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EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2020

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Online via Zoom

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the health and welfare of the community is a priority. The meeting was held remotely, with Board members and staff participating via an online meeting venue.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Glen Kaneshige, Committee Chair, Nordic PCL Construction, Inc.
Judy Bishop, Bishop & Co.
Cheryl Cross, Booz Allen Hamilton
Faustino Dagdag, Leeward Community College
Lois Hamaguchi, UH-CTE
Alan Hayashi, WDC Vice Chair
Bernadette Howard, UH-CTE
Jason Ito, Kyo-Ya
Derek Kanehira, Alexander & Baldwin
Alison Lee, Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation
Deborah Leong-Yep, UHA
Evan Nakatsuka, Lanakila Pacific
Keala Peters, Chamber of Commerce
Erin Yagi, Hawaii P-20

GUESTS:

Riley Fujisaki, Office of Representative Sylvia Luke
Michael Yadao, Hawaii Masons & Plasterers Union

STAFF:

Allicyn Tasaka, Workforce Development Council
Michelle Miyashiro, Workforce Development Council
David Morihara, Workforce Development Council

Jeanne Ohta, Workforce Development Council
Kaala Souza, Workforce Development Council
Edward Uechi, Workforce Development Council

- I. **Call to Order**.....*Committee Chair Glen Kaneshige*
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Committee Chair Glen Kaneshige

- II. **Approval of Minutes for January 23, 2020 Meeting**
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2020 was made by Derek Kanehira. The motion was seconded by Bernadette Howard. There were no amendments, questions or objections. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

- III. **Brief Overview of Statewide Customer Satisfaction Survey Results**
Edward Uechi, WDC Employment Analyst, presented a brief overview of the Statewide American Job Center Customer Satisfaction Survey Results, which can be found at the following link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2020/10/PPT-WDC-CustomerSatisfactionSurvey-EmployerEngagement-09-30-2020.pdf>

- IV. **Update on Rapid Response and Business Services**
David Morihara, WDC Statewide Rapid Response and Business Services Coordinator, presented an update on Rapid Response and Business Services, which can be found at the following link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2020/10/Final-Hawaii-Rapid-Response-Business-Services-10.5.2020.pdf>

- V. **Report from the Pilot Project Sub-Committee**
 - A. Maritime Program for Shipyard Repair Trainees
WDC Vice Chair Alan Hayashi reported on the Surface Ship Repair pilot program at Pearl Harbor. The pilot program will train new hires and re-trainees. The program started on September 21 and will run through December 4, 2020. The metrics for the program can be found at the following link:
<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2020/10/Maritime-Welding-Program-metrics.pdf>

 - B. Update on progress to help develop pilot project with FCH Enterprises and Big City Diner
No update at this time.

- VI. **Report from the Outreach Task Force**
 - A. Status of Request for Proposal for informational video project
Edward Uechi thanked committee members Cheryl Cross, Lois Hamaguchi, and Dagdag Faustino for their assistance in drafting the RFP. He also thanked Jason Ito, Lois Hamaguchi, Erin Yagi, and Judy Bishop for their assistance in evaluating the proposals. 10 vendors submitted proposals and Kinetic Productions was chosen after two evaluation rounds. Kinetic Productions is currently in the pre-production phase

and working with the American Job Centers, local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors, jobseekers and employers.

B. Update on Hawaii is Hiring Website

Keala Peters presented an update on the Hawaii is Hiring website, which can be found at the following link:

https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2020/10/HawaiiIsHiring_WDC-Employer-Engagement-10.05.20.pdf

A motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii's request of \$30,000 to support version 2.0 of Hawaii is Hiring was made by Dagdag Faustino. Cheryl Cross seconded the motion. There were no questions or objections. The motion was passed unanimously.

Keala Peters also presented on Sector Partnerships: Industry-Driven Employer Partnerships, which can be found at the following link:

https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2020/10/WDC-Sector-Partnership_Oct-5-2020.pdf

A motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii's request of \$60,000 to support a part of the implementation of Sector Partnerships in 2021 was made by Bernadette Howard. Derek Kanehira seconded the motion. Cheryl Cross recused herself from the vote. There were no questions or objections. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Report from the Opportunities Population Sub-Group

A. Overview on goals and proposed plan

This sub-group will be engaging with the Sector Strategies & Career Pathways Committee and the Performance Measures & Accountability Committee in addition to this committee. They will be looking at how the American Job Centers are serving those with barriers to employment. The Customer Satisfaction Survey that was reviewed during this meeting is helping the sub-group form their questions and recommendations.

VIII. Next Meeting Schedule

A. The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2021.

IX. Adjournment

Committee Chair Kaneshige adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.