

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

November 16, 2017 1:00 PM to 1:33 PM

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

Members Present:

Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors), Mark Benson (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Dan Miyahira (Department of Transportation), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Lata Sua (HEMIC), Travis Yara for Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers)

DLIR Staff:

Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Nicole Bennett, HIOSH; Tin Shing Chao, HIOSH; Clayton Chun, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Roger Forstner, Wade Funakoshi, Steve Kalani, Paul Sugita, Jensen Tamanaha, Nika Tarr

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 August 17, 2017 minutes.	August 17, 2017 minutes was approved.
Selection of Vice Chair	Mr. Malcom Barcarse Jr. was nominated but declined. Mr. Joseph O'Donnell was nominated but declined. Members were asked if anyone wanted to volunteer. Mr. Walter Medina was asked but declined. Mr. Angel Santiago Cruz was nominated.	Mr. Santiago Cruz was elected vice chair pending acceptance due to his absence.
Recognition of Service of Chair Lata Sua	Ms. Sua was recognized for being chair 2016-2017.	
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unemployment rate went down to 2.2%. This is the lowest it has been since 1976. • The Department of Transportation's (DOT) harbors, airport, and transportation federal funds were stopped until projects were moved. Projects that have been underway are starting up again so DOT is receiving federal funds. • The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations does not have too many bills for this Legislative Session. There is a Boiler and Elevator housekeeping bill. 	
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For FY 17, HIOSH has met most of their goals. The goal for inspections was 700. HIOSH completed 797 inspections. HIOSH's goal for FY 18 is 750 inspections. • HIOSH has the following vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) positions in Occupational Health Branch ○ One EHS position in Consultation and Training Branch • There were four fatalities last year and so far one fatality this year. On the Big Island, a worker fell through a skylight. • HIOSH's penalty increases will be effective January 1, 2018. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIOSH's outreach staff has been doing presentations. Presentations can be requested to give information on HIOSH's standards and increased penalties. Mr. Medina requested a copy of the presentation.• HIOSH is working on getting standards adopted. On December 13, 2017, HIOSH will meet with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.• HIOSH is spending resources on repeat/willful employers who continually violate the same citations and collecting from employers who are ignoring their payment schedule and making sure employers abate their violations.	
Around the Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jim Newberry informed there is a General Industry 511 class in two weeks at the Building Industry Association. The Governor's Pacific Rim Safety and Health two-day conference will be held in October 2018.	
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Roger Forstner informed Mr. Scott Mugno was nominated to be the new assistant secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Administration.	
Next Meeting		March 15, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Yamasaki
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Approved:

Ms. Lata Sua, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee