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SECTOR STRATEGIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, April 1, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
In-person and online via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Cary Miyashiro, Chair, President, Quad D Solutions Lorna Woo, Vice Chair, Director, Government Affairs, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50

GUEST:

Lea Dias, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services Justine Fiesta, Outreach Partnership Specialist, University of Maryland Global Campus Erin Yagi, Alternative Certification for CTE Licensure Program Field Placement Coordinator, Leeward Community College

Jill Takasaki-Canfield, Executive Director, Hawaii Literacy

Dan Doerger, Director, Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training, UH Community College System

Colonel Regina H. Komine, Deputy Commander of the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard April Acquavella, Program Facilitator, Honolulu Community College

Ruth Pukahi, Librarian, Waikiki-Kapahulu

Cory Reincke, Hawaii Paroling Authority

Shelli Ihori, Associate Director, Workforce Development, Hawaii Pacific Health

Nicolette van der Lee, Program Manager, University of Hawai'i Community College System

Molly Mamaril, Oahu Economic Development Board

Wanelle Kaneshiro, Director, Workforce Development Branch, Hawaii Dept of Education Thomas Chock, Program Specialist, Creative Industries Division, State of Hawaii DBEDT

Pat Anbe, Principal, Waipahu Community School for Adults

Stacie Higgins, Alignment Specialist, Hawaii P-20

Roseanne Propato, Corrections Education Supervisor, Hawaii Department of Public Safety Julianne Baker-Mattern, Adult Literacy Program Manager, Hawaii Literacy

Vanessa Rogers, Vice President, Workforce Development, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii Donna Manibog, Community Homeless Concerns Liaison, Hawaii State Department of Education

Christy Nishita, Interim Director & Gerontologist, UH Center on Aging

STAFF:

Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council Kelly Quitevis, Program Specialist, Workforce Development Council Evan Palmer, Program Specialist, Workforce Development Council

I. Call to Order

[Video 00:05:03] Chair Cary Miyashiro started the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

[Video 00:11:10] Lorna Woo motioned to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025 minutes. Pat Anbe seconded. Approved unanimously.

III. Presentation: University of Maryland Global Campus

[Video 00:12:15] Justine Fiesta, Outreach Partnership Specialist presented on:

- A. Brief History
- B. Programs and Degrees Offered
- C. Target Market and Community Outreach efforts
- D. Concurrent enrollment (ages 13+)
 - 1. Career and Technical Education programs of study

IV. Presentation: Alternative Certifications for Career and Technical Education

[Video 00:25:38] Erin Yagi, Alternative Certification for CTE Licensure Program Field Placement Coordinator presented on:

- A. What is Alternative Certification?
- B. Target Market for the Program
- C. Benefits to employee and employer 3
- D. Additional Resources (including professional development opportunities)

V. Presentation: Hawaii Literacy

[Video 00:44:38] Jill Takasaki Canfield, Executive Director presented on: Hawaii Literacy's mission is to empower Hawaii's children and adults with essential reading, writing, and lifelong learning skills.

- A. Building & Strengthening Whole Communities
- B. Various programs and community outreach
- C. Expanding & overlapping partnerships.

VI. Executive Director's Report

[Video 01:07:11] Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council

A. Update on the 2024-2028 Unified Plan Implementation
A report on the activities related to the implementation of the State's Unified
Plan including the convening of the four pillars of the Strategic Plan.

B. Update on the transition of Workforce Development Council as an attached

agency to Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
The Workforce Development Council became an attached agency to the
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in July 2024. The transition process
is still ongoing, and the report will touch upon the status of the move.

- C. Status on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act unexpended funds
 - 1) Three Memorandum of Agreements with three Entities: a) University of Hawaii Community Colleges; b) Hawaii P-20 Partnership for Education;
 - c) University of Hawaii Systems
 - 2) Three projects which will commence shortly: a) American Job Centers Awareness Public Relations Campaign; b) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Research; c) Fiscal training for relevant fiscal officers

VII. Announcements and Constituent Comments

[Video 01:14:34] Community announcements

VIII. Next meeting

[Video 01:19:18] Next Meeting: The next meeting for the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm via zoom and the in-person location will be at the DLIR office, Room 317.

IX. Adjournment

[Video 01:19:45] Chair Cary Miyashiro adjourned the meeting