

ITEM I.B. – ACTION
ALAMEDA COUNTY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

White, Mike – Vice-Chair
Baker, Ken
Brewer, Bob
Burton, Winston
Cota, Susan
Devlin, Doug
Fogelquist, Jim
Giggelman, Martha
Hodge, Jason
Johnson, Craig
Johnson, David

Jordan, Sheila
Kelly, Jim
Kern, Bruce
Meyer, Helen
Moffatt, Paul
Paxson, James
Raty, Scott
Sims, Luke
Sparks, Glen
Vance, Octobere
Verzantvoort, Andrea

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hart, Lane – Chair
Croswell, Ken
DeVenuta, Tony
Hewitt, Chet

Keating, Jerry
Lee, Steve
Leng, Henry
Woytak, Felicia

The meeting of the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was called to order at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

ITEM I.B. – MINUTES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WIB FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004. A motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2004 was made by **Moffatt/Brewer/****carried.**

ITEM I.D. - CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT. Mike White, WIB Vice-Chair is chairing the WIB meeting in Lane Hart’s absence. He stated there will be an election of new WIB officers and he wanted to thank staff on behalf of himself and Lane Hart. He stated that in his travels as a WIB representative around the country for many years, WIB staff is one of the finest in the state and country. New WIB members were introduced – Susan Cota, Jim Kelly, James Paxson and Glen Sparks, and brief backgrounds were presented.

ITEM I.D. – COMMITTEE CHAIRS’ REPORTS.

Bruce Kern, Economic Development & Employer Services (EDES) Committee Chair, stated the Committee will have a special meeting on May 26, 2004 that will address marketing and employer services program.

Brenda Johnson, Youth Policy Council (YPC) Chair, stated the Committee met on April 26, 2004 and recommended funding for at risk youth and youth services (Action Item VI.C.).

Dorothy Chen, on behalf of Sandy McMullan, Workforce Systems Committee Chair, stated the Committee did meet and three policies were discussed that are on consent calendar. Funding for dislocated workers (Action Item VI.B.) will also be discussed.

ITEM I.E. – DIRECTOR’S REPORT. Dorothy Chen, WIB Director, presented the status of the WIA reauthorization. It presently is in conference committee at the Senate and Congress levels. No movement has happened. We probably will proceed as a continuing resolution, and it will probably not be until after the election in November where there will be movement on the future of workforce development. President Bush has not yet allocated any new monies for 2005/2006. We are concerned about where the money is going, because these monies are really needed for our dislocated workers (Alameda County). As of July 1, 2003 to present, there are 7,000 dislocated workers, and last year there was close to 10,000 (not counting companies that have 55 employees or less). We received a 20% increase overall for 2004/2005, so the State does realize we have a severe dislocation problem in Alameda County. The youth funds have increased from \$1.8 million last year to \$2.2 million this coming year.

A five-hour retreat for WIB members is being planned for mid-October in Oakland. A survey will be sent out for availability dates.

A health care grant has been submitted to Department of Labor (DOL) which included employers, Chabot College and was a very well put together grant. We were shocked we were not funded, but then no one in California was. The health crisis is really severe in California, and the federal government really needs to recognize the issues.

DOL contacted us about the project we are currently working on in San Mateo County with Genentech (one of the largest bio-life science companies located in South San Francisco). San Mateo County WIB has been working with Genentech and this project chooses highly skilled dislocated workers, puts them through training in science and math, become interns at Genentech, and after a period of time, become hired employees (starting salary of \$44,000 per year). San Mateo County stated they wanted to give us 15 slots for dislocated workers, who are currently enrolled and are attending Ohlone College. DOL asked us to submit an unsolicited proposal which is on the Secretary of Labor’s desk. Governor Schwarzenegger is very much in favor of keeping businesses in California, and one of the companies he is interested in keeping is Genentech, because they plan to open a facility in Solano County in about a year, employing 3000 workers, and will hire from the Bay Area. We want to be the first in line to work with them on this project.

The public sector grant funds will assist the Alameda County Social Services workers who were laid off (approx 62), as well as assisting Richmond, Contra Costa and Oakland WIBs. We have requested \$800,000, with Alameda County WIB being the grant recipient and lead on behalf of Eastbay Works. This grant has been moved to priority and is sitting on the State Secretary of Labor’s desk.

A veterans grant was submitted a week ago, and we have found out that with the six one stops serving over 2000 veterans and families, this population needs to be served (special recognition).

Most WIB members have submitted the Form 700, but every individual who serves on a commission/board for the County or any political office, must file this Statement with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors office.

Due to the Alameda County layoff, Carl Pascual of our WIB staff, has been affected and will be laid off.

ITEM II – PUBLIC FORUM. No public input.

ITEM III – RECOGNITION AWARDS. Vice-Chair Mike White presented awards to Duane Mongerson (retired), June Johnson and Jim Wright (terms ended). George DePuy (term ended) could not attend today's meeting, so his award was mailed to him.

