

Youth Services Committee Update to WDC Board

November 18, 2021

The Youth Services Committee met on October 19, 2021

Erin Yagi and Lois Hamaguchi, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education updated the committee on the 2021 Hawaii Work-Based Learning Convening held August 16, 2021-September 10, 2021. Highlights included presentations by Danny Goya and Stacy Ferreira on Trauma Informed Care.

Stacy Ferreira, David Miyashiro and Sylvia Carter will be leading the new legislative subcommittee. The subcommittee will discuss topics such as Child Labor Laws and connecting youth to local employers.

Two project proposals were presented at the last committee meeting.

Steve Sue proposed a digital media project where high school youth would be able to access studios and equipment for film production. Social Influencer is becoming popular amongst youth nationwide.

Stacy Ferreira and Danny Goya proposed a Trauma Informed Care proposal. This would be a continuation to the Trauma Informed Care pilot project and expand to statewide.

The Committee also met on November 16, 2021 to discuss the recommendations of the Legislative Subcommittee. Subcommittee co-chair David Miyashiro discussed the proposals with the committee. The subcommittee is comprised of Mr. Miyashiro, Stacy Ferreira, Erin Yagi, Sylvia Carter, Josiah Akau, and Ian Kitajima. The Committee voted to approve the following legislative proposals to recommend to the Executive and WDC board:

- Provide grant funds to families to support with key educational supplies and needs;

- Provide incentive funds to schools when students complete quality industry recognized credential programs;
- Enable more students to participate in career readiness opportunities by removing barriers;
- Diversify the Hawaii Board of Education by updating membership requirements;
- Enable the Hawaii Board of Education to Let students more easily earn school credit from community-based programs and organizations;
- Request for the Hawaii Board of Education to enable computer science courses to count toward core graduation requirements in high school; and
- Advance legislation that requires Hawaii Department of Health to produce a weekly public Dashboard on the Hawaii Youth Trauma Indicators.