

Maui County Workforce Development Board

Report to State of Hawaii – Workforce Development Council

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County:	Maui (Islands of Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i)
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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July marked the start of Maui County's new Executive Director for its Workforce Development Board. Brian Nagami takes the place of Maui's former WDB Executive Director, Roland Prieto, who transitioned out of the position in early 2016.

Brian has spent the past 14 years working in the non-profit sector both on Maui and Los Angeles, most recently as a program manager for Imua Family Services, a Maui-based non-profit providing therapy to children with special needs and disabilities.

Activities since starting have included, but were not limited to:

- Familiarizing himself with his duties as the WDB Executive Director
- Organizing Maui's WDB office
- Reading up on WIOA
- Participated in a day-long orientation session from the staff members at the Workforce Development Council on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Items reviewed included the structure and function of WDC and local WDBs, the HireNet Hawaii data system, and funding.
- Participated in the Workforce Development Council strategic planning meeting held on August 11, 2016.
- Met with program staff (Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker) and toured their facilities.
- Assisted in final preparations to seat Maui's Workforce Development Board.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

A) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION / WORKSOURCE MAUI Adult and Dislocated Worker Service Provider)

Working on Molokai to address challenges related to classes being cancelled due to low enrollment (not meeting minimum size requirements). The program has begun pushing OTJ training to avoid the issue with class size. WDD has been working with community partners (Alu Like, QLCC, Vocational Rehab.) to help these individuals.

Community layoffs. Maui is receiving assistance via TAA funds and Act 71 to help provide additional resources to individuals affected by the layoffs that have occurred or will soon occur from HC&S & Makena Resort. Approval of the petition to provide TAA services to the second grouping of individuals affected by the HC& S layoffs was recently received.

B) KU'INA PROGRAM – (WIA/WIOA Youth Services Provider)

- The program is currently in the process of finding and hiring new staff to fill vacant positions.