

**STATE OF HAWAII**

STATE COUNCIL

ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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MINUTES OF THE

Transition and Employment Committee Meeting

**Monday, September 28, 2020**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641646613>

Phone: (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 856 4164 6613

PRESENT:Timothy Renken (Co-Chair and DD Council-SAAC Chair), Sol Ray Duncan (DD Council - Self-Advocate), Renee Manfredi (DD Council - Self-Advocate), Maureen Bates (DD Council-DVR), Michelle Arakawa (DD Council- DOE), Verna Waikiki-(DD Council- HDRC),Wendi Lino, Kevin Bardsley-Marcial

**STAFF:** Jesse Floyd, Roxann Kehus, Amelia Kyewich-Kaneholani

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

**II. INTRODUCTIONS-** Introductions were made.

1. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –** There were no statements from the public.

# CONSENT ITEMS

* 1. The minutes of the July 27, 2020 Transition and Employment Committee meeting were approved.
  2. The agenda for today’s meeting was approved as circulated.

1. **REPORTS**
2. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Maureen Bates reported on Division of Vocational Rehabilitation activities including Summer Youth Activities by County. Don’t have results from providers but there a story shared on news about Abilities Unlimited, a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation contract provider who had a summer youth program remotely. Some contract providers declined in person programs due to COVID-19 and had summer youth programs remotely.

Employment activities: 147 people identified in employment activities with 58 people closed into rehabilitation programs.

Types of jobs for April, May, and June 2020 reporting quarter:

* Hospitality Industry- 19 hours on average for 2 people at $13/hr.
* Stock Clerk/Order Fillers- 25 hr./wk. at $10.10 minimum wage
* Nursing assistant- 16/hr. full time
* Labors, handlers- 32 hr. minimum wage
* Tattoo artist-40hrs/wk. at minimum wage
* Carpenter- 40 hr./wk. at $40/hr.
* Auto Body repair- 40 hr./wk. over $14/hr.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation works with participants and employer to understand the safety requirements of the job regarding Covid-19. When the employee begins the job, the employer assumes responsibility for teaching safety including Covid-19 requirements.

Competitive Integrated Employment numbers by island:

* Oahu-12 people
* Hawaii Island- 6 people
* Maui-6 people
* Kauai-5 people

Employed in career job goals with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:

* Oahu-22 people

Supported Employment:

* No data due to providers implementing staff Covid-19 restrictions. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation working to get data updated.

Work-based Learning Experience through student job skill development at workplace:

* Oahu-3
* Hawaii Island -1

Jobs Now Partnership will meet in executive session in October to discuss development of a Hawaii Transition Handbook with transition resources for transition families,

B. Department of Education

Michelle Arakawa reported for the Department of Education.

After the October break schools will be opening using a blended model. Many vulnerable students continue distance learning.

Department of Education having smaller group meetings with school districts to discuss teaching strategies, Covid-19 protocols, and to promote professional learning.

C. Division of Developmental Disabilities Employment Services Update

Employment Specialist

Preparing for waiver renewal that beings July 2021. Refining employment programs to ensure that service definitions and programs better meet the needs of participants. After discussion with providers the proposed new employment aid service need not be a new program but could be added to the current job coach program.

D. Self Advocacy Advisory Council

Timothy Renken, Self Advocacy Advisory Council Chair reported on Self Advocacy Advisory Council activities.

The Self Advocacy Advisory Council logo contest continues with voting to finish in January.

1. Renee Manfredi reported on Feeling Safe Being Safe. Members are having weekly meetings for one hour. Last week Patrick McGoldrick conducted a virtual training and it went very well. There will be more future trainings.

National Disability Awareness Month March 2021 Theme Contest

SAAC theme committee, Hawaii Island and Kauai Self Advocacy Advisory Council members, reviewed eleven themes that promote respect and teach and educate the community. Self Advocacy Advisory Council members have until October 15 to vote on one theme they like best. The theme with the most votes will be put on banner and displayed at the Capitol during Day at the Capitol.

A “Talk Story” will be held on October 6 from 2-3 p.m. hosted by Renee Manfredi and Roxann Kehus.

E. Center on Disability Studies

Chin Lee departed Center on Disability Studies in August. Chuan Chinn will replace Chin Lee. Report from the Center on Disability Studies is deferred to next meeting. Request will be sent to Ms. Chinn requesting a report from Center on Disability Studies.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review Work Plan – last year of state plan.

In two months, we are beginning the last year 2020-2021 of the State Work Plan. Copies of the last year will be distributed prior to the next Transition and Employment Committee meeting and reviewed during the November September 30, 2020 Transition and Employment Committee meeting. The 20-20-2021 work plan will continue the progress made during the prior four years by the addition of activities that complete all the plan’s objectives.

1. Transition Activities Statewide
   1. Footsteps to Transition is scheduled for October 24, 2020.
      1. It will be on Zoom and will be statewide.
   2. Disability Legislative Forums: Zoom
      1. East Hawaii- October 8, 2020 from 1-3 p.m.
      2. West Hawaii-October 22, 2010 from 1-3 p.m.
      3. Maui
         1. September 30, 2020 from 5-6:30p.m. - County Council candidates
         2. October 7-U.S. House and State House and Senate candidates
      4. Kauai
         1. October 15, 2020 from 5-6 p.m. House Representatives and Senate
         2. Oct 22, 2020 from 5-6:30 p.m. for County Council candidates

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022-2027 Five Year Plan

Soon Daintry will be scheduling input meetings from stakeholders about the items to put into the 2022-2027 Five Year Plan. The meetings are to obtain information about the needs of Self Advocacy Advisory Council members and other stakeholders. Please share your ideas, comments, and concerns during the input meetings. Please begin writing your ideas, comments, and concerns on paper so the Developmental Disabilities Council will hear you.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting at 12:00 p.m.