Santiago Cruz (UPW), Lata Sua (HEMIC)

DLIR Staff:

Linda Chu Takayama, Director's Office; Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Nicole Bennett, HIOSH; Tin Shing Chao, HIOSH; Allen Miho, HIOSH; Kristin Takaba, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Roger Forstner, Steve Kalani, Nika Tarr, Travis Yara

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Rick Ravelo 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 May 18, 2017 minutes.	May 18, 2017 minutes was approved.
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This past fiscal year, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' State funds were released quarterly. For the new fiscal year, funds will be released for the whole year. There will still be a 10% restriction. 	
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kristin Takaba has filled the Compliance Assistance Specialist position. She will be handling outreach. • Ms. Nicole Bennett is working on HIOSH's standards. HIOSH is almost finished adopting the group of standards which includes working/walking surfaces. The memo to the Governor is being drafted. After the standards are adopted, Ms. Takaba will hold workshops. • The Research and Statistics (R&S) office was having problems collecting OSHA 300 reports from some organizations so a memo was sent and response was received. R&S needs the reports to complete HIOSH's inspection list. HIOSH will be focusing on companies with high incident rates. • HIOSH is recruiting for two Consultation and Training vacancies. HIOSH is hoping to hire one of the two soon. • Occupational Safety Branch is doing great. There are seven to eight inspectors. • HIOSH likes to promote from within. Ms. Takaba and Ms. Bennett moved from the Occupational Health Branch to the Administration and Technical Support Branch so HIOSH will be recruiting for two Environmental Health Specialists. • HIOSH's goal was 580 inspections. As of August 31, 2017, HIOSH completed 712 inspections. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH will be completing neighbor island visits. HIOSH has also received requests from neighbor islands to hold presentations. HIOSH responded if the presentations can wait until after the standards are adopted, there will be more information to be shared. • There have been five fatalities this year. It includes fall from roof in Ewa Beach, fall from scaffold, jet ski accident, bulldozer accident at HPower and person pinned from a car at a carwash in Maui. • For HIOSH's VPP program, Ms. Takaba will be attending the VPPPA conference and Ms. Takaba and Ms. Bennett will be receiving on-the-job training/shadowing from federal OSHA. VPPPA will come out and do an application presentation when HIOSH has a group of interested companies. HIOSH currently has four VPP companies. • For HIOSH's SHARP program, Mr. Alan Yamamoto and Mr. Patrick Landgraf will be receiving on-the-job training/shadowing from federal OSHA. Currently, HIOSH does not have any SHARP companies. • HIOSH currently has a variance with Hawaii Pest Control Association. HIOSH received another variance request from PIRM Group International, LLC. HIOSH will approve the variance but the variance will only be valid until the new standards are adopted. • HIOSH has addressed all of its EFAME items. 	
Information From HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding OSHA's silica rule, there may be a lawsuit pending. The rule does not allow third party tool attachments and dust suppressions or water systems need to be attached to everything. Economically, the impact to the employer is very costly. • Another challenge when complying with the rule is finding a competent silica person. Larger mainland insurance carriers can provide that service but smaller insurance companies here in Hawaii cannot. 	
Around the Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jim Newberry reported he is completing the training for the Susan Harwood grant that the Building Industry Association put together. The next training program being worked on will focus on what workers need to do to be safe when working on roadways. • The ASSE Hawaii Chapter will hold the Governor's Pacific Rim conference next year. It will be a two day conference instead of a three day conference. Tentatively, the conference will be held in October 2018. • United Public Workers' invitation to hold the HIOSH Advisory Committee meetings at their site is still open. Parking is a problem. As soon as the parking problem is worked out, Mr. Angel Santiago Cruz will let the committee know. • The City and County of Honolulu has a Safety Specialist position open which covers refuse, wastewater treatment plants, and sewer lines. Although the salary is low, there are some great benefits. If anybody is interested, it is listed on the City and County of Honolulu's website. 	

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Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Lata Sua informed that the classes Mr. Newberry is conducting has received a lot of positive feedback.• Mr. Ravelo agreed with Mr. Joaquin Diaz that the silica rule is hard to comply with.	
Next Meeting		November 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Ms. Lata Sua, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee