

ADOPTED
Monterey County Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7:30am
Marina Library, 191 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA

Members Present: Diana Carrillo, Erik Cushman (Chair), Harbhajan "Harvey" Dadwal, Rick Deraiche, Jay Donato, Paul Farmer, Sherry Farson, Andy Hartmann, Hunter Harvath, Neal Heckman, Steve MacArthur, Elliott Robinson, Teresa Sullivan and Dr. Walter Tribley

Members Absent: Anthony Aniello, Wendy Brickman, Al Davis, Cesar Lara, Mary Ann Leffel, Dr. Willard Lewallen, Salvador Muñoz, Aaron Oskolkoff, Dave Potter, Kimberly Schnader, Larry Silva, Brian Turlington and Andrea Zeller-Nield

Staff Present: Joyce Aldrich (via phone), Kristen Aldrich, Marleen Esquerra and Flor Galvan

Others Present: Janette Caguiat, Rebecca Cenicerros, Rosie Chavez, Vanessa Estrada, Dave Spaur and Paula Calvetti

Call to Order/Introductions: Mr. Cushman called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and asked for introductions. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment/Testimonials: Ms. Caguiat reported that she first came into the Monterey County One-Stop Career Center after being released from her employment. She stated that she received amazing assistance from the employees at the One-Stop. She thanked Ms. Kathy Gonzales especially for her great customer service and thorough follow-up.

Subcommittee Chair Reports:

Youth Council: Ms. Carrillo reported that the Youth Council received two dynamic presentations; one from Peacock Acres who provide services to Foster youth and another from Girls, Inc. who inspire girls to be strong, smart and bold through their leadership and mentorship programs.

Consent Calendar:

Motion: Ms. Carrillo motioned to approve the Consent Calendar, items #1-3.

Second: Ms. Sullivan

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

1. **Action: Approve minutes from February 5, 2014.**
2. **Action: Concur with the March 13, 2014 Oversight Committee action to consider and approve the WIB's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program Review Final Monitoring Report from the State Compliance Review Office for Program Year 2010-11.**
3. **Action: Concur with March 13, 2014 Oversight Committee action to consider and approve the WIB's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program Review Final Monitoring Report from the State Compliance Review Office for Program Year 2013-14.**

Appointments/Resignations:

1. **Action: Consider and approve the resignation of David Dwyer, representing Department of Rehabilitation from the Workforce Investment Board.**

Motion: Mr. Heckman motioned to accept the action as stated.

Second: Mr. Harvath

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

2. **Action: Consider and approve the WIB re-appointments of Neal Heckman, representing Business and Andrea Zeller-Nield, representing Economic Development**

Motion: Dr. Tribley motioned to accept the action as stated.

Second: Mr. MacArthur

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

- 3. Action: Consider and approve the Youth Council re-appointments of Sharon Albert, representing Education and Mark Gonzalez, representing Apprenticeship Training Programs**

Motion: Mr. Hartmann motioned to accept the action as stated.

Second: Ms. Carrillo

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

- 4. Action: Consider and approve the new Youth Council appointment of Kevin McClelland, representing Education.**

Motion: Mr. Harvath motioned to accept the action as stated.

