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YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 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:

Ian Kitajima, Committee Chair, Oceanit
Winona Whitman, Committee Vice Chair, Alu Like, Inc.
Stacy Ferreira, Senate Ways and Means
Lois Hamaguchi, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
David Miyashiro, HawaiiKidsCAN
Steve Sue, Bizgenics Foundation
Cheryl Matthews, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept. of Human Services
Jason Ito, Kyo-Ya Management Co., Ltd.
Danny Goya, Ke Ala Ho'aka
Erin Yagi, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
Danny Wyatt, Leeward CC-Waianae Moku Extension Campus
Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions
Troy Sueoka, Dept. of Education
Sean Knox, WDC Assistant Vice Chair, Hi Employment
Melissa Gerber, Abilities Unlimited
Maureen Bates, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept. of Human Services

STAFF:

Allicyn Tasaka, Workforce Development Division (WDD)
Harrison Kuranishi, WDD
Jaimee Tabangay, WDD
Lisa Simmons, WDD

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Ian Kitajima called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jason Ito to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Troy Sueoka. There were no amendments, nays or abstentions. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments on Items on Agenda

No members from the public made comments

IV. Youth Workforce Updates

Harrison Kuranishi provided the committee with an overview of the Youth Program for the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Oahu for PY 2019, which can be found at the following link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/youth-services-committee-meetings-2021/>

V. Updates

A. Legislative Subcommittee by David Miyashiro and Stacy Ferreira:

David Miyashiro and Stacy Ferreira reported they are looking for members to join the subcommittee. The subcommittee is researching existing laws that may need changing or creating a new law to help Hawaii's Youth. If the committee is going to introduce bills, a lot of work needs to be done and soon.

B. 2021 Hawaii Work-Based learning Convening by Erin Yagi and Lois Hamaguchi

Overview of project can be found at the following link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/youth-services-committee-meetings-2021/>

C. Hawaii County Youth Program by Goodwill Staff: No report available.

VI. For Discussion

A. American Job Center/Youth Services Program Digital Media Career Program by Steve Sue
Digital Media is the fastest growing industry in Hawaii. Social Media Influencer is first choice of occupation for youth ages 6-13. Act 221, Film & Tax Credit keeps production dollars in Hawaii. In a recent visit to ID8 Studios, a digital media soundstage operated for the State of Hawaii, Allicyn Tasaka suggested exploring to a proposal to work with the American Job Centers and their youth services programs where youth can develop digital media skills and vocational hands on work experience towards career pathways.

Troy Sueoka mentioned next school year will roll out Cultural Arts Median Entertainment Pathway, looking to partner with Mr. Sue to align programs.

Chair Kitajima proposed a motion to support the proposed Digital Media Career Program to go forward to the Workforce Development Division for review and supportive funding. A motion was made by Maureen Bates and second by Winona Whitman. There were no amendments, nays, or abstentions. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

B. Trauma Informed Care by Stacy Ferreira and Danny Goya
Putting in a Part 2 proposal for the work Danny Goya did this past year. Stacy will send proposal to Committee Chair and Vice Chair for further action.

Chair Kitajima proposed a motion to support the Trauma Informed Care Program to go forward to the Workforce Development Division for review and supportive funding. A motion was made by Maureen Bates and second by Winona Whitman. There were no amendments, nays, or abstentions. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

VII. Announcements

Mr. Sue mentioned the SHAKA Summit on Education will take place tonight (October 19, 2021). Chair Kitajima and Ms. Tasaka are among the featured panelists.

VIII. Meeting Schedule for 2021 and 2022

The last 2021 WDC Board meeting is scheduled on November 18, 2021

The next Youth Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Chair Kitajima adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.