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YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Princess Ruth Keelikolani Building

**830 Punchbowl Street, Director's Conference Room 321
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Ian Kitajima, Committee Chair, Director of Corporate Development, Oceanit
Winona Whitman, Committee Vice-Chair, State Director, Employment & Training, Alu Like
Debbie Spencer Chun, Adult Friends for Youth
Nate Gytoku, Kupu
Jason Ito, Kyo-Ya
Kelly Miyamura, Hawaii P-20
Troy Sueoka, DOE – CTE
Melissa Wilson, Kamehameha Schools BE

STAFF:

Maria-Elena Diaz, Workforce Development Council
Michelle Miyashiro, Workforce Development Council

I. Call to Order.....*Committee Chair Ian Kitajima*
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Committee Chair Ian Kitajima.

II. Approval of Minutes
A. February 6, 2019 Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2019 was made by Jason Ito. The motion was seconded by Kelly Miyamura. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

III. “Go Cook!” Kapiolani Community College’s Fast Track Food Service Program presented by Troy Sueoka, State CTE Educational Specialist, Hawaii State Department of Education
Troy Sueoka is from the Department of Education Office of Curriculum and Instruction Design, Career Technical Education. Some of the new initiatives they are working on related to the Youth Services Committee:

Peak Performance U

A workforce-ready initiative where students focus on employability skills. A pilot will be implemented in one high school in every district this year with online modules, lessons, and videos for students and teachers to use. If adopted statewide, videos of Hawaii businesses could be incorporated.

You Science

A game that tells students what they are suited for, like an aptitude assessment, and what pathways may be available to them. The You Science program will pilot this year and can be implemented from middle school.

Med-Assist program

Sponsored by Hawaii Pacific Health, students are guaranteed medical assistant jobs after high school if they complete the program and receive industry certification. The postsecondary non-credit program, taught by a Kapiolani Community College instructor, is offered at Waipahu High School where they earn high school credit. Students from Campbell and Kapolei also attend the classes.

GoCook! Hawaii

A free 10-week program that meets 40 hours/week. Offered by Kapiolani Community College, the program teaches basic culinary skills so students who are short credits for graduation can be employable in the food service industry.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion of 2019 Goals

Clarification was given to the Committee on the possible elements to set as a priority/goal. The needs of Local Boards were distributed to give clarity to the current situation at the local level.

B. Action Plan, Next Steps and Timelines

Maria-Elena Diaz reviewed committee roles and responsibilities and local area needs to provide context for the voting on priorities. Committee spent some time discussing list of priorities. To be inclusive, the committee will vote by email and every member is allowed 3 votes.

V. Next Meetings

Diaz will send out a poll for the next meeting date.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Kitajima adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.