**STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL (SRC)**

**1st Quarterly Meeting**

**Friday November 19, 2021**

**MINUTES**

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**Attendees:**

**SRC Members Present:**

Evan Nakatsuka (Business Industry & Labor and Chair of SRC);

Meriah Nichols (Disability Advocacy Group and Vice-Chair of SRC);

Wally Soares (Disability Advocacy Group and Secretary of SRC);

Howard Lesser (Client Assistance Provider);

Art Cabanilla (Disability Advocacy Group);

Annette Tashiro (Statewide Independent Living Council);

Vickie Kennedy (Disability Advocacy Group);

Stan Young (Disability Advocacy Group);

Jodi Asato (Business Industry & Labor);

Terry-Ann Moses (Disability Advocacy Group Kauai);

Caroline Campbell Wright (Business Industry & Labor);

Rosie Rowe (Parent Training and Information Center);

Scott Hedrick (Business Industry & Labor);

Tira Kamaka (Community Rehabilitation Provider, Hawaii Island);

Catherine Taylor (Incoming SRC Member, Disability Advocacy Group Maui);

Maureen Bates (Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator, non-voting ex-officio member).

**SRC Members Absentees:**

Christina Pascua-Galdiano (Disability Advocacy Group)

Nani Watanabe (Disability Advocacy Group Maui).

**Guests Present:**

Gregg Van Camp (Vocational Rehabilitation Staff Services Office/SRC Liaison);

Cheryl Matthews (Vocational Rehabilitation Staff Services Office/Transition);

Iva Starr-Cain (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant Administrator);

Aleesha Luke (Private Vocational Rehabilitation);

Roxanne Rokero (Department of Education);

Cynthia Mew (Department of Education).

1. Call to Order

Evan Nakatsuka – SRC Chair, called meeting to order at 10:01am

1. Members Introduction Chair Evan Nakatsuka

As reflected above in members//guests present. Quorum was established.

The SRC welcomed invited guests --

1. Aleesha Luke Private Vocational Rehabilitation;
2. Roxanne Rokero (Department of Education);
3. Cynthia Mew (Department of Education);
4. Consent Agenda Chair Evan Nakatsuka
   1. Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2021
   2. State Rehabilitation Council Partner Council Reports
      * Client Assistant Program (CAP)
      * Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
   3. State Rehabilitation Council Standing Committee Reports
      * Membership Committee Report
      * Policies and Procedures Committee

Howard moves to approve consent agenda. Annette seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Hearing no objections, consent agenda approved by general consent.

1. State Rehabilitation Council Verbal Reports  Howard Lesser
   1. Partner Council Client Assistant Program (CAP) Service Provider Report

Howard Lesser provided a verbal report on behalf of Client Assistant Program (CAP). He stated that CAP has a training and technical assistance program with its parent program; it must discuss training needs and concerns. Also, CAP is in the process of completing the annual program performance report.

1. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Report VRA Maureen Bates
   1. Status of HDVR Order of Selection
   2. Status of HDVR Data by County this Quarter
      * New Applicants
      * New Determined Eligible
      * New Individualized Plan for Employment
      * Cases Closed
   3. Status of HDVR Competitive Integrative Employment this Quarter
   4. Status of HDVR Upcoming Goals & Priorities
   5. Additional Information

VRA Maureen Bates reviewed the DVR Reports. Howard Lesser expressed gratitude for DVR staff providing clarity on the order of selection and client wait listing. Maureen Bates then summarized key points on the Order of Selection and governor-imposed hiring freezes for March 2020 through July 2021 – and how both matters affect service provision. Maureen clarified the definition and terminology of Categories 1, 2, and 3 of the DVR eligibility criteria.

Maureen also encouraged SRC to advocate with their state legislators to fund DVR positions; Howard Lesser suggested the sharing of strategies with the SRC Legislative Committee on written testimony.

Cheryl Matthews reported working on Hawai'i Administrative Rules policy revisions; she noted a new case type called potentially eligible -- for students with disabilities to receive pre-employment transition services; RSA released additional clarification with pre-employment services. More info forthcoming. Cheryl Matthews noted that for auxiliary aids to be provided for potentially eligible students, under VR’s reserve set aside pre-employment transition dollars, it is allowed for individuals with disabilities with sensory and communicative disabilities.

Break – 11:01 am – 11:10 am

1. Old Business Chair Evan Nakatsuka
   1. Select Standing Committee Members
   2. Discuss Standing Committee Priorities

Evan Nakatsuka asked the SRC to review the committees and have members volunteer for committees of their choice. Discussion was made; positions were added/subtracted for Needs Assessment and State Plan. A copy of the previous Needs Assessment was requested for precedence. No vote was needed for membership positions; a listing of committee members would be made and distributed.

Howard Lesser stated that the Legislative Committee plans to meet prior to the next SRC meeting in February 2022. There are matters to discuss such as DVR defunded positions/open positions which the SRC can/will offer advocacy to the State Legislature.

* 1. Membership Committee

Evan Nakatsuka noted the SRC has those who whose terms expire and first terms expire in June 30, 2020, so those people would need to re-apply prior to the December 30, 2021 deadline. The SRC was asked to provide the Membership Committee and/or Gregg Van Camp with a resume, if your resume has been updated; the committee will submit the application for the second term.

Break – 11:52 am – 12:01 pm

1. New Business  Chair Evan Nakatsuka
   1. HDVR Priorities and Upcoming Goals
   2. Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) Report
      * Meriah Nichols

Meriah Nichols reported she attended just the morning portion; speaker was impressive; SRC still have access to the web portal where you can review all of the presentations. Meriah the only representative from the SRC who attended the CSAVR conference.

1. Upcoming Events Chair Evan Nakatsuka
   1. December 31, 2021: Hawaii SRC New/Renewal Members’ Applications Due
   2. December 31, 2021: Annual Report to the Governor Due
   3. February 18, 2022: SRC 2nd Quarterly Meeting

Evan Nakatsuka reiterated the task/events. There were no comments.

1. Comments from the Public Chair Evan Nakatsuka

None.

1. Adjourn Chair Evan Nakatsuka

Terri moved the meeting be adjourned. Vickie Kennedy seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm.