

Executive Director's Report

**For Executive Committee
Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

AmeriCorps VISTA Program

Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS)

Keana Kaupiko started at WDC yesterday.

Responsibilities include researching and coordinating statewide continuity of policies, procedures, strategies and best practices for state and county rapid response, business outreach, labor market information, cross-training, and AJC branding. Keana will be the point person for the VISTA workers on Maui and Kauai.

VISTA workers for Maui and Kauai have been selected.

Challenge: Finding affordable housing on Maui and Kauai.

Living allowance is \$1,500 per month on Maui and \$1,200 on Kauai for one year of service. Allowance is based on local area federal poverty level. Allowance is paid by CNCS.

Seeking assistance to locate housing.

If housing is located, targeting on-boarding VISTA workers for Maui and Kauai by November.

USDOL Monitoring Emergency Disaster Grants for Kauai and Hawaii Islands

August 26 - 30, 2019

August 27: All day business engagement and rapid response services training

Attended by 65 people from all islands.

Mahalo to Alan Hayashi, Sean Knox and General Richardson for participating.

August 28: Site visit to Kauai

Kauai American Job Center

Makana O Kauai Group @ Hanalei Bay and Wainiha (dive to remove debris from coral reefs)

National Botanical Garden: Limahuli Garden and Preserve (repository for Pacific Island plant collections; rebuilding landslide damage to roads and access ways)

WDC fiscal monitoring of Hawaii Employment Service & federal interviews conducted

6 participants (\$25 - \$40 per hour)

\$70,305 expended out of the \$500,000 grant

August 29: Site visit to Hawaii Island

Hawaii County American Job Center

UH Hilo College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) @ Pepeekeo (restoring the land to rebuild starter plant industry

for local farms (ie: taro, sweet potatoes & root plants) and Waiakea station (cultivate pest and disease resistant varieties of papayas, anthuriums)

Hawaiian Sanctuary Tour: demonstration farm - teach people to farm sustainably - live off the land at site

WDC fiscal monitoring of Hawaii Employment Service & federal interviews conducted

9 participants (\$20 per hour)

\$201,723 expended out of the \$3.5M grant (\$1.6M)

August 30: Statewide conference call as follow up to training

Each county shared vision statement, what doing great, what can be improved, what would like additional support

Follow up conference call scheduled for Friday, December 13 @ 9am Hawaii Time

Monitoring Exit Conference Call with USDOL - September 11



Business Engagement & Rapid Response Services Training

Statewide participation with over 65 people ready to learn and implement important information provided by Jeff Ryan, Business Solutions Specialist, USDOL - ETA in DC.



Senator Mazie Hirono Visits the Oahu American Job Center

Senator Hirono toured the Oahu American Job Center on Friday, August 30, 2019. She talked individually with an employer, adult, dislocated worker and youth recipients of WIOA services. Notice the statewide workforce funding brochure she is holding!

Upcoming

Orientation for new hires from Maui and Hawaii islands: September 18

PY18 Annual Report to USDOL: Due October 1

Statewide Executive Directors first meeting held August 15 at Oahu AJC; next meeting at Hawaii County AJC on October 22

Basic WIOA Fiscal Training to be conducted by Leila Shar, Business Management Officer in Sept/Oct

Board Strategic Planning Session in October

ACTION REQUESTED: Determine date

ACTION REQUESTED: Select Facilitator

Unified State Plan: Due March 1, 2020

ACTION REQUESTED: Select Facilitator

Doodle Poll Responses for Board Strategic Planning Session

DATE	8:30am - 12:30pm	8:30am - 4:30pm All Day	12:00pm -4:30pm
Tuesday, October 8	10	10	12
Wednesday, October 9	10	6	8
Thursday, October 10	9	8	10
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