

**HAWAII COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD STATUS REPORT TO THE  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (WDC)**

**Report will be distributed at the Executive Committee meeting on September 4, 2019 and WDC  
Council meeting on September 12, 2019.**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT TO WDC: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019**

1. In order to receive PY 19 funds, the local board must have an approved modified local plan for February 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (see WIOA Bulletin No. 22-18). What is your timeline for updating and submitting the modified local plan to WDC?

The HCWFDB approved the Local plan, which was forwarded to WDC on August 23, 2019.

2. For the State Performance Measures and Accountability Committee, what is the progress to date on Hawaii County's performance measures and participant counts?

Adult Program:

Total Participants Served (Cohort Period: 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019)	<b>161</b>	<u>PY 2018 Target</u>
Employment Rate (Q2) (Cohort Period 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018)	71.0%	68.6%
Employment Rate (Q4) (Cohort Period 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2018)	51.4%	64.9%
Median Earnings (Cohort Period 7/1/2017 – 6/30/18)	\$3,070.19	\$5,250.00
Credential Rate (Cohort Period 1/1/2017 – 12/31/17)	72.7%	51.0%

Dislocated Worker Program:

Total Participants Served (Cohort Period: 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019)	<b>62</b>	<u>PY 2018 Target</u>
Employment Rate (Q2) (Cohort Period 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018)	83.3%	74.0%
Employment Rate (Q4) (Cohort Period 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2018)	64.0%	70.4%
Median Earnings (Cohort Period 7/1/2017 – 6/30/18)	\$7,775.10	\$7,300.00
Credential Rate (Cohort Period 1/1/2017 – 12/31/17)	66.7%	66.5%

Youth Program:

Total Participants Served (Cohort Period: 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019)	<b>119</b>	<u>PY 2018 Target</u>
Employment, Education or Training Placement Rate (Q2) (Cohort Period 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018)	92.3%	59.0%
Employment, Education or Training Placement Rate (Q4) (Cohort Period 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2018)	50.9%	55.9%
Credential Attainment Rate	71.4%	61.1%

3. The HCWDB PY19 annual budget plan was due August 15, 2019. If you have not submitted the budget plan, what actions will the local board take to submit the annual budget plan? What date can the WDC expect to receive the plan?

We submitted a draft of the budget plan to WDC for their review and approval. After receipt of the budget plan, it will be circulated for signature and execution.

4. WIOA calls for local boards to be recertified every two (2) years. Is the HCWDB board compliant? If not, what is the plan and timeline to submit the request for certification to the WDC?
  - 1) All Board members will need to renew their oaths which will be done at the next board meeting in early October;
  - 2) We are waiting for a response from HELCO for a board representative;
  - 3) We are awaiting the board member packet from Hilo Medical Center;
  - 4) We are awaiting the board member packet from KTA Stores;
  - 5) We continue to search for a board member from the business section;
  - 6) We continue to search for a board member from a community-based organization.
5. What is the timeline for HCWDB to submit a request for certification of the Hawaii County American Job Center?
  - 1) Distribution of AJC Infrastructure Cost allocation to partners= September 30, 2019
  - 2) Execute final MOU with TANF-DHS= tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2019
  - 3) Note: OHCD workers are currently working on the certification process and working on completion of WIOA certification checklist by December 31, 2019
6. What are the challenges HCWDB has encountered in achieving certification?
  - 1) Difficulty in the process of executing MOU's, with TANF-DHS MOU still not signed;
  - 2) Lack of participation from several partners in the AJC and Rapid Response sessions;
  - 3) Lack of agreement to AJC Infrastructure Cost allocation.
7. What is the status of service providers for the county's adult and dislocated worker programs?

The A&DL contractor, Goodwill Industries will start on September 3, 2019 at the HCAJC

#### **Hawai'i County American Job Center User Information:**

Year to Date Served (January – August, 2019) 2,988

##### **Breakdown for the quarter:**

- June 378
- July 408
- August 381

##### **Top Categories/Programs:**

- Job Search
- Unemployment
- WIOA
- RESEA
- First-to-Work

8. Please provide the HCWDB board meeting schedule (include time and location).

Tentative date=	October 9, 2019	10:00am to 1:00pm	1990 Kinoole Street, Hilo
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of January, 2020		10:00am to 1:00pm	1990 Kinoole Street, Hilo
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of April, 2020		10:00am to 1:00pm	1990 Kinoole Street, Hilo
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of July, 2020		10:00am to 1:00pm	1990 Kinoole Street, Hilo

9. Please share accomplishments and success stories with the WDB and AJC that you'd like the Executive Committee and WDC members to be aware of.

Out of School Youth

- Sheila entered the program old after she dropped out of Waiakea High School.
- Her mother (a single parent) was diagnosed with breast cancer and on medical leave from her job.
- During Sheila's participation in the program, her family faced financial troubles including a challenge in maintaining a stable home.
- At one point, the family lived far away from town making transportation and access to her mother's doctor appointments a challenge.
- With the Youth Specialist providing information on resources, the family was able to access public assistance to find a home in town which was more convenient for Sheila's schooling and her mother's access to her medical treatments and her job.
- Sheila started receiving taxi vouchers to get to the program and further her education.
- She faced challenges when she had to retake a couple of CB tests but eventually passed 4 out of 5 books of the Ola program's Competency Based diploma program.
- The Ola program was replaced by the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) which encompasses 5 separate tests.
- Sheila did not give up and stayed consistent in the attendance to the program.
- Through the encouragement from the Assistant Director, Youth Specialists and especially her mother, Sheila passed all of the tests for the HiSET and earned her High School Equivalency diploma.
- Currently, she is registered at Hawaii Community College for the Fall 2019 semester and plans to eventually transition to the University of Hawaii to major in Biology.
- Sheila's ultimate goal is to contribute to find the cure for cancer.