Strategic Plan

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Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

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INTRODUCTION

In 2010 the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board started an intensive self-study that has resulted in strengthened operations, revised policy, and an emerging renewal of confidence and trust from teachers and the public. The Board has made significant progress in achieving four main goals:

- Support rigorous, progressive teacher preparation and licensure standards and policies.
- Enhance efficient customer service with Aloha.
- Strengthen relationships with stakeholders.
- Develop operations which maximize staff effectiveness.

This Strategic Plan provides a framework to guide the Board committees and Executive Director to accomplish these goals. This plan was implemented July 1, 2011 and extends to June 30, 2017.

OVERVIEW

History of HTSB

Act 240 of the Eighteenth Legislature, State of Hawaii, established the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board in 1995. The Board originally consisted of nine members, including four licensed teachers, three educational officers, the chairperson of the Board of Education, and the Dean of the University Of Hawaii College Of Education. That membership has been expanded to include two additional teachers and two members of the public. The HTSB has full responsibility for establishing teacher, school counselor and school librarian licensing standards, and issuing licenses to education professionals who meet the criteria. The Board issues three tiers of licenses and two kinds of special permits. The Board approves Hawaii based state approved teacher, counselor and librarian education programs (SATEP); reports to the federal government on licensing and teacher education programs; and approves, validates and adopts licensure tests. The Board also participates in efforts related to teacher quality, including support for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) candidates. In addition, the Board establishes penalties for teacher misconduct that may result in the suspension or revocation of a license.

Vision and Mission

The HTSB envisions a highly esteemed public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success. Our mission is to collaboratively set high teacher licensing and credentialing standards to:

- Provide every child with qualified teachers.
- Promote professionalism and teaching excellence.
- Build public confidence in the teaching profession.
- Provide more accountability to the public.
GOAL 1: Support rigorous, progressive teacher preparation and licensure standards and policies.

- Objectives
  - Generate revised state standards that reflect rigor and current best practice based on review of new national teacher education and teacher performance standards.
  - Organize and revise statute, administrative rules and policies so they are streamlined and user friendly.
  - Evaluate Professional Fitness procedures to ensure public school keiki are protected.
  - Revise existing licensure tests and additional options for validating content expertise.
  - Revision of license renewal criteria and audit processes based on feedback.
  - Revision of provisional teacher preparation program approval process with enhanced training for reviewers and inclusion of out of state reviewers.

- Indicators
  - Revised State Approval of Teacher Education Standards
  - Revised Hawaii Teacher Performance Standards
  - Revised HRS
  - Revised Administrative rules
  - Revised policies which align with statute and administrative rules
  - Revised policies and procedures for investigation and evaluation of Professional Fitness files.
  - Revised licensure tests and implementation of additional methods of validating content expertise.
  - Revised SATEP Manual for provisional approval of new units and programs.

GOAL 2: Enhance efficient customer service with Aloha.

- Objectives
  - Acknowledge telephone and email inquiries within two business days and resolve issues within five business days.
  - Process incoming documents within two business days including notification of receipt.
  - Improve percentage of customers marking service as “professional, friendly, and knowledgeable”.
  - Development of Operations Handbook for HTSB staff for reference and to better meet needs of customers.

- Indicators
  - Mantis call/email ticket tracking showing time to resolution
  - Audit of mail log and online record tracking showing email notification of receipt of documents
  - Tally of comment cards and implementation of online customer service survey
  - HTSB Operations Handbook
GOAL 3: Strengthen relationships with stakeholders.

- Objectives
  - Provide opportunities for teachers and teacher education faculty to give direct feedback to the Board to influence policy. (e.g., Work Groups, Standard Setting Panels, NBPTS candidate support)
  - Utilize electronic media to effectively publicize HTSB information to teachers.
  - Increase and sustain regular communication with the Legislative Education Committees, the Department of Education, Hawaii State Teacher’s Association, state approved teacher education programs.
  - Comprehensive survey of applicants and licensees at three year mark of Strategic Plan for feedback on successes and areas for improvement.

- Indicators
  - Number of teachers and teacher educators serving on work groups, panels and as NBPTS support providers
  - Record of memorandum, newsletters, reports, New Business Items, Executive Director reports posted on website
  - Record of contacts with stakeholders showing increase over time
  - Survey results and analysis of data for program improvements.

GOAL 4: Develop operations which maximize effectiveness.

- Objectives
  - Deploy remaining phases in online system and monitor for usability and value.
  - Interface with other organizations to work toward data interface.
  - Review of essential and non-essential functions.
  - Conduct internal audit of operational procedures and staff effectiveness.
  - Deploy policy and procedure manual on networked server to expedite communication among staff and to ensure policies are consistently and appropriately implemented.
  - Review license fee structure and budget requirements to enable HTSB to become self-sufficient based on license fees.

