

ITEM I.B. – ACTION

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Baker, Ken
Brewer, Bob
Burton, Winston
Fujii, Irene
Johnson, David
Johnson, Tamara
Keating, Jerry
Kennerk, Dan
Kurtz, Elaine
Lee, Steve
Padilla, Jose
Paxson, James
Sims, Luke
Stagnaro, Leta
Vance, Octobere
Walters, Dan
Woo, Theresa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Baldovinos, Yolanda
Bryant, Guy
Croswell, Ken
Gardner, Matt
Giggleman, Martha
Harris, Joyce
Kern, Bruce
Meyer, Helen
Raty, Scott
Robertson, Laurie

STAFF PRESENT

Chen, Dorothy
Castro, Patti
Fox, Flo
Bertuccelli, Roy
Flores, Rosario
Harkess, David
Myers, Jane
Slater, Linda

Ken Baker, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board to order at 9:02 AM on Thursday, May 8, 2008. A quorum was present.

ITEM I.B. – MINUTES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WIB FOR MARCH 13, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2008 was made by **Brewer/Vance/ carried.**

ITEM I.C. – WIB CHAIR REPORT. Chairperson Baker stated he attended a CALWIB meeting in Oakland on March 28, 2008 that had good representation (over 50 people attended) where workforce strategies and input on strategies and local ideas around the various initiatives were discussed. Three new WIB members -- Elaine Kurtz, BART; Leta Stagnaro, Ohlone College; and Irene Fujii, Eden Area ROP -- were introduced and a brief background was given.

ITEM I.D. – COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS.

Brenda Johnson, Youth Policy Council (YPC) Chair, stated the YPC met on April 14, 2008. A presentation was given by the Associated Community Action Program (ACAP) on their Cal-Grip project, a gang prevention program. . Action Item V.C. – Foster Youth Services Goals for PY 2008/2009 Employment Plus Program is on today's agenda that the YPC recommended and approved.

Patti Castro, on behalf of Bruce Kern, Economic Development & Employer Services (EDES) Committee Chair, stated the Committee met on April 6, 2008, and the highlight of the meeting was a financial and loan mortgage industry speaker. The State Association of California Mortgage Brokers Association speaker gave a prospective on what the issues and impacts of the mortgage loan crisis were. An E-loan Executive was the second speaker. There was also a discussion on what the services goals would be, which is the Consent Agenda Item IV.A. – Employer Services Goals for PY 2008/2009 by the One-Stop Career Centers on today's agenda.

Jerry Keating, Vice-Chair of the Workforce Systems Committee, stated the Committee met on February 20, 2008. Today's Action Items V.A. – PY 2008/2009 WIA Formula Funds, Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Allocations and V.B. – Allocation of Funds to One-Stop Career Centers, PY 2008/2009 were discussed at the Committee in review of the past history of the how the allocation of funds were being made. They felt it was extremely well done and a recommendation of approval is being made to the WIB, pending further information in regards to the exact funding that we are going to receive. The percentages are there for review, and it does reflect the last five to seven years of work. The Committee was unanimous in supporting both items.

Luke Sims, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, stated the Committee met on April 22, 2008 and received reports from the YPC and other Committees. Most of the discussion was centered on both foster youth discussion and the issue of the mortgage crisis. There was also discussion on the slow trickle of dislocation of employment in the Eastbay in a significant way. The most significant item discussed was the budget, which is on today's agenda. The budget item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

ITEM I.D. – DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Dorothy Chen, Director, gave an update on the **WIA reauthorization**. We did not have a reauthorization yet. It's been three years now and we are still waiting. Most likely, the new Administration will take up the matter after the election.

The **budget item** was briefly highlighted. We received the budget allocation last week and it is pretty much the same allocation as last year. The good news is that consequently, our one-stop career centers and youth programs will receive higher allocations than forecasted. Formula funds are based on unemployment numbers, and it is really the deciding factor. What happened this round is that the Bay Area, in general, did really well and that's because of the mortgage crisis. The Rapid Response Report (which is cumulative) and is always in the quarterly WIB packets (Page 95 of the today's Board packet), lists all the layoffs in Alameda County, the name of the companies, and how many people are affected. As of July 1, 2007, we have 4,100 individuals who have been laid off. The largest downsize we have had recently is Lawrence Livermore Lab with 535 individuals being laid off throughout all departments and at every level.

D. Chen met yesterday with a **number of water treatment companies** with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) taking the lead. Approximately nine water plant managers attended from different areas from Santa Clara to San Francisco and in between including Alameda County and Contra Costa Counties. They met with all the directors, because they are very concerned about workforce they are losing due to retirement (baby boomers). They need very high-level individuals to work on the water treatment the community colleges in our area and some of the adult schools to see if they have any kind of water treatment programs that they already offer. This is an interesting project that we hope will come to fruition down the road. She will keep the WIB members posted.

Cotrell Ward, WIB staff who has been on the WIB staff for the last several years, has taken another position with Social Services Agency's Employment Services Department as a Quality Assurance Manager.

D. Chen **thanked WIB members who attended the CWIB meeting** on March 28, 2008 that Chairperson Baker mentioned earlier – she thanked the attendees : Ken Baker, Jose Padilla, Martha Giggelman, Dan Kennerk, Bruce Kern and Bob Brewer.

