

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hart, Lane – Chair	Fogelquist, Jim
White, Mike – Vice-Chair	Johnson, David
Baker, Ken	Keating, Jerry
Bauman, Ann	Kern, Bruce
Brewer, Bob	Leng, Henry
Burton, Winston	McMullan, Sandra
Chiple, Robert	Moffatt, Paul
Croswell, Ken	Mongerson, Duane
DePuy, George	Vance, Octobere
DeVenuta, Tony	Woytak, Felicia
Devlin, Doug	Wright, Jim

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Giggleman, Martha	McGuire, Charles
Hewitt, Chet	Meyer, Helen
Johnson, June	Rodrigues, Aladin
Jordan, Sheila	Versantvoort, Andrea
Kelly, Kathleen	

The meeting of the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was called to order on Thursday, June 12, 2003 by Lane Hart, WIB Chair. A quorum was present.

ITEM I.C. – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT. Lane Hart, WIB Chair, referred to Information Item VII.A. – Goals & Objectives.

ITEM I.D. – COMMITTEE CHAIRS’ REPORTS.

Brenda Johnson, Youth Policy Council (YPC) Chair, stated the YPC met on May 19, 2003 on special funding for youth at which time they were to vote on the recommendation for fiscal year 2003/2004 for funding the youth collaboratives. At that time, it was recommended that there be funding for Alameda USD, Berkeley Youth Alternatives and Hayward USD. However, comments were received from the public, in particular Vallecitos who made a compelling argument to question the RFP procee. The YPC decided not to vote on the recommendation for funding of the three that received the highest ratings. It was recommended that the WIB staff reconsider the distribution of funding and perhaps include Vallecitos.

Jerry Keating, Workforce Systems Committee Vice-Chair, stated the Committee met and the action was summarized by Jane Myers stating it was a lively meeting and the items will be covered in today's WIB agenda. The concept of recapturing and redistributing the funding was discussed. The actions taken to get the contracts underway was taken by the Executive Committee. The Workforce Systems Committee then approved and now are asking the full WIB to approve. The real item raised at the Committee is since the funding represents one of the most important topics the Committee has, it is prudent that the Executive Director poll the Committee and ask for a special session if matters like this come up. The goals were discussed with four significant areas.

Chairperson Hart introduced two new WIB members – Doug Devlin, COO/CFO for Tri Net Group, Inc. in San Leandro and Ken Baker, Workforce Development Director for Kaiser Permanente in San Leandro (brief backgrounds were provided).

ITEM I.E. – DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Dorothy Chen, WIB Director, stated the reauthorization of WIA is moving along and the House did pass their version on May 8, 2003. Some of the items are changes to the governance structure at the State local level, a dedicated funding stream, and there are changes to a number of required performance measures which we are glad to see (reducing from 17 to 8). They are combining dislocated worker and adult into one group, and youth as a separate category. We are waiting for directives from the State on exactly what they will be measuring.

The second item is expanding the State authority, and finally, changes to the way that youth are being served. The Youth Policy Council will become an option under the WIA reauthorization, and they are focusing on out-of-school youth, rather than in-school youth. Up to now, the in-school youth funding was for 70% and out-of-school was 30%. The Bush Administration really wanted us to concentrate on out-of-school youth; therefore, we need to serve about 70% out-of-school youth and 30% in-school youth.

The third item is on funding. Everyone was surprised to find out that we received a large infusion of funding, as we were expecting anywhere from 30% to 25% cut overall. Because of the high unemployment rate in the Eastbay and the Bay Area, the cash that were diverted to other areas was diverted to our area. For our adult and dislocated worker program, our funding went up by 31% or so, and for the youth funds, it doubled (\$1 million to \$1.8 million). For the last couple of weeks, staff have been really scrambling on how we can expend this money to the community as quickly as possible. Therefore, we have many items for the WIB today to approve. There is strong performance attached to these funds, and if we don't meet our performance measures two years in a row, we will be de-designated as an area. Our funds would then be sent to some other county or another area, and we cannot afford to do that, not with 6.7% unemployment in Alameda County right now.

Pat Carson, the one-stop manager for the Eden Area, has retired, and Chris Kondo, Division Director for Eden Area's Self-Sufficiency Center in this building, was introduced and will be in charge of the third floor one-stop as well as her overall responsibilities of Division Director until a new program manager can be hired.

ITEM II – PUBLIC FORUM. No public input.

ITEM III – RECOGNITION AWARD. Sam Wallace, Williams-Wallace, was presented with a plaque, and he thanked the WIB.

ITEM IV. – PRESENTATION. Jeff Casper of The Service Quality presented the Customer Satisfaction Report. This is a survey that was conducted on all our one-stops (including Contra Costa County).

ITEM V. – CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM. Ann Bauman pulled Item V.A. – Recapture and Distribution Policy from the consent calendar.

