YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
American Job Center Hawaii - Oahu
1505 Dillingham Blvd., Room 110
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:
Ian Kitajima, Committee Chair, Director of Corporate Development, Oceanit
Winona Whitman, Committee Vice Chair, Director Employment & Training, Alu Like, Inc.
Josiah Akau, Kinai Eha
Evangeline Casinas, State of Hawaii Department of Education
Stacy Ferreira, State of Hawaii Senate
Nate Gyotoku, Junior Achievement Hawaii
David Miyashiro, HawaiiKidsCan
Lisa Nagamine, State of Hawaii Department of Education
Dani Ruiz, Social Worker
Debbie Spencer-Chun, Adult Friends for Youth
Steve Sue, Bizgenics Foundation
Troy Sueoka, DOE – CTE
Nisa Tokunaga, American Job Center Hawaii
Melissa Wilson, Kamehameha Schools
Erin Yagi, Workforce Alignment & Learning Opportunities Specialist, Hawaii P-20

STAFF:
Duke Olds, Workforce Development Council

I. Call to Order ..........................................................Committee Chair Ian Kitajima
The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Committee Chair Ian Kitajima.

II. Approval of Minutes
A. November 6, 2019
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 2019 was made by Troy Sueoka. The motion was seconded by Erin Yagi. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

III. Implementation of the PY19 Committee Budget Plan
   A. Paid and unpaid work experience and activities to prepare youth for and transitioning to post-secondary education and training
      Nisa Tokunaga will lead the implementation of this project and budget. She would like to expand the current program which currently has partnerships with community colleges and private sector entities.

   B. Comprehensive guidance and counseling; trauma-informed assessment
      Stacy Ferreira and Josiah Akau will lead the implementation of this project and budget. They are currently running a pilot with the Department of Education (DOE) to provide trauma-informed care for youth. This budget is to train those outside of the DOE for youths to seek assistance at the American Job Centers or Alu Like, etc.

   C. Entrepreneurial skills training
      Steve Sue will lead the implementation of this project and budget. Bizgenics Foundation is a non-profit actively participating in about 50 schools statewide, primarily Title I schools. Their goal is to teach the “entrepreneurial mindset” of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking skills, and innovation.

      Duke Olds asked the groups to submit their budget plans by March 31, 2020.

IV. Announcements
   A. Members’ announcements on events of interest to the committee
      Lemonade Alley Culinary Entrepreneurship Contest early bird registration will end on Monday, February 24.

      HawaiiKidsCan will be partnering with Teach for America Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation and Hawaiian Tel to hold the 2nd annual Spark & Inspire event on April 14 at Ka Waiwai from 5 pm – 8 pm.

      The Career & Technical Student Organization Convention by the Department of Education will be on February 26 & 27 at the Hawaii Convention Center.


   C. Meeting location: American Job Center Hawaii - Oahu

V. Adjournment
   Committee Chair Kitajima adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.