

OAHU WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2016

Board WIOA Transition Activities

The Board's Administration is going through some transition. After 8 years of dedicated service to the City and County of Honolulu, Marilyn Matsunaga resigned. Her last day with OWDB was August 31, 2016. In the interim, the Executive Director position is vacant and Alison Lum will be the contact person for the Board.

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Eligible Training Provider Program

The Board is working closely with our one-stop operator and the Workforce Development Council to re-approve all of the providers on Oahu's ETP list. The Board is accepting applications on a rolling basis, prioritizing existing providers who have clients enrolling in their classes and new ETP providers applying for the first time.

Local Plan

The Board continues to work on the Local Plan to meet the State's submission deadline of October 31, 2016.

One Stop Operator's Report for PY15 - July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

WIAWIOA Enrollments (PY15 Cumulative)

Youth	346
Adult	139
Dislocated Worker	113

Center Visits:

Dillingham - 1,428 new customers and 5,545 returning customers
Waianae - 241 new customers and 729 returning customers

One-Stop Operations Highlights:

- Oahu Worklinks (OWL) continued its partnership with registered apprenticeships. Currently there are 26 apprentices in the Plumbers and Pipefitters and 12 in the Electrician Apprenticeships.
- In PY '15, OWL increased its engagement with employers by hosting customized recruitment fairs with the following employers: Advantage

Sales, Community Based Veteran Employment, Enterprise Holding, HI Employment, HMS Host (4 times), Island Movers, Pacific Shipyard International, Prime Flight & Veterans Mini Job Fair. These fairs yielded the following outcomes: 423 attendees, of these, 175 were interviewed and 42 were offered jobs.

- The Youth Program also hosted job fairs. At the last job fair held in June 2016, 118 youth attended and 12 were hired. The job fairs expose first time job seekers to employers in comfortable environments that allow the youth to discuss employment opportunities.
- Customized pre-employment and job readiness workshops for adults and youth were conducted by OWL staff, partners and employers. Workshop topics included: "Marketing Yourself Successfully to get the Job", "Knock'um Dead Resume", "Federal Resumes", "Navigating US jobs", "Interview Skills", "Financial literacy", and "College Preparation". The workshops were designed to be an interactive and informative experience for OWL clients. Workshops will be implemented throughout the next program year and OWL will focus on making them more engaging and informative for clients (e.g. industry and post-secondary education/training panels).
- The Youth Program went through many new and exciting changes throughout 2015. One of the biggest additions to the program was strengthening the relationship with Youth Challenge Academy (YCA). Individuals who participate in YCA are now dual enrolled into the Youth Program. One of our aims with the YCA is to help the youth develop a career pathway, as well as offering support during their time with YCA, and for the year following program completion.

OWL also created a partnership with the Family Tree Project, a therapeutic counseling agency that serves individuals and families. Adults and youth served by WorkHawaii have received individual or family counseling to help them stay engaged in services and training.

- OWL has executed 61 On-the-Job training agreements with employers. 30 individuals were placed into an OJT during this program year.

Next OWDB Board meeting

The next full board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 30th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Board Room of the Queen's Conference Center.