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**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSITION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 30, 2020
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641646613>**

Phone: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 856 4164 6613

PRESENT: Timothy Renken (DD Council-SAAC Chair), Sol Ray Duncan (Self Advocate), Renee Manfredi (DD Council - Self-Advocate), Bathey Fong (DD Council - Self-Advocate), Michelle Arakawa (DD Council DOE), Wendi Lino (DD Division), Maureen Bates (DD Council DVR)

STAFF: Jesse Floyd, Roxann Kehus

I. CALL TO ORDER – the meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by chair, Timothy Renkin.

II. INTRODUCTIONS- Introductions were made.

III. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Timothy Renken competed in the Holiday Fitness Class and won two gold medals and one bronze medal.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. The minutes of the September 27, 2020 Transition and Employment Committee meeting were reviewed and accepted with corrections. In DVR section on page 1 “a story was shared” is correct phrasing. Corrected Division of Developmental Division to Developmental Disabilities Division. In Developmental Disabilities Division section change “beings to begins”. Program Aid Service will not be new but included in Community Learning Service. In the Department of Education section add face-to-face to sentence.
- B. The agenda for today’s meeting was approved after Employment First Position Statement was deleted from Division of Vocational Rehabilitation section.

V. REPORTS

- A. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Maureen Bates DVR administrator suggested that consideration be given to reintroducing HB 747 HDI Employment First during the 2021 legislative session.

She gave a 5 slide PowerPoint presentation about employment opportunities in Hawaii, wage and income disparities, and DVR program services. Slide 1 compared pre-pandemic employment numbers in Hawaii of Adults without disabilities and Adults with disabilities. According to the data 62% of adults w/o disabilities were employed compared to 39% of adults with disabilities. 17% of adults w/o disabilities worked part time compared to 32% of adults w disabilities. The aggregate wages of persons with disabilities was 25% lower that persons without disabilities.

B. Department of Education

Michelle Arakawa reported for the Department of Education. Covid-19 affects student learning. School career-based instruction continues on campus. Work-based learning is on campus and virtual. Indicator 13-Annual Performance Rating-Will be coming February 2021.

C. Developmental Disabilities Division

Wendi Lino represented the Developmental Disabilities Division. The Employment First Position Statement was succeeded by Developmental Disabilities Division's efforts to work with other agencies to advocate to make Hawaii and Employment First state such as working on introducing legislation making Hawaii an Employment First state.

D. Self Advocacy Advisory Council

Timothy Renken, Self Advocacy Advisory Committee Chair reported that SAAC is doing the election of officers. Those nominated will give speeches on December 16, 2020.

The Developmental Disabilities Council working with the Developmental Disabilities Division will conduct 200 surveys of self-advocates. Qualified self advocates will be trained and paid to conduct surveys with other self-advocates.

E. Center on Disability Studies

Renee Manfredi provided update on the Jobs Now! Partnership. Chuan Chin, Center on Disability Studies sent an email about the progress creating the Hawaii transition handbook. New agencies provided information in answer to questions. the team obtained other transition handbooks to extract transition information useful for inclusion in the Hawaii transition handbook.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Reviewed last year of the Work Plan. Several collaborators were added including Center on Disability Studies, Developmental Disabilities Division, Hawaii Independent Living Council, University of Hawaii systems, Hawaii Community Colleges, and Office on Aging,
2. Transition Activities Statewide
No transition activities statewide reported at this time.

3. Employment Activities Statewide – October event
Ms. Manfredi reported on two events she attended: Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement Hawaii (LDAH) mini-conference and Special Parents Information Network (SPIN) conference. Ms. Manfredi hosted a table representing SAAC and spoke at the LDAH about Finding My Voice. Finding My Voice is about becoming a better advocate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022-2027 Five Year Plan

Daintry Bartoldus will be scheduling input meetings for stakeholders beginning January 2021 to obtain community input.

B. Cooperative Agreement- Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program.

The DD Council is facilitating the Employment First Hawaii monthly meetings and the discussion about whether there will be a future Cooperative Agreement and if there is in what format it will exist. Agencies participating in the current agreement were given copies of the agreement and to please review it and be ready at the January 2021 Employment First Hawaii meeting to discuss how the agreement.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

Monday, January 25, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ZOOM

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jesse Floyd

