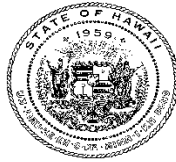


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**YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
In-person and online via Zoom**

MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Tui Scanlan, Chair, Youth Services Committee, President, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 665
Carla Kurokawa, Vice Chair, Manager, Employment and Training, Alu Like
Cary Miyashiro, President, Quad D Solutions
Cheryl Cross, Principal, Owner, C.A. Cross & Associates
Rona Fukumoto, CEO, Lanakila Pacific
Scott Collins, Hawaii Island Division Chief, Hawaii Government Employees Association

GUEST:

Michelle Rego, Economic Development Specialist, County of Kauai Office of Economic Development, Tourism/Workforce
Alice Minor, Designate for DBEDT Director
Wanelle Kaneshiro, Director, Workforce Development Branch, Hawaii Dept of Education
Erika Lacro, Vice President for Community Colleges, University of Hawaii System
Chloe Yap, Maui County Economic Development Board
David Sun-Miyashiro, Executive Director, HawaiiKids Can
Matt Stevens, Executive Director, Hawaii Workforce Funders Collaborative
Nisa Tokunaga, Manager, Dept of Community Services - WorkHawaii Youth Program, City and County Honolulu AJC

STAFF:

Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council
Harrison Kuranishi, Executive Director, Oahu Workforce Development Board
Lina Rivera, Accountant, ASO, DLIR

I. Call to Order

Youth Services Committee meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Tui Scanlan.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Scanlan asked the committee to review the minutes from the June 21, 2024, meeting, which had been posted on the website and distributed to the routing list. Cary Miyashiro motioned to approve the minutes, and Carla Kurokawa seconded the motion. There were no corrections or opposition, and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. A Presentation on the Fiscal Status for Youth Activities Budgets

Executive Director Bennette Misalucha provided a detailed presentation on the fiscal status of Youth Activity budgets under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). She explained the flow of funds from the federal government to the state and local Workforce Development Boards, emphasizing the three-year spending window for WIOA funds.

ED Misalucha highlighted the PY 22 spending rates for each county, noting that Oahu had spent 45% of its allocated funds, Hawaii County 42%, Maui 69%, and Kauai had spent only 25% of its funds. She also covered cost per participant by local area and reviewed allocations for PY 23. Allocations for PY23 is very close to PY 22 and spending by local areas has not begun. PY 24 has been allocated with final total budget likely to be slightly less than PY23. All PY21 recaptured funds were spent.

During the discussion, Council member Carla Kurokawa asked if there was an expected number of participants to serve with the funds. ED Misalucha clarified that the more participants served, the lower the cost per participant.

Mr. Harrison Kuranishi explained that Oahu's goal was to serve 258 new participants annually, with a focus on work experience and education programs. He also shared challenges faced in PY 2022, including projects that did not materialize as planned. Mr. Kuranishi described that majority of funds must be spent on out of school youth. He also shared about incentive programs within youth training and apprentice programs. Mr. Matt Stevens inquired about the possibility of using adult funds to support older youth (18-24 years old). Mr. Kuranishi confirmed that youth could be co-enrolled in adult programs but emphasized the importance of keeping them in youth programs for the additional support and mentorship provided.

IV. Roundtable Discussion: Next Steps

Chair Scanlan facilitated a roundtable discussion on the eight potential strategies identified during the June 21, 2024, meeting. The committee discussed each strategy and shared their thoughts on prioritization.

Carla Kurokawa inquired which strategies would help service providers most in their efforts to increase enrollment. Several members, including Mr. Matt Stevens and Mr. David Sun-Miyashiro, emphasized the importance of creating a centralized website for youth employment resources but noted the need for youth input to ensure the platform is user-friendly and engaging. Mr. David Sun-Miyashiro and others highlighted the tangible benefits of providing transportation support for youth participating in employment programs.

Council member Rona Fukumoto expressed strong support for improving outreach and engagement with youth involved in the justice system or at-risk populations,

noting that her organization, Lanakila Pacific, had recently submitted a proposal for funding to address this issue. Designee Michelle Rigo shared a successful financial literacy program conducted in partnership with Gather Federal Credit Union, which had a significant impact on high school students. Council member Cary Miyashiro suggested that businesses and educators need to align their efforts to ensure that youth are prepared for the workforce, while also addressing barriers to employment.

ED Bennette Misalucha recommended that the committee gather more information on existing initiatives related to the eight strategies to avoid duplication of efforts. She proposed using a Survey Monkey poll to prioritize the top three strategies for the committee to focus on. Chair Scanlan agreed and suggested that members provide updates on any ongoing initiatives related to the strategies at the next meeting.

V. Executive Director's Report

ED Bennette Misalucha provided updates on several key initiatives. She reported that as of July 1, the Workforce Development Council (WDC) is now an attached agency to the DLIR. Misalucha highlighted upcoming events, including Workforce Development Month in September, a Future of Work conference, and a long-term care workforce task force aimed at addressing the growing need for caregivers in Hawaii. ED Misalucha also discussed efforts to improve American Job Centers and strengthen collaboration with local Workforce Development Boards.

VI. Announcements and Public Testimony

There were no announcements or comments.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Committee Chair Tui Scanlan 2adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.