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**YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Thursday, January 25, 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 an online meeting venue.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Ian Kitajima, Committee Chair, Oceanit
Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions
David Sun-Miyashiro, HawaiiKidsCAN
Steve Sue, Chairman Bizgenics
Bruce Oliveira, Department of Defense
Erin Yagi, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
Sylvia Carter, HIDOE, Adult Ed
Troy Sueoka, HIDOE, Career and Technical Education
Evangeline Casinas, HIDOE, Career and Technical Education
Stacy Ferreira, Senate Ways & Means
Danny Goya, Ke Ala Ho'aka
Deborah Spencer-Chun, Adult Friends for Youth
Kealoha Daubert, Goodwill Hawaii - Ola I Ka Hana Youth Program
Rep. Jackson Sayama, Hawaii State House of Representatives
Carla Houser, Residential Youth Services and Employment
Chase Nomura, Maui County Workforce Development Board
Sandra Goodale, Hawaii County Workforce Development Board
Jason Ito, Kyo-Ya Mgt. Co., WDC Special Projects, Chair

Sean Knox, Hawaii Employment Services, WDC Assistant Vice Chair
Linda Puppolo, Maui County Workforce Development Board

STAFF:

Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, Workforce Development Division, Administrator
Jarret Yip, Workforce Development Division, Program Officer
Harrison Kuranishi, Workforce Development Division, Employment Specialist
Jaimee Tabangay, Workforce Development Division, Employment Specialist
Katrina Ramos, Workforce Development Division
Daven Kawamura, Workforce Development Division

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Committee Chair Ian Kitajima.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 19, 2021 and November 16, 2021

Meeting minutes for the October 19, 2021, as well as the November 16, 2021, meeting have not been finalized and was deferred to the next committee meeting.

III. Legislative Subcommittee Update

David Sun-Miyashiro let the committee know that the 2022 legislative session started so the subcommittee had a chance to discuss initiatives on the table. Following seven measures including two that will be suggested to Board of Education and five legislative measures that have had bills introduced and have bill numbers. He included the bill numbers:

-HB1559/SB2826

Provide incentive funds to schools when students complete quality industry recognized credential.

-HB1834/SB2816

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

-HB1707/SB2711

Enable more students to participate in career readiness opportunities by removing barriers.

-HB1560/SB2824

Diversify the Hawaii Board of Education by updating membership requirements.

-SB2482

Establishes a temporary Office of Wellness and Resilience within the Office of the Governor. Authorizes the Office to address issues and implement solutions to improve wellness and resilience, including issues and solutions identified by the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force. This will have a House bill further down the line.

IV. Updates from Workforce Development Division

Jarret Yip updated the committee on the projects requested for funding and reported that all requests were able to be accommodated. Specific projects were sent to and approved by USDOL moving forward by issuing RFP's or MOUs with various state departments.

Also, Mr. Yip updated the committee on the H.U.B workshops that have started this week that are tailored to job seekers for basic digital literacy. Also, soon staff workshops that are focused on the use of the Zoom platform. Promotional video for veteran's services offered at all

American Job Centers is being worked on.

Currently working on establishing an apprenticeship program with the shipyard at Pearl Harbor, working on the specifics in the standards of apprenticeship.

Employers Training Fund updates include an RFP for training vendors input and in the process of approval them. Up to half of the cost of training can be paid.

Evangeline Casinas asked Mr. Yip explained that the apprenticeship it is for individuals of a certain age. Since the standards of apprenticeship are still being worked on most of the components are still pending.

V. Discussion on Committee's Short and Long-Term Goals

Danny Goya updated the committee about what happened in phase one and what is going on with phase two for trauma informed care. Phase one was working with KUPU, Adult Friends for Youth, and some people from City and County doing a three-part trauma inform care. In phase two, a survey with the opportunity youth groups to establish a focus group to acquire soft data. Phase two also involves trying to figure out how the COVID pandemic made things challenging for access to work. Some executive management for KUPU and coaching to transform the organization into a trauma informed organization.

Committee Chair Ian Kitajima asked if the work that Mr. Goya is doing could be done remotely rather than in-person. Mr. Goya and Debbie Spencer-Chun both chimed in that it is a possibility, but trauma informed care generally works better in-person. Although for safety reasons there were things done during the pandemic to bypass in-person such as training the trainers.

Mr. Goya shared a story about a school they were teaching the program at that was practicing distance learning and not going to class but showing up to the after-school program, which showed how invaluable in person interactions are.

Steve Sue mentioned that during the COVID pandemic one of the trending markets of our state economy is looking at a program to take it to youth services centers of all five islands to create curriculum books to tell stories digitally. Hopeful results would be a Student Film Festival that will be fully digital. Ms. Casinas shared that the last two pathways being rolled out are the creative media ones and seeing how they can be integrated, and Mr. Sue was 100% willing to participate.

VI. Announcements

Katie Taladay talked about some work that STEM Works has done and shared that they believe the key to diversifying the economy is going to be kids with both the entrepreneurial mindset and STEM skills. While working with kids K-12, they've found high school level kids is hard to take off with an idea to a youth startup business. So rather they are focusing on building and enforcing the mindset through the help of teachers.

Erin Yagi announced that on Friday, January 28, 2022, there is a youth voice Hawaii presentation put on by the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Ian Kitajima posted a link to Oceanit's website for events scheduled.
Link: <https://www.oceanit.com/events/>

Next meeting date has not been scheduled and will be determined by the Committee Chair.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Chair Kitajima adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.