

Draft Summary Minutes

April 6th, 2023, via Zoom and In-Person
9:00 am

Members Present

Buskirk, Tricia
Collins, Kimberly
DeLuz Jr., David
Estrella, Les
Gaspar, Dylan
Guardascione, Rossella
Hao-DeMotta, Dawn
Kailikea, Kasie
Laros, Wendy
Lawless, Jeracah
Okinaka, Chad
Ono, Hugh
Solemsaas, Rachel
Tavares, Sheri
Waltjen, Kevin

Staff Present

Sandra Goodale

Absent and Excused

Pacheco, Denise
Inaba, Derek

Guests Present

Aki Jr., Kevin
Daubert, Kealoha
Kuranishi, Harrison
Sauludares, Raymond
Yoshiyama, Marcia

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the February 23rd Minutes – Approved
2. Business Engagement Committee – Nominations
 - Nomination of Hugh Ono as the Chair of the Business Engagement Committee with 11 Aye and 2 Abstain
3. Program Year 21 budget modification for administrative funds
 - Budget modification will cover additional financial expenses until the end of the fiscal

year, June 30, 2023.

4. Update on the American Job Center Hawaii's (AJCH) relocation – Presented by Kevin Aki Jr.
 - Relocated from Kilauea Plaza, 427 Kilauea Ave Suite B-10 to Waiakea Shopping Plaza 88 Kanoelehua Ave Suite A-204
 - The AJCH has currently seen a rise in clients, customers, and guests.
 - Major complaints from the Satisfaction Survey have been addressed such as public restrooms, and more varied conference rooms for partners and public usage for employment related activities.
 - Signs are currently in place at the old location directing customers to the new location.
5. WIOA Funding Dashboard
 - The Goodwill WIOA Youth programs funds is also used to place youth and various work locations to get exposure to the different work environments and gain skills and experience.
 - Rapid Response contract will be ending on June 30th 2023. The State of Hawaii will not be renewing contracts with the counties. Kevin with the Rapid Response program will be moving to a new grant from the State. Rapid Response is not expected to return any funds to the State.
6. WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Program – Presented by Ray Saldares
 - On target to spend down all contract funds by the end of the fiscal year.
 - Working with On the Job providers on correcting invoice errors.
 - Created an extensive outreach plan to let the communities know what the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Program can offer them while working with various community organizations.
 - Dislocated worker has been a challenge. WIOA A/DW has been working closely with Unemployment Insurance, Workforce Development, and Rapid Response.
 - Goodwill and WIOA is wrapping up and completing its free tax services.
7. Rapid Response – Presented by Kevin Aki Jr.
 - Provided outreach to over 72 business.
 - The Rapid Response team has been outreaching to various small business to let them know what the AJCH and its partners can offer them. Many businesses are struggling to find employees.
 - Will provide outreach with various American Job Center partners to business when attending events such as job and resource fairs.
 - Shared information about upcoming events and job fairs that the American Job Center Hawaii will be a part of.
8. Executive Directors Report – Presented by Sandra Goodale
 - Currently seeking a one-stop operator for the American Job Center Hawaii. Plan is to have someone on board by July 1st.
 - With the new operator and a certified One-Stop, we can open affiliate American Job Centers to serve our hard to reach populations and offer services from a physical location on the Kona Side.
 - The American Job Center Hawaii is looking to extend resource hours and possibly open on the weekends.
 - The Quality Jobs Equity Strategy and Training (QUEST) grant will be similar to the National Dislocated Worker Grant planning to start in July. Funding is \$965,000. 10% is for administration duties with the rest being for the service providers. The QUEST grant is to get individuals into jobs paying 100% of the wages for the employer and will last 6 months with no expectations to hire at the end of the internship.
 - The best source for understanding the local job market is HireNet Hawaii and Hawaii Workforce Infonet. Hirenet Hawaii is a requirement for many individuals collecting Unemployment Insurance which allows vetted employers to filter through resumes for their relevant positions they have posted in HireNet Hawaii.

9. Announcements

- The Chamber of commerce is holding a Business Expo at Fairmont Orchid on June 22nd.
- Good Jobs Hawaii. A community session being planned for East Hawaii on March 30th and Kona on March 31st with 35 Million funded state wide positions.
- Kasie Kailikea with the County of Hawaii Mass Transit Agency announced their future plans. The new website is user friendly and compatible with mobile devices. Riders can use the Move It app to plan routes. QR codes will be placed on strategic locations such as busses that will allow riders to quickly access the website to download bus schedules and view Hele-On announcements. Sandra would like the Mass Transit agency to do a presentation for partners.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting

- June 1st 2023

ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

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