1. Work Opportunity Tax Credit backlog award
   - 100k to address backlog
   - Goal to reduce app backlog by 10k apps by 9/30/22.
   - 7 EH positions recruited for to process w/updated training protocol
   - Staff now averaging approx 2700 app/month
   - For reference approx 6-8k apps are submitted each year

2. Disability Employment Initiative
   - 3 year grant
   - After slow start, state surpassed nearly all of original program goals
   - Two students in most recent quarter are now poised to enter community college and attribute this to DEI program.

3. HICAN project update
   - Continuing to work with UI and other partners to set up data integration
   - Bi-monthly meetings w/core project team
   - User testing to begin this month w/RESEA participants

4. Update on Title I services for Kauai
   - Oahu WDB politely declined
   - Several other operators were solicited with no takers so far
   - WDD will continue to operate services from the AJCH
   - WDD will continue to work with guidance from US DOL in ensuring continuation of services and solicit partnerships from community agencies

5. Digital Tools for the Workplace online workshop
   - Curriculum developer/instructor hired to conduct online workshops starting with digital literacy. Will fold into workforce resiliency initiative.
   - Resume, cover letter and interviewing workshops to follow
   - Will take lead on statewide coordination of virtual job expos

6. Hawaii Apprenticeship Week 2021
   - 7th year, 2nd time virtual
   - 160+ registered
   - Marks 80 years of apprenticeship in Hawaii
   - Mahalo to gov for proclamation
   - 5 days, Nov 15-19
   - Celebrating trades and non trades RAP

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