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**SECTOR STRATEGIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 31, 2022
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 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 online meeting venue.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Yvette Gibson, Chair, Hawaii Pacific Health
Warren Kawano, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions
Faustino Dagdag, Leeward Community College & SHRM Hawaii
Keala Peters, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Evangeline Casinas, Department of Education
Dina Yoshimi, Hawaii Language Roadmap Initiative, University of Hawaii
Pat Anbe, Waipahu Community School for Adults
Troy Sueoka, Dept of Education
Jean Schneider, Pacxa
April Acquavella, Hawaii Carpenter's Apprenticeship and Training Fund
Jason Bradshaw, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund
Kira Higa, Hawaiian Telcom

STAFF:

Harrison Kuranishi, WDD Employment Services Specialist
Jarret Yip, WDD Program Manager
Daven Kawamura, Workforce Development Division
Katrina Ramos, Workforce Development Division

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Yvette Gibson.

II. Approval of Minutes for October 13, 2021, Meeting

Meeting Minutes for the October 13, 2021 meeting has not been finalized, and was deferred to the next committee meeting.

III. Updates and Reports

- Warren Kawano presented an update on Hawaii P-20 Partnership for Education and Career and Technical Education, which can be found at the following link: [Hawaii-P-20-presentation-to-WDC-Sector-Strategies-Com-1.31.22.pdf](https://www.hawaii.gov/education/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Hawaii-P-20-presentation-to-WDC-Sector-Strategies-Com-1.31.22.pdf)
- Troy Sueoka reported on DOE's Pathways & Program of Study Rollout. The program is on schedule to roll out their 5 pathways for this year and the last 2 next year. Also offering professional development to all teachers on the 5 pathways in the fields of standards, technical skills, post-secondary & working with their own staff who can offer professional development.
- Evangeline Casinas provided an update of Pathways Advisory Council:
 - consist of 11 members: whose terms are 2 years and meet twice a year.
 - 1st Cohort (Last year's 6 pathways) had their 4th meeting, the term just ended. Recently approved for the recommendation of materials for the CTE staff.
 - 2nd cohort (5 programs of study) had their first meeting with a 2nd meeting scheduled in spring, will be giving feedback on the standard & industry recognized credentials/certificates, their priority is upholding study standards so students who enroll in courses will be successful in taking credential exams.
 - Advance manufacturing postponed meeting due to difficulties finding individuals.
 - Act 163, met with Warren Kawano and the Office of Information & Technology Services to write the business rules to set up the modules for the students information system that will collect the data for IRC.
- Harrison Kuranishi-Workforce Development Division Updates:
 - Last week started HUB (Helpful Useful and Basic tools) Free Online Workshop, registration through Eventbrite for jobseekers, public, service providers & staff. Classes include the basics of internet, email, networking. Most classes were full, capped at 30. Zoom and other tools workshops to follow, also a summit on the first week of February, intermediate topics digital literacy, resume alignment and interview follow-up. Board members are encouraged to lead a half-hour workshop.
 - Promotional video for veterans services offered at all American Job Centers being worked on, to attract veterans and employers to use American Job Center's services. Will feature 2 veterans success stories.
 - Last week provided a rapid response for the National Guards who are coming off of orders.
 - Currently working on establishing a marine welding ship repair apprenticeship program with the shipyard, working on the specifics in the standards of apprenticeship.
 - Future apprenticeship geared towards transition assistant program managers
 - ETF updates, Request For Proposal (RFP) for training vendors input and in the process of approval. Up to half of the cost of training can be paid.

- Past in person City & County of Honolulu job fair was held on January 26, 2022 at the Blaisdell Center.
- Also, a virtual job fair was held January 26-27, 2022 sponsored by the Star Advertiser Career Expo.
- On February 2, 2022, there will be an in-person job fair on Kauai.

IV. Discussion on Committee’s Short- & Long-term Goals

Chair Gibson suggested reviewing Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee Roles and Responsibilities document from the meeting on Sept 8, 2020. Regroup for discussion at the next meeting.

V. Next Meeting

Committee will meet Quarterly or as needed.

VI. Announcements

For future presentation and discussion: Dina Yoshimi’s work with the Hawaii Language Roadmap Initiative, on how to support people with barriers to employment access all opportunities

Ms. Yoshimi mentioned that at the legislature, there are bills focused on immigrant communities and language access, if interested she’s willing to provide information & discuss at a later time on how to support people with barriers to employment access & resources.

Ms. Yoshimi is working with multi-lingual populations to get those language credentialed. She is currently working with the Hawaii County American Job Center to make language proficient assessments available, with Maui and Kauai to follow in near future.

Keala Peters at the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii is awaiting response from the Federal Good Jobs Challenge Grant application for \$15 million over 3 years in 5 in demand sectors. The deadline is February 10, 2022, and award notification will be announced in late March.

Ms. Peters reported on a study called The IT Workforce Needs Analysis report, it identifies Hawaii’s needs for IT & Technology to help build curriculum that matches employers’ needs and provide pathway support for students interested in these fields.

VII. Adjournment

Committee Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.