



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
COUNCIL

Thursday, August 11, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Lanakila Pacific  
1809 Bachelot Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Members Present**

Marian Tsuji (Chair), Jonathan Chun, Allen Chung, Vicky Gaynor, Carl Hinson, Robert Martin, Jr., Jeffrey Piontek, Dr. Arun Savara, Jeff Thompson, Steve Lupkes, James Tollefson, Al Lardizabal, Paul Richards, Karl Rhoads, Ryan Yamane, Geneva Candeau, William Knutsman, Roland Prieto, Peter Quigley, Wayne Thom, Jan Miyamoto.

**Other Attendees**

Kathleen Nielsen (HCWIB), Carol Kanayama (DLIR-WDD), Susan Miller (UH-Center on Disability Studies/MIG Grant), William Mihalke (UHCDS), Chin Lee (UHCDS), Francisco Corpuz (DLIR, R&S), Ryan Tanaka (UH-CTE), Al Valles (USDOL/ETA), Elaine Young (WDD), Leslie Wilkins (Maui WIB), Rolanse Crisafulli (OWL), Marilyn Matsunaga (OWIB) and Shannon Alavedo (member of the public). WDC Staff: James Hardway, Stanford Fichtman, and Ruth Caldwell.

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order:** 9:34am.....Marian Tsuji, Chair

**Tour of Lanakila Pacific Facility**.....Marian Tsuji

**Reconvene**.....Marian Tsuji

1. Public input on agenda- none
2. Introduction of new WDC members- Vicky Gaynor, Robert Martin, Jr., Dr. Arun Savara, Tony Saguibo (absent), Jeff Thompson, Marian Tsuji, Leslie Wilkins, Al Lardizabal, Harold McDermott, and Paul Richards.
3. Approval of 5/12/2011 Minutes- passed unanimously.
4. Review of Reports
  - i. LWIB reports- The reports have been sent out.
  - ii. Kauai- No comments.
  - iii. Oahu- OWIB has a futurist now on the Board who will be brainstorming with a goal in mind of the future and looking at the various societal factors that will be changing the community and therefore the workforce.
  - iv. Maui- No comments.
  - v. Hawaii- the Hawaii Island Workforce Summit is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. More info can be found at: <http://www.hicc.biz/calendar>.
  - b. WDD Report- Report sent out. No comments.
  - c. WDC Staff Report- Report sent out. No comments.
  - d. DLIR R&S Labor Market Information report- No comments.

**WIA Labor Market Information Grant**.....Francisco Corpuz

Presentation by DLIR Research and Statistics Office on the annual WIA Labor Market Information Grant with proposed enhancements to grant operations and deliverables. The grant requires the approval of the WDC and the DLIR director before transmission. They are currently looking at ways to fold R&S into Industry Skill Panels so that labor market information will more accurately reflect Hawaii's workforce needs. Part of the current Green grant currently funding R&S will be used to transition R&S to sustain and integrate current staff into next year. R&S is also looking into going to the outer islands to train on R&S tools. There are six deliverables with the current grant, and they want to see how they can partner better to address workforce needs.

**Motion:** WDC members to approve WIA Labor Market Information Grant application. Passed unanimously.

**Workforce Investment Act Budget**.....James Hardway

Discussion of current WIA budget scenarios and the impact on Hawaii WIA programs. An impact statement has been created by WDC staff to send to legislators. In summary, due to a drafting error of the new legislation, there are two scenarios that the State may experience, both of which lead to a budget cut in WIA funds. Scenario One would cut the current \$1.3M down to \$359k, and Scenario 2 would cut down to \$784k. Should Scenario 2 be decided upon in October, then most basic functions would still be able to continue, though with some difficulty; however, if Scenario 1 is decided upon, basic WIA services may cease while limited staff try to catch up and maintain federal requirements. The alternatives are to: 1) have WIBs pay the State to do the required reports, or; 2) redesignate the state as a single WIB. While the second alternative may cause an Oahu-centric mentality, it would reduce the administrative costs so that services in the one-stops would not cease. In order to accomplish Alternative 2, all four mayors would have to agree and create a request for the Governor; therefore, we need to begin deeper discussions on this topic to develop a plan to ensure services can continue beyond July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chair requested WDC keep the Council updated on this topic via email and, if needed, conference calls.

**WDC Strategic Planning**.....James Hardway

WDC members and staff will meet in October to conduct an all-day Strategic Planning session. The original next WDC meeting date was scheduled for November, but to avoid scheduling conflicts with APEC, this all day session will occur in October. Additional details are forthcoming. Dennis Jones, President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) will be presenting potential workforce and higher education innovations based on relevant, segregated data he will be collecting. Leslie Wilkins suggested we also have him go to other islands and work with them to get more reliable local data. By institutionalizing this idea, Hawaii would have better real-time data.

**HireNet Hawaii Management Information System/State Job board**..... James Hardway

Jeffrey Piontek was asked to be assigned to this, and he has agreed.

**Motion:** Approval of member and assignment. Passed unanimously.

**WIA Annual Performance Report to the USDOL**.....James Hardway

Dr. Arun Savara volunteered to approve the Performance Committee to oversee the WDC annual performance report due October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:** WDC members to approve the assignment of the Performance Committee to oversee the development of the WDC annual performance report. Passed unanimously.

### **Additional Announcements**

- 1) Al Valles announced the Apprenticeship Program desires to integrate the Management System into their current system and will be applying for a waiver to do this so they can be 100% in this system instead of their current 40% status.
- 2) The Commissioning Ceremony of new WDC members will take place within the Chambers of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

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