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**SECTOR STRATEGIES AND
CAREER PATHWAYS
COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 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
Jeff Wagoner, Outrigger Hospitality Group, President and Chief Executive Officer
Pat Anbe, Hawaii Department of Education, Waipahu Community School for Adults, President
Mimi Sroat, Hawaii Electricians Training Fund, Director
Erika Lacro, University of Hawaii Community College System, Vice President for Community Colleges
Andrew Giles, Kaiser Permanente – Moanalua Medical Center, Chief Operating Officer
Christopher Lum Lee, Tri Sec Inc., Principal Guard and Chief Administrative Officer

Guests:

Julie Morikawa, ClimbHI, President

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 (SSCP) 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, Oahu Workforce Development Board (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. January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher requested a motion to approve the minutes for the January 25, 2024 meeting. Pat Anbe moved to approve the minutes. Jeff Wagoner seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Chamber of Commerce Sector Partnerships Funding Request Update

Harrison Kuranishi, Executive Director of the OWDB, gave a small update on the Chamber of Commerce Sector Partnerships funding request. Since the MOU/IFA's are not completed, budget modifications are not being approved. The Chamber of Commerce was directed to make a request to the State Workforce Development Council to use recaptured funds. With PY23 funds going into effect on July 1, 2024, a possible partnership is being looked into.

Jeff Wagoner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Outrigger Hospitality group, wanted clarification on the request from the Chamber.

- Harrison let Jeff know that the funding request was ~\$480k. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds need to be used in certain ways, the Chamber funding request was for staffing and program funds would not be able to be used and would need to come from Local Administrative Cost.

V. ClimbHI Presentation

Julie Morikawa, President of ClimbHI, gave a presentation on ClimbHI. The presentation can be found at the following link:

<https://oahuwdb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/ClimbHI-Overview-for-OWDB.pdf>

Julie wanted to clarify that ClimbHI is not necessarily a program but rather the infrastructure, which can be used rather than organizations starting themselves and building it up.

Andrew Giles, Chief Operating Officer for Kaiser Permanente – Moanalua Medical Center, wanted to know the process of connecting students to employment post-graduation.

- Julie let Andrew know that there are multiple ways including, Internships, Job Shadowing, etc.

Jeff Wagoner brought up the specific requirements that are needed for servicing the participants and noted that it will be an important point to be knowledgeable about. Lisa suggested a meeting specifically to go over the qualifications of the WIOA Title I programs.

VI. Addition on Subcommittee(s)

Harrison Kuranishi went over the additions of a Military Spouse subcommittee and Youth subcommittee. In the State Unified Plan there is interest in both Veterans and Military dependents and Youth. The possible addition of new committees was brought to the Executive committee but at the meeting it was discussed that it may better fit as subcommittees under the SSCP committee. With subcommittees the members (chair/vice-chair) do not have to be board members.

VII. Announcements and Public Testimony

There were no announcements or public testimony.

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting

The next SSCP committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2024 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Lisa mentioned the possible meeting before the next scheduled meeting to go over the qualifications/requirements for the different WIOA Title I programs and to align the subcommittees.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.