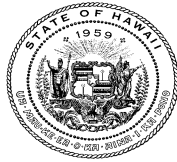


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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S
MEETING WITH WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)
CORE PARTNERS IN PREPARATION FOR
STATE UNIFIED PLAN
Thursday, December 14, 2023
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Lea Dias, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept. of Human Services

GUESTS:

Dan Miyamoto, Community Education Specialist TA, Hawaii Department of Education
Rusnell Pascual-Kestner, Acting Assistant Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
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STAFF:

Bennette Misalucha, DLIR, Workforce Development Council, Executive Director
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I. **Call to Order**

Bennette Misalucha called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. **Update on status of Implementation of State Strategy in preparation for writing the State Unified Plan from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Core Partners**

A. Adult Education and Family Literacy Act

Dan Miyamoto submitted updates from the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. Updates from Adult Education and Family Literacy Act can be viewed at this link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2023/12/Title-II-updates-from-D.Miyamoto-121423.pdf>

B. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Rusnell Pascual-Kestner pointed out that they need federal approval before they can submit their portion. They will navigate internally to get approval.

Lea Dias will advise contacts for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program under Department of Human Services. Bennette Misalucha will reach out to them for their portions of the plan.

C. Workforce Development Division

Carol Kanayama submitted updates from the Workforce Development Division for the Veterans portion. Updates from WDD can be viewed at this link:

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2023/12/Title-IV-Veterans-portion-from-C.Kanayama-121423.pdf>

III. Announcements and Public Testimony (if any)

Bennette Misalucha reminded the group that the final set of reports are due on December 30, 2023, no exceptions. The internal version of first draft is due on January 10, 2024.

Public comment and outreach period is from January 15, 2024 to February 15, 2024.

IV. Next meeting

The meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. is cancelled. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

Bennette Misalucha adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.