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**SECTOR STRATEGIES AND
CAREER PATHWAYS
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Thursday, January 25, 2024
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Note: Per the State Office of Information Practices (OIP), members of the public may contact OahuWDB@honolulu.gov to be added to a mailing list for future meeting announcements

Members Present:

Lisa Truong Kracher, Array Corporation, Vice President, Committee Chair
Sherry Menor-McNamara, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, President and Chief Executive Officer
Jeff Wagoner, Outrigger Hospitality Group, President and Chief Executive Officer
Nicole Anderson, Office of Economic Revitalization, Workforce Development Program Manager
Catherine Lederer, Hawaii State AFL-CIO, Director of Labor Community Services
Frederick Pascua, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Oahu Branch Manager
Jason Chang, Queen's Health System Innovation Institute, President
Dan Doerger, (Designee for Erika Lacro)

Guests:

Keala Peters, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, EVP of Education and Workforce Development
Vanessa Rogers, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development
Anna Pacheco, SMS Research & Marketing Services, Inc., Vice President
Bennette Misalucha, Workforce Development Council, Executive Director
Jacqueline Lodge, Workforce Development Council, Office Assistant

Staff:

Harrison Kuranishi, Oahu Workforce Development Board, Executive Director
Daven Kawamura, Oahu Workforce Development Board, WIOA Specialist

I. Call to Order

The Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm by Committee Chair Lisa Truong Kracher.

II. Welcome and Introductions

(Note: Per the State OIP, OWDB members are allowed to attend board meetings on audio only. Their votes will still count, and their attendance will also count toward

quorum. However, board members must state their names clearly during introductions and before all of their comments during the meeting.)

III. Approval of Minutes

a. May 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher requested a motion to approve the minutes for the May 23, 2023 meeting. Dan Doerger moved to approve the minutes. Jeff Wagoner seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Update on Sector Partnerships

Keala Peters, Executive Vice President of Education and Workforce Development and the Executive Director of Sector Partnerships at the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and Anna Pacheco the Vice President from SMS Research & Marketing Services, Inc. gave an update on Sector Partnerships. The presentation can be found at the following link:

https://oahuwdb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SSCP-Committee_-_Sector-Partnership-Update-Jan-25-2024.pdf

- Jeff Wagoner, President and Chief Executive Officer at Outrigger Hospitality Group, wanted clarification on the process of and how quickly a hospitality sector can be integrated.
 - Keala let Jeff know that the first step for any employer is to register with ClimbHI Bridge so that teachers can go into the online database and see which employers they want to invite out to their schools.
- Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Council, wanted clarification on the funding itself. She wanted to know if the Oahu Workforce Development Board (OWDB) is able to provide funding, if other funding sources would still be sought out.
 - Keala let her and the committee know that the amount presented in the PowerPoint is the budget. Dependent on the possible allocation from OWDB more funding will not be necessary, unless there is more capacity needed and/or more sectors are added.

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher made a motion to bring the funding request of Chamber of Commerce and SMS Research to the Executive and Finance Committee. Nicole Anderson seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Open Discussion regarding Committee Goals and Project Budgeting

Harrison Kuranishi, Executive Director of OWDB, noted that he wants to begin having the first meetings of the year be an “identifier” as to what the committees will work on for the year. He mentioned that the May meeting was also an open discussion of what the committee wanted to do. He opened the discussion to the present members, to present goals.

Dan Doerger, Director of Workforce Innovation for the University of Hawaii Community College system, discussed a possible goal being forecasting of other possible sectors through the Sector Partnerships, after funding is ironed out.

Nicole Anderson, Workforce Development Program Manager at the Office of Economic Revitalization, brought up setting goals of where the board is on reaching eligible participants. Since the scope of eligibility for WIOA services is rather narrow.

VI. Announcements and Public Testimony

There were no announcements or public testimony.

VII. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2024 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher adjourned the meeting at 3:31 pm.