ITEM IV – PRESENTATION. Jim Britto, Business Services Representative assigned to WIB staff, introduced Vikki Ruegsegger, All Appliance, Inc. (small business and OJT provider) spoke about her OJT experience in finding qualified workers.

ITEM V – CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS. A motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items was made by **Kelly/Moffatt/carried.**

ITEM VI.D. – ELECTION OF WIB CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR. Dorothy Chen presented the item as a handout to be added first on the agenda. An Ad Hoc Nomination Committee was led by Bruce Kern including members, Winston Burton and Paul Moffatt. B. Kern stated the Nomination Slate for WIB Chair is Ken Baker and WIB Vice-Chair is Craig Johnson. Vice-Chair White opened the nominations from the floor for WIB Chair with no input. A motion to close the nominations for WIB Chair was made by **Kern/Moffatt/carried.**

A motion to accept the nomination of Ken Baker for WIB Chair was made by **Kern/Brewer/carried.**

Vice-Chair White opened the nominations from the floor for WIB Vice-Chair with no input. A motion to close the nominations and accept the nomination of Craig Johnson for WIB Vice-Chair was made by **Kern/Brewer/carried.**

ITEM VI.A. – WIB ANNUAL BUDGET FOR PY 2004/2005. David Harkess presented the item. The total budget for the year is \$8.3 million. It seems likely there will be a very minimum amount of carryover, in terms of formula funds from this year and to June 30, 2005. The allocations presented are by formula (federal legislation). There always is flexibility for the WIB to move dollars around if so choose. Vice-Chair White opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing. A motion to approve the WIB Annual Budget for Program year 2004/2005 was made by **Brewer/Meyer/carried.**

ITEM VI.B. – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS PY 2004/2005. Jane Myers presented the item. The green handout is April data that the one-stops submitted after the board packet was mailed out. A yellow handout updates the chart in the packet.

D. Chen stated that because City of Berkeley has lost contract money due to lack of performance in the past, they are adding approximately \$400,000 of City money into the one-stop center.

Because of the deficit that the City of Berkeley is facing, they can no longer contribute the \$400,000. They have told us that they will most likely not be able to continue to be fiscal agent for the one-stop in Berkeley. Given that situation, we have asked them to meet with their partners to see if any of the partners (Vista College, Berkeley Adult School, CBO's including BOSS) can step up and be the lead agency. That discussion is still going on, and they have met twice. Staff is going to hold a public hearing in Berkeley on May 27, 2004 with the community and see what they would like as an alternative before we make a recommendation. There are a number of options we have, i.e. sole source to another agency for a short time. A WIB retreat discussion item will be whether we want to continue with six one-stops or change the size.

Winston Burton stated the four partners contribute, and they will do something in the next couple of months to come up with a solution, with possibly the North Cities one-stop remaining at the City of Berkeley site.

A special Executive Committee meeting to approve issues in reference to this topic could be held if needed.

Vice-Chairperson White opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Recommendations 1 through 4 was made by **Moffatt/Brewer/carried (Cota, Kern, Vance recused)**.

A motion to approve Recommendation 5 was made by **D. Johnson/Brewer/carried (Cota, Kern, Vance recused)**.

A motion to approve 6.A. through 6.F. contingent upon successful completion of criteria, and if that doesn't happen, the WIB authorizes the Executive Committee to hold a meeting and make funding recommendations at that time was made by **Johnson/Moffatt/carried (Cota, Kern, Vance recused)**.

A motion to approve 6.G. pending outcome of final numbers and, if need be, have Executive Committee make final decision was made by **D. Johnson/Giggleman/carried (Cota, Kern, Vance recused)**.

ITEM VI.C. – FY 2004/2005 WIA YOUTH FUNDING. Carl Pascual presented the item. Vice-Chairperson White opened the public hearing.

The following programs spoke to the item:

- Students in Business – Ed McMillan on behalf of Bob Goetsch
- Alameda Unified School District – Cathy Nielsen on behalf of Michael Johnson
- Hayward Adult School – Rose Hansen
- City of Berkeley – Juanita McMullan

Vice-Chairperson White closed the public hearing.

Brenda Johnson stated that in the future she encourages programs to talk to herself as the YPC Chair or YPC members prior to their meetings. She needs to have input in a timely manner that can possibly impact changes later.

As part of staff's review of providers, there was a recent news article published that did have some allegations for inappropriate federal services through a website that was owned and operated by staff of Students in Business. It is currently being under review, and staff consulted with County Counsel and State WIA Administrator. Their advice was to move forward with the contract, move towards approval and to update this body as more information is received, as this has to do with the personal business of one of the staff, not the service provider themselves.

A motion to approve staff recommendations 1 through 3 with the caveat that the subcontractors prepare an outline for how they plan to serve those youth in the non-geographic areas and that also be reviewed by the Alameda County Office of Education was made by **Raty/Jordan/**
carried (Cota recused).

ITEM IX – ANNOUNCEMENTS. Mike White stated that on Saturday, May 22, 2004, there will be a Career Day for the building trades. Contact: 707-399-2880.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.