

**Minutes of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Thursday, January 12, 2012
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 310
Honolulu, HI 96813**

Members Present

Marian Tsuji (Chair), Vicky Gaynor, Carl Hinson, Robert Martin, Jr., Jeffrey Piontek, Arun Savara, Tony Saguibo, Jeff Thompson, Wayne Higaki, Steve Lupkes, James Tollefson, Leslie Wilkins, Paul Richards, Karl Rhoads, Joyce Bellino, Geneva (Candeau) Spear, Roland Prieto, Peter Quigley, Wayne Thom, and Jan Miyamoto.

Other Attendees

Kathleen Nielsen (HCWIB), Carol Kanayama (DLIR-WDD), Bernadette Howard (UH-CTE), and Al Valles (USDOL/ETA/OA), Marilyn Matsunaga (OWIB), Winona Whitman (ALu Like), Ryan Tanaka (UH-CTE), Rolanse Crisafullu (City OWL), Elaine Young (WDD), Carl Bonham (UHERO), Cherry Torres (Hawaii P-20), and Tonya Cynn (ConnectEDU). WDC Staff: James Hardway, Stanford Fichtman, Bill Pierpont, Eric Butler, Ruth Caldwell, and Jillian Yasutake.

Call to Order.....Marian Tsuji, Chair

1. Approval of Agenda- Unanimously Approved.
2. Approval of 8/11/11 and 10/26/2011 Strategic Planning Session minutes- Unanimously Approved.
3. Introduction of new WDC members
 - a. Wayne Higaki – Hawaii County LWIB Chair
4. Review of Reports
 - a. LWIB reports
 - i. Kauai- there has been a revision to originally posted report made on 1/11/12. The Rapid Response in December did not occur because the employees were picked up by another employer.
 - ii. Oahu- there is continuous movement from being task-focused to systems-oriented with a strong focus on outreaching the business community. Jim will be the Chair for two more years. Member facilitators will be hosting each meeting at their own companies. The Youth Council is in RFP scheduled to close near the end of June. There is a job fair January 18th featuring vets in a “Hire Our Heroes” theme with a continuing “Green Zone.”
 - iii. Maui- Youth programs are improving numbers and implementing policies to exit youth in a more timely manner. The SESP grant is also spending more money in a more timely manner.
 - iv. Hawaii- Mike Gleason will be staying on as the Planning Chair and Wayne is taking over as the local Chairperson. Astronomy report is continuing to send data over past 2 years

- to train for large number of potential future astronomy jobs.
May 10th Entrepreneur Expo.
- b. WDD Report- working on the closing of the Oahu hospitals.
- c. WDC Staff Report- Director working on HMC event. Participated in writing the workforce portion of the Healthcare Innovation Challenge grant with the Governor's Healthcare team and numerous other statewide partners- \$30M.
- d. DLIR R&S Labor Market Information report – No Comments.
- 5. Questions or comments on reports presented- No Comments.

Economic Outlook for Hawaii, year 2012.....Carl Bonham, UHERO

Professor Carl Bonham, Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization (“UHERO”) discussed the current economic climate in Hawaii and projections for what lies ahead in 2012. The presentation can be found on the WDC website. Some highlights include:

-Recent and Present State of Economy: U.S. and Japanese visitors declined in 2011; however, a lift in Asian tourists from countries other than Japan helped balance the 2011 tourism industry. December had a 2% growth in tourism with the new Disney Resort helping boost tourism.

-Future Economic Projections: the election may cause an effect on tourism; high oil prices and decline of Europe may hurt Hawaii more in 2012; construction is adding jobs in 2012 for Oahu, but neighbor islands may continue to have low job growth; the sluggish economy is likely to continue.

My Future Hawaii Web Portal presentationTonya Cynn & Cherry Torres

Tonya Cynn, Project Manager with ConnectEDU and Cheri Torres of Hawaii P-20 discussed the development of the My Future Hawaii web portal as part of the College Access Challenge Grant Program. The presentation can be found on the WDC website. Some highlights include:

-Current Design: the web portal utilizes DOE qualified data and allows students (currently in middle school and high school, but eventually will include college and adult learners), parents, and administrators access. Students can customize their homepage with newsfeed events, photos, email, and Instant Messaging, and can create preferences in their portfolio for career and college choices. “College Compare” allows students to compare specific traits they desire in a college to find the best match. College Cost Estimator and Loan Cost Calculator shows students the potential lifestyle they can expect knowing how much they will owe for each selected institution.

-*Upcoming*: A statewide pilot is coming up with 3,000 students participating from each county with final evaluations for the pilot coming out at the end of Spring 2012, and currently seeking additional schools to pilot with next school year. They are currently investigating a future pilot with WIA Youth students. A self assessment powered by *ONet is currently incorporating information from Career Kokua.

Disability Employment Initiative.....James Hardway

This overview and discussion of the Disability Employment Initiative grant (“DEI”) awarded to the Workforce Development Council was tabled due to time constraints. However, the presentation is available on the WDC website. For additional information, contact Ruth Caldwell at 586-9169 or ruth.r.caldwell@hawaii.gov.

Motion: Formation of advisory group and naming members to oversee and implement the DEI grant on behalf of the WDC. The group will include the chairs from Maui and Big Island, Jonathan Chun (State Rehabilitation Council), Wayne Higaki, and Leslie Wilkins. Motion approved unanimously.

WDC Budget and USDOL Waiver Filings.....James Hardway

Update for members on the WDC budget & review of proposed WIA waivers the WDC intends to file with the U.S. Dept. of Labor. WDC new budget will be \$340-350k if the issue is still not resolved. WDC will meet this month to resolve staff issues by the next April 12th meeting. So far, WDC has been able to carry over funds to avoid lay-offs; however, beginning July 1st we may not even have enough funds to carry out basic required federal reporting requirements. Therefore, to reduce the amount of reporting requirements, WDC proposes filing the following three waivers:

- 1) Customer Satisfaction Survey
- 2) Program Evaluations for WIA Programs
- 3) Data Validation

Motion: Approval to file proposed Waivers with USDOL ETA. Motion Approved Unanimously.

October 26, 2011 Strategic Planning Meeting Update..... Marian Tsuji

Discussion of steps the WDC would like to take from the October 26, 2011 Strategic Planning meeting and how to undertake plans. Due to time constraints, this discussion was tabled with the exception of proposing to approve a planning committee to meet from now

through September to design the State Plan. The committee will consist of all members of the County and Chairs, as well as volunteers Paul Richards and Vicky Gaynor.

Motion: Formation and approval of committee to oversee design of the State Plan. Motion approved unanimously.

Announcements.....Marian Tsuji

- 1. Schedule of WDC quarterly meetings for 2012 will be April 12th, July 12th, and October 11th.
- 2. The April 12th meeting will be hosted by Carl Hinson at Harbor Court.
- 3. If members have ideas about how the board should operate, please contact James Hardway at 586-8671 or jhardway@hawaii.gov.
- 4. Leslie Wilkins announced an invitation for Enterprise Honolulu which she will send to James to distribute to all.

Adjournment

With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11p.m. by Chair Tsuji.