Second: Ms. Carrillo

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

Discussion/Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

- 1. Update on 2014-15 Adult and Youth Request for Proposals (RFP) Process.** Ms. Esquerra reported that the Youth RFP for an amount up to \$250,000 and the Adult RFP up to \$325,000 were released on Monday, March 31, 2014. Proposals are due by April 29, 2014. She reported the RFP is seeking to fund entities that are qualified to serve youth and adults that qualify for WIA services. She also reported that WIB staff is seeking volunteers from the WIB serve on a Selection Committee to evaluate and interview the applicants. The RFP evaluation and interviews will take place during April 30 through May 5, 2014.
- 2. WIB Retreat Debrief (handout).** Mr. Cushman reported that the retreat was well received and that members received a perspective regarding workforce issues on a state and federal level. A discussion was held concerning pinpointing action items that the WIB will engage in this year including closing the gaps between education and business; implementing and updating the business services plan; use of an entrepreneurship program; and hosting a youth career day in October. Ms. Joyce Aldrich reported that staff is combining the perspectives, ideas and concepts taken from the members at the retreat and aligning it with the WIB's 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- 3. Update on the WIB Budget for PY 2013-14 (handout).** Ms. Kristen Aldrich reported on the budget handout, which looks slightly different from previous versions. The training cost line item between the Office for Employment Training (OET) and the WIB subcontractors were separated. She added a yellow highlighted row that shows the percentages expended to date. She removed the CDCR grant as the program was cancelled, and added the new DWAA grant allocation that was recently received. She reported that there was a slight increase in the allocation for AB109. To date, all expenditures are on target.
- 4. Director's Report**
 - **Day at the Capitol, March 19, 2014.** Ms. Joyce Aldrich reported that she and WIB members Brian Turlington and Mary Ann Leffel attended the "Day at the Capitol" and met with several legislators. Of the many bills proposed, they support the following: AB2615, which would provide up to \$25 million dollars for work based learning for out-of-school youth and young adults ages 16-24. It's anticipated that this bill would increase the number of youth served by up to 12,500 across the state. The reason for the bill is due in part to the unemployment rate for youth in California being the 4th highest in the nation with the high school dropout rate remaining high. They also support AB1950, a \$15 million, 5-year career education incentive program. She reported that Monterey County recently submitted an application in collaboration with Monterey Peninsula, Gavilan and Hartnell Colleges along with San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties for the Career Pathways Trust Fund on March 28, 2014. They also support, SB923, an education apprenticeship innovation prize that provides applicants such as school districts, county offices of education, charter schools and community college campuses the opportunity to promote pre-apprenticeships. She also reported that she invited Assemblyman Mark Stone's office to visit and learn more about our County's Kickstart program.
 - **CWA Board Meeting, March 20-21, 2014.** Ms. Joyce Aldrich reported that the Vice President, Joe Biden has been assigned to oversee a taskforce to look into WIA and has visited 25 Job Centers throughout the nation in order to obtain information on what services the Job Centers provide. She also reported on a discussion held regarding the Slingshot initiative, formerly known as the Employment Zone Strategy. She reported on the opportunity to apply for the initiative, which

requires a \$20,000 match. Therefore, she is looking into collaborating with our regional partners. She also reported that the W4C discussed focusing on youth dropout rates and the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) at the junior and senior high school levels as a possible Slingshot project. Mr. Cushman stated that Ms. Aldrich toured the Correctional Training Facility as part of the CDCR grant and found the working conditions uninhabitable due to environmental hazards and therefore did not accept the grant. Mr. Cushman also reported that the WIB received the second allocation of the DWAA grant for \$874,890.

- NAWB Conference, March 29, 2014. Ms. Joyce Aldrich reported that the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) conference provided her with an opportunity to network and learn about programs offered throughout the country. The Department of Labor plans to release an innovations grant soon. She also reported that she received information on the California Conservation Corps and hopes to build a similar program in Monterey County. Additionally, Mary Ann and she met with Congressman Sam Farr's chief of staff who believes that WIA reauthorization will not continue, but through appropriations the Summer Youth Employment Program may be reinstated.

Announcement of Events: Mr. Robinson reported that for those who have not already applied for Covered California, the date has been extended to April 15, 2014. He also reported that as of March 2014, the Advance premiere tax credits have exceeded the State projections for the Central Coast region. He reported that 125,000 or 30% of the population of Monterey County has enrolled for Medical benefits.

Mr. Donato reported that the SEIU received a grant for \$4 million dollars to promote health care and enrollment. He reported that they have exceeded their goals and have attended many health related fairs.

Mr. Spaur reported that Monterey County did not make the list on the Tesla Battery Project. However, another GO-Biz project has risen and he is looking for a possible site for the business.

Adjournment: Mr. Cushman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Harvath motioned to approve adjournment.

Second: Ms. Carrillo

Approved unanimously by those in attendance