

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL (SRC)

September 11, 2020 MINUTES

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Meeting ID: 842 8834 0666

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Attendees:

SRC Members Present:

Evan Nakatsuka (Business Industry & Labor and Chair of SRC);
Joshua Graham (Private practice, Voc Rehab Counselor and Vice Chair of SRC);
Wally Soares (Disability Advocacy Group and Secretary/Treasurer of SRC);
Howard Lesser (Client Assistance Provider);
Jodi Asato (Business Industry & Labor);
Rene Berthiaume (Business Industry & Labor);
Caroline Campbell Wright (Business Industry & Labor);
Art Cabanilla (Disability Advocacy Group);
Terry-Ann Moses (Kauai, Disability Advocacy Group);
Christine Pascua (Disability Advocacy Group);
Annette Tashiro (Statewide Independent Living Council);
Stan Young (Disability Advocacy Group)

SRC Members Excused:

Bernadette Howard (Workforce Development Council);
Dustin Park (Current or Former Recipient of Vocational Rehabilitation Services)
Michele Ku (Community Rehabilitation Provider);
Nani Watanabe (Maui, Disability Advocacy Group);
Rosie Rowe (Parent Training and Information Center);

Guests:

Maureen Bates (Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator, non-voting ex-officio member);
Gregg Van Camp (Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist);
Iva Cain (Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant Administrator);

General Public:

George Massengale

- I. Call to Order
Evan Nakatsuka – SRC Chair, called meeting to order at 10:11 am.
- II. Members Role Call/Introduction
As reflected above in members present
- III. Consent Agenda:
 1. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2020

Rene moves to approve August 7, 2020 Minutes. Howard seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

2. State Rehabilitation Council Partner Council Reports
 - Client Assistant Program (CAP)
 - Department of Education (DOE) -Vacant
 - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
 - Workforce Development Council (WDC) - Vacant
3. State Rehabilitation Council Standing Committee Reports
 - Membership Committee

Hearing no objections, consent agenda approved by general consent.

- IV. State Rehabilitation Council Verbal Reports
 - Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP)

Community Rehabilitation Program report was received without objection.

- V. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Report
 - DVR Data Dashboard

Document was disseminated to members present; a review of the numbers was made. Clarification was requested on certain columns of information, but otherwise, the report was received without objection.

- VI. Presentation: Unified State Plan

Comprehensive presentation of the Unified State Plan was made. Clarification was requested on certain metrics, but otherwise, the report was received without objection.

10 minute Break – 11:06 am – 11:16 am

- VII. Old Business

1. SRC Standing Committees Expectations & Assignments

Discussion ensued over standing committees expectations and assignments. Concern was expressed regarding vacancies (especially in the DOE representative position). Otherwise, there was the general expression for the need to recruit new members for a complete council member list.

2. DVR Report Template

The DVR Report template was considered an ongoing issue for follow-up.

VIII. New Business

1. NCSRC Conference - November 2020

Discussion ensued over SRC members who ought to participate in the NCSRC Conference. There was clarification made by DVR as to dates, times, and costs. All SRC members were encouraged to participate; the Conference will be held online.

2. Select 2021 SRC Quarterly Meeting Dates

There was much discussion as to dates and times of future SRC quarterly meetings. The Committee decided that quarterly meetings will occur on the third Friday of the second month of the quarter. The Quarterly meeting dates selected were: November 20, 2020; February 19, 2021; May 21, 2021; August 20, 2021.

IX. Comments from the Public

A request was made for comments from the general public; no comment was received.

X. Adjourn

Renee moved to adjourn meeting. Howard seconds. Meeting adjourns at 1:06pm.

The following is the CAP report for the September 11, 2020 SRC Quarterly Meeting:

- CAP is developing a video to be presented to VR applicants during orientation. The video will include CAP staff Kristyl Kim and Howard Lesser and a short powerpoint presentation.
- CAP staff is currently teleworking and CAP staff has procured burner phones.
- CAP staff is preparing the program's annual program performance report, due 90 days after the end of the Federal fiscal year (9/30/20).
- CAP brochures are included in VR Orientation and DOE transition meetings.

Submitted by Howard Lesser, 9/02/20

SILC Report for SRC Quarterly Meeting, September 11, 2020

The SILC Executive Director and SILC partners continued to:

- Provide assistance to people with disabilities during the on-going pandemic through in-take meetings by phone, referrals from other agencies and sending resource information and materials electronically or utilizing the USPS.
- Keep updated with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) by attending the NCIL-Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) National Education and Training and Technical Assistance (NET-TA), Administrative Requirements and Cost Principles for SILC as Sub-Grantee Webinar/Teleconference held on August 13, 2020.
- Advocate for persons with disabilities by supporting the Centers for Independent Living in their on-going challenges with providing direct services to consumers in a safe, effective and efficient manner.
- Advocate for equal access to voters with a variety of disabilities having challenges with being able to vote independently by holding informational forums and fielding voters' concerns and frustrations.
- Attend the C&C Honolulu Rate Commission and the Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride meetings to advocate for equal access to Public Transportation. Although there is a need to increase fares; now is not the time to do it.

The Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii Quarterly meeting was held on August 27, 2020. Guest Speaker was Charlotte Townsend Paratransit Vice President, Oahu Transit Services.

The next SILC meeting will be on Thursday, September 23, 2020. It will be their Annual Meeting from 10 A.M – 1 P.M. Anthony Akamine from the State Office of Elections and Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong from the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii will be guest speakers.

An Affordable Home Buying Zoom Workshop is scheduled for September 29, 2020 from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Submitted by: Annette Tashiro, SILC Secretary

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Membership Committee Quarterly Report

The SRC Membership committee received no response from Boards & Commissions (B&C) to inquiries regarding appointments for representative from the Workforce Development Council or the Department of Education. Both are federally required to be on the council.

The SRC current roster consists of 16 voting members and one Ex-Officio non-voting member. Two SRC representatives have terms that end on June 30, 2021 so there is a need for 6 new members to meet the state minimum requirement of 21 (HRS§ 348-8).

The SRC Membership Committee urges all SRC members to conduct outreach to recruit new members. Applications should be sent to DVR liaison Gregg Van Camp before December 31, 2020. New appointed members will start July 1, 2021.

The SRC Membership Committee is recruiting for:

- Representative of Department of Labor/Labor Union
- Representative of Business, Industry & Labor
- Representative of Community Rehabilitation Provider
- Representative of Current or Former Recipient of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Representative with legal or legislative background
- Representative within the deaf community
- Representative with a disability
- Representative from the Neighbor Islands

Submitted by Art Cabanilla/Jodi Asato
Membership Committee Co-Chairs
September 2020