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. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations office, 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 329, Honolulu, HI 96813, was made available to the public and board members as an on-site location.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:
Yvette Gibson, Committee Chair, Hawaii Pacific Health
Helen Sanpei, Committee Vice Chair, McKinley Community Schools for Adults
Anna Pacheco, SMS Research
April Acquavella, Hawaii Carpenter’s Apprenticeship & Training Fund
Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions
Dina Yoshimi, Hawaii Language Roadmap-University of Hawaii Manoa
Faustino Dagdag, Leeward Community College & SHRM Hawaii
Gerald Schmitz, Lendlease Corp
Jackie Kaina, Kauai County Economic Development Board
Jean Schneider, Pacxa
Keala Peters, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii EVP of Education & Workforce
Kelly Ueoka, Pacxa
Linda Puppolo, Maui County Workforce Development Board
Rona Fukumoto, Lanakila Pacific
Sandra Goodale, Hawaii County Workforce Development Board
Shelli Ihori, Hawaii Pacific Health
Sylvia Carter, Adult Ed-HIDOE
Tammi Oyadomari-Chun, University of Hawaii Community Colleges
Warren Kawano, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
Joy Kimura, Oahu Workforce Development Board
Kazu Hayashida, Queens’ Health Systems

STAFF:
Allicyn Tasaka, Workforce Development Division (WDD)
Harrison Kuranishi, WDD
Jarret Yip, WDD
Daven Kawamura, WDD
Katrina Ramos, WDD

I. Call to Order and Updates by Committee Chair Yvette Gibson:
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Yvette Gibson

II. Approval of Minutes from the October 13, 2021, Meeting:
Committee Chair Gibson requested a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the October 13, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Cary Miyamoto and seconded by Faustino Dagdag. There were no amendments, questions, objections, or abstentions. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the January 31, 2022, Meeting:
Committee Chair Gibson requested a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the January 31, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Keala Peters and seconded by Dina Yoshimi. There were no amendments, questions, objections, or abstentions. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

III. Updates and Reports:
Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education and Career & Technical Education by Warren Kawano, Career Pathways Strategy Director:
Presentation material can be found at the following link:

Department of Education: Adult Education & Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) by Sylvia Carter, Adult Education Specialist:

AEFLA Grant Competition:
Workforce Development Division by Jarret Yip, Program Officer:

WDD is partnering with Diagnostic Lab Services (DLS) to offer students training as a phlebotomist & employment at $17.50/hour. Also, any employees of DLS who may need additional help with English or Math can enroll in adult education program. The WIOA State Plan is being finalized to submit to the USDOL. The link has been emailed to members of the Workforce Development Council for review and comment. Federal monitoring visit from officials from Washington, DC on July 20-29, 2022.

Updates on Sector Strategies Programs by Keala Peters, EVP, Education & Workforce Development, Executive Director, Sectors Partnerships, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii & Anna Pacheco, SMS Research

Presentation material can be found at the following link:

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

After reviewing the committee roles and responsibilities, there was a discussion and some topics and ideas mentioned were working with other groups/committees with common interest/goals, funding accessibility, extend services to other islands and outreach to diverse audiences, look into connecting jobseekers to surrounding job placement, include “resiliency” and “recession proof.” WIOA reports should include various populations, especially those with barriers to employment. Look into previous data to get a sense where the committee has been, currently at, and going forward.

V. Next Meetings:
The report for this committee’s activities will be presented at the next board meeting on May 12, 2022.
The next committee meeting will be scheduled in July. Exact time and date will be announced.

VI. Announcements & Public Testimonies:
A. Maritime Expo:
https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2022/04/MaritimeCPE_flyer-draft1.final_.pdf

Alicyn Tasaka thanked Committee Chair Gibson for her years of leadership, service and dedication to this committee. She also expressed thanks to Helen Sanpei for serving as Vice Chair.
Cary Miyashiro will be the new Committee Chair effective July 1, 2022. April Acquavella will replace Helen Sanpei as the Vice Chair.

B. No public testimonies

VII. Adjournment:
Committee Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.