ITEM II – PRESENTATION. Alissa Anderson, Deputy Director of the California Budget Project gave a powerpoint presentation on “A Generation of Widening Inequality” (handout) and highlighted the key findings of the report they produced last fall.

Chairperson Baker presented WIB member, Superintendent Sheila Jordan, who has resigned with a plaque for her seven years of service. S. Jordan thanked the WIB and staff, and she also recognized the work of Toni Adams, YPC member. Dr. Irene Fujii of Eden Area ROP will be taking her seat on the WIB.

ITEM III – PUBLIC FORUM. No public input.

ITEM IV – CONSENT ITEM. A motion to approve the Consent Item was made by **Woo/Brewer/carried.**

Chairperson Baker adjusted the order of the Action Items and moved Action Item V.E. – Election of the WIB Chair and the Vice-Chair to be the first Action Item.

ITEM V.E. – ELECTION OF THE WIB CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR. Dorothy Chen presented the item and gave some background. The existing Chair, Vice-Chair and the Committee Chairs have all agreed to serve another two-year term. No other names were nominated. A motion to elect Ken Baker as WIB Chair and Luke Sims as WIB Vice-Chair for the term beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 was made by **Keating/Kennerk/carried.**

ITEM V.A. – PY 2008/2009 WIA FORMULA FUNDS FOR ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS. Jane Myers presented the item. Background was given. We received 102% of the adult allocation, which is about the same as for this year, and 119% of the dislocated worker allocation. Therefore, it gives us some room to put more money into the training pool to do some additional training. It still gives the one-stop career centers additional money from this year

J. Myers responded to various questions from the WIB members.

Chairperson Baker opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve the change in percentages for the Dislocated Workers Formula funds WIA Services to 85% and Training Pool to 15% was made by **Keating/Brewer/ carried.**

ITEM V.B. – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS FOR PY 2008/2009. J. Myers presented the item. Background was given. We're taking the money the WIB just approved and taking out the portion that goes to the one-stop career centers. The Workforce Systems Committee did meet, reviewed this item, and approved the allocation of the funds unanimously with one recusal.

James Paxson had requested staff, in reference to the youth formula allocations, provide historic information on the allocation for the total amounts and percentages. He acknowledged Rosario Flores in getting that to him so quickly, and he found that extremely helpful to kind of understand what's been happening with the funding, and what we are able to do with some of those programs based on having a little bit of history. He also would like to have this same historic information the next time we go through this process.

J. Myers confirmed that the WIB then would like a comparison of what each one-stop career center received for the past three years. J. Paxson also wanted to add the total amounts and percentages we are allocating to the different areas under the program (referencing Pages 18-20 of the Board packet). J. Myers stated she would do so.

Daniel Kennerk asked J. Myers to explain a little more about the Alameda One-Stop Career Center and the entered employment with training for performance indicator and what that entails. J. Myers responded.

Winston Burton asked how close Alameda One-Stop Career Center is to meeting these goals. Page 53 of the Board packet was referenced. Lilia Celhay, site manager for Alameda One-Stop Career Center, stated they are very close to meeting their number, and they need to obtain a copy of a certificate (feedback from school that they have gone through training). They are working on the follow-up, making sure they have all the information for all those participants. She has been working with Linda Slater, WIB staff.

Dan Walters asked if the job market is pulling the participant out before the training is complete. L. Celhay answered that they had one participant in that situation, but the other one-stop career centers had none.

Chairperson Baker opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Recommendations 1-5 was made by **Keating/Kennerk/carried (Stagnaro/Vance recused)**.

ITEM V.C. – FOSTER YOUTH SERVICE GOALS FOR PY 2008/09 EMPLOYMENT PLUS PROGRAM. Rosario Flores presented the item. Background was given. This item is a follow-up to our discussion from the March 2008 WIB meeting.

Chairperson Baker opened the public hearing.

Mark Gambala, Program Director of Berkeley Youth Alternatives (BYA) spoke on the matter.

Much discussion ensued around performance, evaluation criteria, and services to foster care youth.

Aaron Ortiz of Hayward Adult School spoke on the matter.

Chairperson Baker closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Items 1-3 associated with the goals to serve foster youth for Program Year (PY) 2008/2009 for the Employment Plus Services delivered by the new Youth Service Providers with the understanding that we are going forward with this new area of responsibility was made by **D. Johnson/Vance/carried.**

ITEM V.D. – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BUDGET – PY 2008/2009. David Harkess presented the item. Background was given. This annual budget is clearly more of a picture of the decisions the WIB have already made regarding the program activities and services that this WIB oversees. This item was presented to the Executive Committee and they had a lengthy discussion on this matter. David covered the revenues and expenses charts.

Dan Kennerk asked questions around rapid response projects and the County's role versus the State's role. P. Castro responded to the matter. Octobere Vance added that EDD also works as part of that team, not that they are just invited, but they also attend the planning meetings and are an integral part of Rapid Response.

Chairperson Baker opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve the Annual Budget for Program Year 2008/2009 Workforce Investment Act activities and services was made by **Keating/Brewer/carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

The next scheduled WIB meeting is on September 11, 2008.