YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 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 Committee members and staff participating via an online meeting venue.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:
Winona Whitman, Committee Vice Chair, Director Employment & Training, Alu Like, Inc.
Stacy Ferreira, State of Hawaii Senate
Daniel Goya, Ke Ala Ho‘aka Associates
Lois Hamaguchi, UH CTE
Carla Houser, Residential Youth Services and Empowerment
Jason Ito, Kyo-Ya Management Company
Bruce Oliveira, HI State Department of Defense, Community Programs
Steve Sue, Bizgenics Foundation
Troy Sueoka, DOE – CTE
Omar Sultan, Sultan Ventures
Nisa Tokunaga, American Job Center Hawaii
Melissa Wilson, Kamehameha Schools
Danny Wyatt, LCC Waianae-Moku
Erin Yagi, Workforce Alignment & Learning Opportunities Specialist, Hawaii P-20

STAFF:
Allicyn Tasaka, Workforce Development Council
Michelle Miyashiro, Workforce Development Council
Jeanne Ohta, Workforce Development Council

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Committee Vice Chair Winona Whitman.
II. Approval of Minutes
   A. August 18, 2020
   A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2020 was made by Lois Hamaguchi. The motion was seconded by Steve Sue. There were no questions or objections. None opposed. Omar Sultan and Carla Houser abstained. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

III. Public Comments on Items on Agenda
   No members from the public made comments.

IV. Workforce Development Council Update
   Jeanne Ohta provided the committee with an overview of the Youth Program by County over a rolling four quarters and funding requirements for the Youth Program, which can be found at the following links: https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/01/Youth-By-Cty-Rolling-4-Qtr-12.30.20-.pdf and https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/01/PY19-Youth-Work-Experience-.pdf.

V. Status on Committee Budget Plan
   The three Hui – Trauma-Informed Assessment ($40,000), Work Experience/Transition to Postsecondary Education & Training ($30,000), and Entrepreneurial Skills Training ($50,000) – were turned over to the Oahu Workforce Development Board (OWDB) through their Youth Program and One-Stop Operator. The OWDB will take over stewardship of the collaboration and implementation of the three initiatives. It was determined that Oahu had sufficient funds to cover the cost of the projects and allows the projects to be implemented on Oahu. The original budget would have required statewide projects.
   A. Entrepreneurial Skills Training with Oahu American Job Center by Steve Sue
      The Oahu American Job Center is working on finalizing and executing the contract so that the Entrepreneurial Skills Training can begin in February 2021. There are four entrepreneurial one-month experiences including culinary, agriculture and construction industry, maker of products, and apps for technology. Curriculum was written specially for this program and is focused on social venture.

   B. Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling; trauma-informed assessment with Oahu American Job Center by Stacey Ferreira
      Stacey Ferreira and Danny Goya presented the importance of trauma-informed care and the background of the goals of this program, which can be found at the following link: https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/01/Youth-Services-TIC-Presentation.pdf.

   C. Work Experience/Transition to Postsecondary Education and Training by Nisa Tokunaga
Nisa Tokunaga reported that she has opted out from the Work Experience/Transition to Postsecondary Education and Training program. She also reported that the sole-source posting with the City is complete and getting final approval for the Entrepreneurial Skills Training and Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling contracts above. Lei Nakamura from the American Job Center has been working with Stacy Ferreira and Danny Goya on the logistics of implementing their program. The American Job Center has 30 students ready to participate in the Entrepreneurial Skills Training program as soon as the contract is signed.

VI. **Supporting the Youth Program Elements and Funding Requirements**
Jeanne Ohta presented the Youth Program Elements, which can be found at the following link: [https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/01/Youth-Program-Overview.pdf](https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2021/01/Youth-Program-Overview.pdf)

VII. **Announcements**
Hawaii P-20 will be holding a Pathways Summit on February 18-19, 2021. More information can be found at [https://events.p20hawaii.org/2021PathwaysSummit](https://events.p20hawaii.org/2021PathwaysSummit).

VIII. **Meeting Schedule for 2021**
The 2021 WDC Board meetings are scheduled for February 11, May 13, August 12, and November 18. The next Youth Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

IX. **Adjournment**
Committee Vice Chair Whitman adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.