

Maui County Workforce Investment Board

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, April 4, 2015
McKinley Community School for Adults – Maui Campus, Annex A
179 West Kaahumanu Avenue, Kahului, HI 96732

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Linda Fukunaga (DHS), Kevin Kimizuka (WDD), Mark Antone for Laurie Teragawachi (UHMC), Virginia Nary (Wailuku), Barbara Haliniak (Molokai), Debbie Cabebe (SHRM), Kurt Ginoza (DOE), Carol Reimann (Monsanto), Jodi Takamori (UI), Kim Nemoto (Section 8), Lyn McNeff (MEO), Teena Rasmussen (OED), Leslie Wilkins (MEDB)

Absent: John Bendon, William Kama, Lisa Knutson, Doris Lamb, Lori Teragawachi, Robert Upton, Mike White, Shelly Apana, Wayne Aguiran, Misti Bell

Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present:

Executive Director: Roland Prieto

Workforce Development Financial Specialist: Lee Ah Yen

Other: Jerrie Sheppard, Corporation Counsel

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair, Leslie Wilkins.

2. Introductions

Introduction of members conducted. No announcements.

3. Call for Public Testimony

Call for Public Testimony was made. No providers of Public Testimony made themselves known.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2014 AND FEBRUARY 24, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Kurt Ginoza moved to approve October 28, 2014 and February 24, 2015 minutes as submitted and seconded by Lyn McNeff. Minutes adopted unanimously for both meetings.

5. TAMARIBUCHI ASSOCIATES LLC – ETP APPLICATION (Action)

Nursing Aide Training Program. Presentation was conducted at October 28, 2014 meeting. Motion was made by Lyn McNeff to approve Tamaribuchi Associates LLC as an Eligible Training Provider. Seconded by Debbie Cabebe. Unanimous approval.

6. MCKINLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS-MAUI COAMPUS – ETP APPLICATION (Action)

Provides adult education services across the state of Hawaii, including the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai. Recommendation to provide time at next meeting for a presentation on services provided. Chair was in agreement. Motion by Lyn McNeff to accept the Maui Campus of the McKinley Community School for Adults as an Eligible Training Provider. Seconded by Kevin Kimizuka. Unanimous approval.

7. STATUS UPDATES

- **Workforce Development Division – Kevin Kimizuka**
Report focused on providing seamless services via the Adult & Dislocated Worker programs through the end of WIA (June 30) and the start of WIOA in order to avoid disruption of services. Services include Classroom Training, On-the-Job Training (OJT), Work Experience, etc. Discussion reflected that the board concurs that WDD and the county should use all open contractual vehicles and existing funding to provide seamless services and avoid disruption to services.
- **University of Hawaii Maui College (Ku'ina Program) – Wayne Aguiran**
Electronic report submitted from Wayne Aguiran per Executive Director, Roland Prieto.
- **Workforce Development Council – Leslie Wilkins, Roland Prieto**
Governor Ige appointed Linda Chu Takayama as Director of DLIR. Continuing to research procurement of One-Stop Operator and Youth Programs. County procurement has expressed wanting to ensure alignment between counties. NAWB conference (Washington DC – end of March/early April) update provided. Most of conference focused on WIA-WIOA transition. Latitude will be provided – focus will be on ensuring continuation of services. Biggest focus – customer of WIOA services is employers. Engage businesses around participation in local boards, partnering with businesses, providing value-added services. It was noted that a change in the board would occur due to requirements set forth by WIOA. Gratitude was expressed to current board members for their consistent efforts in participating on the WIB.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office of Economic Development – Teena Rasmussen**
EDA Grants – currently ineligible because unemployment rate is low. Will likely be eligible by the end of the year because of impending layoffs.

Moloka'i Ferry Update – It was reported that Council Member Stacy Crivello recently requested funding from the Maui County Council to support the running of the ferry between Maui and Molokai. The ferry works with employers on West side to transport workers from Molokai. When the program first started, over 100 Molokai residences traveled to Lahaina daily. That number is now down to down to nine. Discussion ensued around exploring a worker program to do a better job of tapping Moloka'i for workers in Kapalua/Kaanapali. Board members noted the need for a survey of businesses to look at the status of employers and the worker base. OED, WDD, and WIB staff to discuss.

Transitioning focus of Workforce Development – The major focus during the recent economic downturn had been on finding jobs for unemployed skilled workers. With the improving economy, the focus is changing toward the training and education of unskilled workers to fill job vacancies. The board noted difficulties related to training these individuals not only on technical skills, but on other skills related to professionalism (i.e. - punctuality, hygiene, being able to pass drug screenings, etc.)

Housing – Housing will likely become a critical issue facing the local economy. The lack of housing has the potential to result in a worker shortage, resulting in longer hours and higher stress for current employees. Increased stress has a negative impact on customers, a major

factor due to the economy's reliance on the visitor industry and the island's reputation for aloha. Related issues – lack of inventory, demand, water issues

- **Maui Economic Development Board – Leslie Wilkins**

Internships with Women in Technology Project – Inform Leslie if you have openings that include some type of tech-related aspect.

Agriculture Internships – Encourages a project-related internship that lasts 6-8 weeks for 16 to 25 years olds. Looking for five (5) intern opportunities.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. by Chair, Leslie Wilkins.