



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020 ♦ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

WRC Sutter Room
1444 S Broadway
Santa Maria, CA 93454

I. OPENING REMARKS

Meeting called to order by Workforce Development Board (WDB) Chair Sandra Dickerson at 10:16 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Sandra Dickerson, Glenn Morris, Dianne Owens

Santa Barbara County Staff in Attendance:

Ray McDonald, Anthony Garduno

A quorum was established at the start of the meeting, with three out of four members present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Director's Report

B. Reorganization to the Agenda

No changes were made.

C. Old Business

The minutes of December 18, 2019, were considered as follows:

Action: Glenn Morris moved, seconded by Sandra Dickerson, and carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the minutes of December 18, 2019.

D. New Business

i. Debrief of January 2020 WDB Meeting

Sandra Dickerson commented that there were a bunch of ideas generated during the January 10, 2020 WDB meeting. Ray McDonald agreed that the meeting was the type of meeting we have been hoping for, after going to the Meeting of the Minds conference and learning about how to better engage workforce boards. The board also identified key workforce issues and agenda items that they want to revisit during the next WDB board meeting in July 2020.

ii. Agenda Input for July 10, 2020, Performance Committee Data

Mr. McDonald advised the board that the July 2020 board meeting is when our WIOA operators will be reporting back to the board, so there may not be an opportunity to have another panel discussion like

the one in January. Ms. Dickerson agreed but suggested it would still be a good idea to let everyone know at the July meeting what some of the agenda items that will be brought back to the agenda for the next WDB meeting. Ms. Dickerson also added that the issue of childcare should be one of the main topics for discussion. Glenn Morris suggested including somebody from First5 or similar organization in the discussion.

iii. Preview Feb 25, 2020, Performance Committee Data

Mr. McDonald reported that WDB Program Manager is currently working on updating performance data for our WIOA operators and the dashboard is not yet finished. However, Mr. McDonald stated that he can say that the Adult/DW and Youth Program operators are not where they should be at this point in the program year.

iv. Update on RPU

Mr. McDonald updated the board on the effort to change the composition of the Coastal Regional Planning Unit (RPU). The proposition is to drop Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and proceed with a two-county RPU with Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County. Mr. McDonald stated that he expects the Monterey County workforce director will recommend to his board that they go along with the split from the current RPU.

v. Update on Grants

In the past four months, we have had over 500 people laid off county-wide, including employees from Sears, Medtronic, and Corning. The Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (SBCWDB) has applied for funding requesting \$600,000 to provide special services for those employees that are impacted.

The SBCWDB is also pending an application for a veteran's program grant (VEAP), which would include "office hours" for veterans. Glenn Morris suggested that the WDB reach out to Kathi Simas at the Santa Barbara Foundation, as they are in the process of creating county-wide veteran's collaborative and could serve as a helpful resource.

The Prison to Employment (P2E) program which started Feb 2020 will be serving 48 people over the next two years. Mr. McDonald mentioned that there is a little extra money to possibly serve a bit more than that. This has been a huge initiative at the state level, so there probably will be more funding coming down at some point in the future. The SBCWDB is working with the County Probation department to come up with a strategy that targets people who are in subsidized housing already but are not employed. As opposed to persons who are fresh out of prison and are not quite ready for this type of program.

The SBCWDB also partnered with Los Promotores and Transitional Mental Health Association (TMHA) to secure funding for their programs which SBCWDB will be supporting. Both organizations will be doing a presentation at one of the future WDB meetings.

V. **Next Workforce Development Board Meeting**

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for:

March 18, 2020
Santa Barbara AJCC
130 E Ortega St., Santa Barbara
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

VI. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.