- Indicators
  - Quarterly report to Board on status on online system phase deployments
  - Participation in data warehouse or interface among P-20 stakeholders and SATEP
  - Termination of non-essential functions
  - Report of audit on operations, procedures and staffing
  - Posted policies, staff meeting agendas, memos, emails on policy/procedure program
  - Revised fee structure which fully funds HTSB operations.
TIMELINE AND ASSIGNMENT FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Year One
2011-2012 Accomplishments

Teacher Standards and Teacher Education Committees
- Adopted InTASC Standards
- Adopted School Counselor Performance Standards
- Adopted School Librarian Performance Standards

Legislative Committee
- Revised Hawaii Revised Statutes 302A-801 through 302A-808

Budget, Personnel & Strategic Planning Committee
- Identified essential functions
- Converted to self-sufficiency
- Initiated realignment of website for ease of use
- Review of communications to stakeholders

Executive Director
- Deployed Standard Application in Online System
- Implemented Network Based Policy and Procedure Software
- Increased communication and face to face meetings with stakeholders by 40%

Personnel Specialist
- Monitored Mantis customer service requests on daily basis
- Tracked customer response with two day average
- Utilized customer service cards and survey to guide improvement

Educational Specialist
- Recruited teachers and teacher education faculty to serve on panels
- Convened two Work Groups: Alternative Route to Licensure and World Languages
Teacher Standards Committee
Reviewed license renewal process and audit
Reviewed implementation plan for new standards

Teacher Education and Teacher Standards Committees
Reviewed tiered licensure structure
Reviewed and made recommendations for licensure tests and additional options for validating content expertise
Reviewed licensure fields and levels
Review of license renewal process and audit

Legislative and By-Laws Committee
Revised Administrative Rules

Budget, Personnel & Strategic Planning Committee
Reviewed fee structure and renewal period
Self sufficiency budget and maintaining self sufficiency
Established a data bank on NBIs
Reviewed customer service/communications and developed an Action Plan
Developed 2013-2014 Budget Develop policy and procedures for evaluation of Executive Director

Executive Director
Conducted internal audit of operational procedures and staff effectiveness and provided recommendations to BPSPC
Evaluated online system functionality and support

Educational Specialist
Conducted training for Hawaii SATEP on teacher dispositions

Legislative and By-Laws and Teacher Education Committees
Proposed content for Administrative Rules relating to standards for approving teacher education programs
Year Three
2013-2014 Accomplishments

Teacher Education Committee
- Adopted CAEP EPP Unit and Program Review Standards
- Revised of SATEP Unit and Program Standards

Teacher Standards Committee
- Reviewed national best practices for Professional Fitness of teachers, school counselors and school librarians

Legislative Committee
- Completed revision of Administrative Rules
- Monitored legislative bills related to HTSB

Budget, Personnel & Strategic Planning Committee
- Reviewed fee structure and renewal period
- Reviewed customer service/communications and developed and Implementation Plan
- Self-sufficiency budget and maintaining self sufficiency
- Developed 2014-2015 Budget
- Adopted staff and operational improvement recommendations

Executive Director
- Implemented staff and operational improvements from 2012-13 audit approved by Board
- Coordinated training for Board Members on Professional Fitness Hearings and Code of Ethics and Conduct
- Convened Work Groups for New License Fields: Literacy Specialist, Online Teaching, Teacher Leader
- Conducted Focus Group for supporting customer service with Aloha

Personnel Specialist: VACANT

Educational Specialist
- Generated online modules for new standards
Teacher Education Committee
Reviewed timeline for national review and performance assessments for EPPs

Teacher Standards Committee
Reviewed criteria for Hawaiian standards and dual licensure

Legislative and By-Laws Committee
Revised Hawaii Administrative Rules
Reviewed and Updated HTSB By-Laws and Committee Structure
Monitored legislative bills related to HTSB

Budget, Personnel & Strategic Planning Committee
Customer Service/Communication Review; updates to Action Plan; deploy Implementation Plan
Deployed fees allowed in HAR
Self sufficiency budget and maintaining self sufficiency

Executive Director
Developed Operations Manual for HTSB staff
Conducted statewide survey for feedback on customer service
Conducted Work Groups on Hawaiian Standards and Licensure and Dual Licensure
Began development of alternative route to licensure internship program for DOE and Charter teachers

Personnel Specialist
Began training in all aspects of licensing and professional fitness

Educational Specialist
Revised manual for Board and IHE EPP use of new CAEP and SATEP policies and procedures
Developed new forms and timeline for provisional review of new units and programs
Year Five 2015-2016

Teacher Education Committee
Review of DOE EES for alignment with EPP criteria so there is a continuum of training from preparation to licensure to license renewal

Teacher Standards Committee
Review of HTSB Code of Ethics and training in educator ethics in pre-service to licensure to license renewal

Legislative and By-Laws Committee
Monitoring legislative bills related to HTSB

Budget, Personnel & Strategic Planning Committee
Customer Service/Communication Review; updates to Action Plan and review of Implementation Plan
Self sufficiency budget and maintaining self sufficiency

Executive Director
Convene Workgroup for input on alternative route to licensure/internship program for DOE and Charter teachers
Partner with other CAEP states to recruit out of state team members virtual participation in provisional EPP reviews
Convene workgroup for EPPs on performance assessments

Licensing Specialists
Conduct efficiency study of Licensing Section and implement changes to improve effectiveness
Complete training in EPP review and Professional Fitness issues
Teacher Education Committee
Participate in national studies on teacher preparation and licensure and learn from best practices

Teacher Standards Committee
Review and update of reciprocity policies
Review of national trends in licensure and preparation assessments

Legislative and By-Laws Committee
Survey licensees and EPPs on implementation of HAR changes from 2014-15
Monitoring legislative bills related to HTSB

Budget, Personnel & Strategic Planning Committee
Customer Service/Communication Review; updates to Action Plan and review of Implementation Plan
Self sufficiency budget and maintaining self sufficiency
Review of Executive Director contract

Executive Director
Develop partnership with other CAEP states to recruit out of state team members virtual participation in EPP reviews

Licensing Specialists
Implement efficiency plan for Licensing Section
Conduct review of effectiveness/efficiency of online licensing system