

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

March 15, 2018 1:00 PM to 1:52 PM

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

Members Present:

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Joaquin Diaz (Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Angel Santiago Cruz (UPW),

DLIR Staff:

Leonard Hoshijo, Director's Office; Aadel Khandaker, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Allen Miho, HIOSH; Kristin Takaba, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Roger Forstner, Eddie Vidad

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Rick Ravelo welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the November 16, 2017 minutes.	November 16, 2017 minutes was approved.
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The House's budget wants to cut from HIOSH. HIOSH's federal funding could be affected. • Knowing how difficult it is to get members to volunteer on advisory committees, the Director expressed appreciation for members attending. 	
Selection of Vice Chair	Mr. Angel Santiago Cruz accepted nomination.	Mr. Santiago Cruz was elected vice chair.
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH has filled most of its vacancies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Occupational Health Branch has three new Environmental Health Specialists (EHSs). ○ The Consultation and Training Branch (C&T) has one new EHS. • Due to the difficulty in filling positions, House Bill 1900 will possibly take away two vacant positions, one safety inspector on the neighbor island and one consultation position. The positions are benchmark positions and the C&T position is only 10% State funded. Since the bill has crossed over from the House, Director will be speaking with the Senate Ways and Means. Any support HIOSH Advisory Committee members can provide is appreciated. • HIOSH's goal was 315 inspections. HIOSH has currently completed 330 inspections. • There have been five fatalities. They were in Maui, Waikiki (scaffolding), Ewa Beach (fall from roof), Covanta (crushed by bulldozer/trash) and Big Island (fall through skylight). There was an accident at the Maunakea telescope but it was not a fatality. • HIOSH cited the roofers at the State Capital. During a cabinet meeting, the roof leaked. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty increases took effect January 1, 2018. HIOSH is now working on adopting the standards. HIOSH has met with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. There were stakeholder meetings on January 10 and 12, 2018. • HIOSH is in the process of getting the public notice published at the end of April. HIOSH will probably have another stakeholder meeting before the public hearing. • Most of the standards are the same as online. HIOSH made one change. For safety and health inspections (HAR 12-110-3), employers with three or less employees do not require a written safety and health program. • HIOSH's CAS position has been doing several outreach presentations. HIOSH Advisory Committee members are always welcome to make a request. So far there have been presentations with General Contractors Association, Kauai Contractors Association, Hawaii Wall and Ceiling Industry Association, Carpenters Union, and Pacific Coast. There are a couple more presentations scheduled. • Monsanto on Maui had a good VPP inspection. • HIOSH is working on improving collections. There is a bill that wants to set aside funding to have a dedicated Attorney General and staff to go after collections for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Carpenter's Union will manage and organize the medical surveillance requirements to prevent workers from completing duplicate medical tests and help to keep costs down for contractors/employers. • The Pacific Rim Conference will be held on October 9-10, 2018. Excellence in Safety nominations are due at the end of May. 	
Around the Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Santiago will try his best as vice chair. Mr. Santiago will use his experience as an opportunity to grow. • HIOSH was thanked for the accommodating and making the change on the standard for small businesses with less than three employees. • HIOSH staff's efforts were appreciated. • Currently, C&T does not have a long wait time for small businesses needing safety consultation. • There was concern that employees on golf courses aerating golf course greens would be exposed to silica sand. Rather than applying for a variance from the silica standard, members suggested conducting exposure monitoring and making sure appropriate protective equipment is worn. • C&T was thanked for assisting DHRD on an incident where staff was spit on by a homeless person while walking back from a meeting. • May 7-11, 2018 is National Safety Week. Excavation and trenching safety week will be in June. Suggestion was made to do a fall awareness campaign. 	

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Next Meeting		May 17, 2018, 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. Rick Ravelo, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee