

Update Report from Kauai Workforce Development Board 12/5/2017

- What is the status of filling vacancies to the Kauai WDB? We are in the process of following up on the last two nominations for the Board: Local 675, Plumbers & Pipefitters Union and Hale Opiu Kauai.
- What is the projected ETA to submit qualified nominees with signed forms and resumes to WDC to review for certification? We have very good prospects and we estimate that by November 8 we will have both nomination forms sent with the needed information.
- What is the status and plan of the comprehensive Kauai American Job Center? The MOU – with the Consortium of Core Partners is still process. We have five signatures of the ten signatures that are needed so far. We are revising the funding allocation to match the square footage/ FTE funds per body represented in the Onestop Center. We anticipate completing this process by Dec. 13, by the next meeting of the core partners or before.
- What is the status of selecting a One Stop Operator? An RFI went out two weeks ago and opened yesterday. There was no interest or applications filed. Because the board is temporarily not certified, the CLEO will make to decision on next steps to take 1. Temporary or Official designation and to whom.
- Is there a confirmed location for the Kauai AJC? Yes, there is a confirmed location. Where? County of Kauai, 4444 Rice St. Suite 302, Lihue, HI 96766
- Is it a WIOA compliant comprehensive AJC? Core Partners are completing the MOU with signatures to the agreement. Comprehensive services of all partners along with contact information are listed in the agreement a proposed schedule of assigned times of service is also being collected.
 - Partners that are physically there right now are:
 - WIOA – Adult Program
 - WIOA – Dislocated Worker Program
 - Wagner Peyser Program
 - Senior Employment Program
 - Youth – Services Program (space allocated for former and new provider)
 - Veterans – Program (referrals conducted)
- If not, what partners are not in the AJC?
 - DVR – Vocational Rehabilitation
 - DHS – BESSD, TANF, SNAP, Childcare
 - UHCC - Kauai Community College – Education & Training
 - McKinley Community School for Adults, Kauai Branch
 - Alu Like Inc. – Employment & Training
 - HUD – Housing Services
 - KEO – Employment Training & Housing services
 - MEO- Migrant & Seasonal Farm Workers
- What are the reasons that the partners are not in the AJC? Partners are co-located in close proximity anywhere from 1 minute to 5 minutes away from the

location. A Core Partners contact listing with services offered along with a common referral form have been distributed among the contributing core partners. Core partner agencies can easily be contacted for services by direct phone lines and referrals can be made as needed. With the exception of MEO- Maui Economic Opportunity, whom is located off island. All other partners and representative are capable of being at the location within 5 minutes.

- **What efforts have been and are being taken to have a comprehensive AJC?**
Core partners meet monthly to create and discuss MOU agreement changes and revisions.
 - Created Services Contact listing
 - Created a Common Intake and Referral Form
 - Still working on the fund allocation per partner (sq. footage/FTE of Partner)
 - Still working on the schedule assigned times with a minimum of 50% of time spent at the AJC
- **What is the status of the MOUs and infrastructure costs agreement with partners?** The MOU was distributed for signatures. The infrastructure cost agreement is still pending. All partners were given a chance to provide input. While the Infrastructure fund allocation is still pending; the MOU agreement was signed by five Core Partners that are high-lighted in yellow above.
- **What challenges and barriers are you facing with MOUs and infrastructure costs?** The most common question is how much funds can be dedicated for in-kind services? All of amount – 100%? 30%? 50%? The low amount of funding makes it difficult to attract service providers to apply.
- **What is the projected ETA for signed MOUs and IFAs?** We would like to have all completed by December 15, 2017.
- **What is the status/plans of the site in Molokai where employment services are being offered?** NA for Kauai.
- **Do you have a current contract with a service provider for the adult and dislocated worker programs?** Yes, currently in place.
- **If yes, who is the provider and how long is the contract for?** Currently a Govt. to Govt. Contract with DLIR-WDD is in place until June 30, 2018. A New RFP will go out by the end of February so new provider can start by July 1, 2018.
- **What is the status of selecting a service provider for the youth service program?** An RFI was recently released and opened yesterday, November 30, 2017. Three interested organizations applied. The RFP DRFT went to Purchasing Dept. We are waiting on the public notice comments and other responses.
- **What is the projected ETA to have a contracted youth services provider in place?** Once the RFP goes out to Public Notice for two weeks it will open after two weeks to review that applicants. Selection will be made immediately.
- **What challenges and barriers are you facing selecting a youth service provider?**

In the past, our former Youth service provider's Organization was located on the mainland yet they had local representative service providers. Because the amount of funding is so low, it has been difficult to get anyone to apply.

- What is the status of a firewall for your One Stop Operator and the Kauai WDB staff? There is a conflict of interest policy in place signed by:
Mayor – Bernard Carvalho
Director – George Costa, OED
ED KWDB – Kaeo Bradford
- Are you keeping Mayor Carvalho and/or the Kauai County Managing Director informed on the efforts and status of Kauai WDB and Kauai Economic Development Office to comply with WIOA? **Yes.**
- If yes, how frequently and in what manner are they being communicated regarding WIOA and Kauai WDB?
Meetings with the Mayor and or Managing Director are conducted as least twice a month to review:
 - Kauai's current status of the WIOA Mandate of 2014 and programs within (Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services).
 - Issues & Recommendations
 - Other Activities