Ann Bauman asked if there was consideration given to new vendors who might have a difficult time stepping up to the 80% rate in the first several months (specifically Page 10, Item 2 and Page 11 – #1. Expenditure Plan by Month targets of the Board packet).

After much discussion, staff stated that we are really only looking at this in a six-month interval. We won't be doing any recapture until December, and we will have the YPC at their next meeting deciding on their redistribution priorities for the youth funds, but it does not preclude any new vendor from getting any new money. Carl Pascual will be meeting with each contractor, and they are developing their expenditure plan together.

A motion to approve Item V.A. – Consent was made by **Keating/Brewer/carried.**

ITEM VI.A. – ACTION / PUBLIC HEARING - PY 2003/2004 WIA YOUTH FUNDING ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY. S. Oubre presented the item.

A motion to table the item in reference to a motion taken under Item VI.D. / Public Hearing – PY 2003/2004 Additional Youth Services was made by **White/Croswell/carried.**

ITEM VI.B. – ACTION / PUBLIC HEARING. EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO CURRENT YOUTH COLLABORATIVE CLIENTS. S. Oubre presented the item.

Chairperson Hart opened the public hearing. The following people spoke to the item:

- Juanita McMullan, City of Berkeley
- Sylvia Llanes, Vallecitos CET, Inc

Chairperson Hart closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve a contract extension for Vallecitos CET, Inc. (fiscal agent and lead) and increase the existing contract amount by \$200,000 to continue to provide WIA targeted youth services to current clients in the Eden Area was made by **Bauman/D. Johnson/carried.**

ITEM VI.C. – ACTION / PUBLIC HEARING. SELECTION OF PY 2003-2005 NEW YOUTH PROVIDERS. S. Oubre presented the item.

Chairperson Hart opened the public hearing. The following people spoke to the item:

- Wendy Ormison, Tri Cities Health Center
- Betty DeForest, EdenYouth Family Center (Eden Collaborative)
- Sylvia Llanes, Vallecitos CET, Inc.
- Ellen Turner, Verizon School
- David Grice, (Vallecitos CET, Inc. Subcontractor)
- Aaron Ortiz, EDD (under Hayward Adult School)
- Rose Hanson, Hayward Adult School
- Cyril Bonanno (under Vallecitos CET, Inc.)
- Juanita McMullan, City of Berkeley
- Jeff Baker, Tri-Cities/Newark and Tri-Valley One Stop Career Centers
- Kathy Nielsen, Alameda USD

Chairperson Hart closed the public hearing.

A motion to accept staff recommendation of the three programs and include a fourth program, Vallecitos, and will hammer out the allocations based on available monies was made by **White/Johnson/carried (A hand count was taken – 10 Yes, 7 No).**

ITEM VI.D. – ACTION / PUBLIC HEARING. PY 2003/2004 ADDITIONAL YOUTH SERVICES. S. Oubre presented the item.

Chairperson Hart opened the public hearing. The following people spoke to the item:

- Sam Wallace, Williams-Wallace
- Carol Collins and Ken Shaw from Alameda County Social Services Agency Children & Family Services
- Ellen Turner, Horizon High School for Teenage Parents
- Sylvia Llanes, Vallecitos CET, Inc.

Chairperson Hart closed the public hearing.

After a lengthy discussion and several motions that were made and defeated, a motion to take Items 6 through 10 on Page 46 for this item, ask staff to reallocate those points and take that reallocation for affirmation to the Executive Committee was made by **White/ Wright/carried.** Mike White stated that when staff makes the reallocations to send a copy to Board members so that they could provide input to the Executive Committee prior to their decision.

ITEM VI.E. – RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF FUNDING / PUBLIC HEARING. C. Pascual presented the item.

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

A motion to ratify the items approved by the Executive Committee was made by **Keating/Bauman/carried (Wright recused)**.

ITEM VI.F. – PY 2003-2004 ENHANCEMENT STRATEGIES / PUBLIC HEARING. J. Myers presented the item.

Chairperson Hart opened the public hearing. Staff from ProPath spoke to the item.

Chairperson Hart closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve the enhancement strategies was made by **Bauman/Woytak/carried.**

ITEM VI.G. – WIB ANNUAL BUDGET, PY 2003-2004 / PUBLIC HEARING. D. Harkess presented the item.

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

A motion to approve the Workforce Investment Board Annual Budget for Program Year 2003/2004 was made by **White/Moffatt/carried.**

ITEM VI.H. – ALAMEDA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING / PUBLIC HEARING. J. Myers presented the item.

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

A motion to approve the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board Memorandum of Understanding between ACWIB and the one-stop mandated partners (making sure EDAB and staff agree to wording) was made by **White/ Moffatt/carried.**

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.