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San Benito County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

at Grillin & Chillin Alehouse 401 McCray St Suite B24, Hollister, CA 95023

March 10, 2020 @ 11:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

SPECIAL Full WDB Meeting

AGENDA

FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STAFF & GUESTS, ALL MEETINGS ARE FRAGRANCE FREE

Quorum Met: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
Representing the Private Sector (PR)			Representing the Public				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bianchi, Richard, <i>Chair</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Giancola, Shelley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alarid, Kristi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gonzalez, Al Jr
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chavez Wyatt, Kristina	<input type="checkbox"/>	Para, Karen, <i>Secretary</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Belton, Tracey-Resigned Cynthia Larca -Pending	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leonard, Michelle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Frowein, Chuck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perez, Richard, Sr, <i>V-Chair</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bobsin, Kendra, <i>Treasurer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leonor, Nelson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Giacalone, Joe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rodriguez, Jose	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bradford, Duane	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown, Randy		

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. Public Comment Period: Guests may introduce themselves and request to comment on any non-agenda items. Time is limited to three (3) minutes per guest unless the board determines that more time is needed. No public comments were received.

II. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. WIOA Regional Planning Unit Update – EDD Draft Directive: It is the recommendation of WDB Executive Committee that the SBC WDB accept the State’s directive to move back to the Central Coast Region. **Enclosed** are the Special Ex Committee meeting draft minutes and a memo listing the Pros/Cons. **Action Required.**

B. Other:



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San Benito County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

1111 San Felipe Road, Suite 107, Hollister, CA 95023

March 3, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M.

Executive Committee Special Meeting

MINUTES

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Table with attendance information. Columns include Quorum Met (Yes/No), P=Present, E=Excused, Ab*=Excused/Ab Not Excused. Rows list representatives from the Private Sector (PR) and the Public, including names like Richard Bianchi, Chuck Frowein, Karen Para, Kristina Chavez-Wyatt, Kendra Bobsin, Cynthia Larca, Nelson Leonor, and Valerie Eglund.

Secretary, Karen Para, called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. Public Comment Period: Introductions were made by everyone present.

II. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. WIOA REGIONAL PLANNING UNIT UPDATE – EDD DRAFT DIRECTIVE: A special meeting of the WDB Executive Committee was scheduled to discuss the WIOA Regional Planning Unit Update - EDD State Draft Directive WSDD-209 which recommended that the SBC WDB be moved from the Bay Area Region (Bay Peninsula) back to the Central Coast Region (sub part A) which includes Monterey and Santa Cruz County. The WDB discussed the options to respond to the State Directive whether approving or disapproving to their recommendation and give staff direction on how to respond to the State: WSDD-209. Staff provided an overview of the current region; an overview of the central coast region, of the current funding received from WIOA and from regional grants, discussed the allocations and how they may be affected if the SBC WDB were to move back to the Central Coast Region. After interactive discussion on the pros/cons, a motion was made to request staff bring forth action to the full board recommending that the SBC WDB accept the State’s directive to move back to the Central Coast Region. M/S/C Kristina Chavez Wyatt/Karen Para.

B. Other: Announcement

1. EDC announced hiring of new Executive Director: Aaron Johnston, Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board, is pleased to announce that the organization has hired Marc Fontes as its new Executive Director.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M. M/S/C Cindy Larca/Kendra Bobsin





March 6, 2020

TO: Workforce Development Board (WDB)

FR: Enrique Arreola, Deputy Director

RE: WDB Regional Planning Unit

Background:

Pursuant to Workforce Services Draft Directive WSDD-209, the EDD is providing the guidance and establishes procedures regarding the review and update of existing Regional Planning Unit (RPU) boundaries. This policy applies to all Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Board) and Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area).

Discussion: EDD Workforce Development Board Draft Directive WSDD-209 recommends that San Benito County Local Workforce Development Area be redirected from the Bay Peninsula RPU (Santa Clara, NOVA/San Mateo and San Francisco) to the Coastal RPU (Monterey and Santa Cruz). A special meeting of the WDB Executive Committee was held on March 3, 2020 to discuss the WIOA Regional Planning Unit proposed recommendation. The WDB and staff discussed the options on whether to approve or disapprove their recommendation.

SBC WDB has been in the Central Coast since 2015. As a member of the Central Coast Region, SBC WDB was an active partner with other workforce boards and participated in numerous regional projects. In 2016, your board gave direction to staff to propose to the State to be moved to the Bay Peninsula region on the basis of the high commute workforce patterns traveling to the Bay Area (Approximately 60%). The State approved our request and since been an active partner with other board's participating in numerous regional meetings and projects including:

- Regional Program Unit Business Engagement Grant: SBC received \$107,100-Grant Expired on 6/19.
- Prison to Employment Planning Grant: SBC received \$24,563-Grant expired on 12/19.
- Prison to Employment Implementation Grant: SBC received \$84,829-Grant Expires on June 2021.
- SlingShot Tech Apprentices Project: SBC received \$10,421 Grant Expires on June 2020
- Regional Training MOU: SBC received \$30,000 over a two year period- Grant expires on June 2020.
- Regional Planning Grant: The region has been awarded \$400; SBC's share will be about \$133,000 and will be the regional program lead focusing on Clean Water Pathway. Contract has not yet been provided.

SBC WDB will have the same opportunities to apply for regional funding as we have in our current regions. It is difficult to know whether SBC will receive the same level of funding, or even less or perhaps more. It's fair to anticipate the same level of funding.



Below are a few pros and cons points:

Pros of Moving to the Central Coast Region:

- May be better suited based on geographical location
- All other agencies are aligned with Monterey/Santa Cruz (HHS is under Bay Area & Central Valley with Social Services)
- Tech growth in Santa Cruz
- Good Working relationship with Central Coast
- Less Commute to meetings/practically/time
- Will continue to receive the Prison to Employment Grant of \$82,000.
- Shorter commute to the Central Coast Region for attending regional meetings.

Cons of Moving to the Central Coast Region:

- Will lose the Regional Planning Grant that was recently awarded with our allocation of about \$133,000.
- Lose momentum with regional planning within the Bay Peninsula Region.
- May affect higher funding allocations amounts since the Bay Peninsula Region receives allocations that are greater than the Central Coast Region.

The Executive Committee members and staff also discussed the geographically differences compared to San Francisco, San Jose, NOVA/San Mateo which causes a feeling among the Directors of not having much in common; therefore, causing challenges identifying a project that is common to all regions. In addition, with all grants received in either region, there will always be capacity Issues since most grants are short term and limited funding which will not warrant full time FTE's.

Executive Committee Members Recommendation: After discussion on the pros/cons, the WDB Executive Committee directed staff to bring forth action/recommendation to the Full WDB of the new designation with the Coastal RPU.


Enrique Arreola, Deputy Director

3/6/20
Date