MAUI WDB UPDATES

Board Certification
Maui County’s Workforce Development board was certified by the State of Hawaii in early November. Its first meeting took place on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. The board currently consists of 19 members, with at least one representative from each of the three inhabited islands in the county.

Local Plan
The process of completing the Local Plan is still underway. The board is in the process of procuring the services of Dr. Jeffrey Fantine, who also worked on the State of Hawaii Unified Plan and the City & County of Honolulu Local Plan.

Phone Conferences with WDC Staff
The staff for the Maui County WDB took up the offer of monthly phone conferences from the WDC staff to help foster a stronger relationship and lines of communication.

PROGRAMS

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

The WDD office is continuing to access TAA (federal) and Act 71 (state) funds to provide assistance to dislocated workers from HC&S. Though layoffs have been occurring monthly, the layoffs in December represent the single largest bulk of layoffs for the company.

Because funds from TAA and Act 71 have been used to provide services to dislocated workers, WIOA funds for dislocated workers have only been accessed on a limited basis. An extension has been requested to extend access to those funds through March 2017.

B) KU’INA PROGRAM
WIA/WIOA Youth Services Provider

A new program director, Dr. Rita Forsythe, started in the Ku’ina Program in mid-November. UH Maui College is excited to have her on board. Dr. Forsythe has been tasked with getting the program back up and running following an extended hiatus and ensuring that the new incarnation of the program is in compliance with the adjusted focus provided under WIOA.