

# **Item #1: Minutes of the October 19 Workforce Board Meeting**

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## **Members Present**

Althea Salas	Ky Lewis	Nick Macchione
Andy Berg	Mark Starr	Omar Passons
Annie Taamilo	Marlene Taylor	Phil Blair
Carmencita Trapese	Mary Burton	Shandon Harbour
Ed Hidalgo	Mitch Mitchell	Sandra Shuda
John Ohanian		

## **Members Absent**

Carlos Turner Cortez	Jamie Latiano Jacobs	Susie Harborth
Dennis Dubard	Matt Kriz	Tom Lemmon
Erik Caldwell	Sunita Cooke	

All reports, memoranda and letters contained in the agenda or distributed at the meeting shall by this reference become part of the original minutes.

The meeting was called to order by P. Blair, at 8:05 am, at SDWP with a quorum.

### **President & CEO Update – Peter Callstrom**

P. Callstrom participated in a convening in Boston that Google.org, MIT and NAWB coordinated to discuss Google’s \$1 billion commitment to create more workforce opportunities. The group participated in listening sessions and interactive working sessions. Next steps for implementing the new philanthropic funds were unclear.

### **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None

### **Action Items**

**The following items were approved as one motion through a consent agenda:**

*1-10/19/2017 - Item 1*     **Minutes of the August 17 Workforce Board Meeting**  
Approve the August 17 Board minutes.

*2-10/19/2017 - Item 2*     **Lease Approval for North County Coastal Career Center**  
WDB recommends approval of the lease for the North Coastal Career Center.

3-10/19/2017 - Item 3 **Board Member Nominations**

WDB approves adding the following new members, in concurrence with the Executive Committee's recommendation:

- Timothy West – Executive Director and Region Manager, Middle Market Banking
- Michael Zucchet – General Manager, San Diego Municipal Employees Association

**Consent Agenda:**

*Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously (K. Lewis/A. Berg)*

**Reports**

P. Blair welcomed and introduced the new Board members.

Wilda Wong, SDWP Communications Specialist, announced that the Workforce Conference is officially sold out, but a promo code is available to unlock the tickets for Board members to register. An agenda is available on the SDWP website.

Laura Kohn provided an update on the San Diego Chamber trip to Washington DC. The delegation was large (160+) and bi-national. She attended meetings focused on workforce issues, including meetings with Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education and Kathleen Smith, Assistant Secretary of Higher Education. Workforce development was high on both of their agendas. Department of Education and the San Diego congressional delegation all see pending reauthorization of the Higher Education Act as an opportunity to promote workforce development. Kohn also summarized the threats to workforce development funding in federal budget negotiations.

A Picard announced that Rebecca Bianconi would be leaving the SDWP. Kandi Milli is the Board's new point of contact.

**The following items were reviewed and discussed:**

4-10/19/2017 - Item 4 **RFP Update for the Operation and Management of the America's Job Center of California (AJCC) Network**

A. Picard provided an update on the procurement process. SDWP received letters of interest from eight different organizations and received proposals from a total of four organizations: KRA Corporation, MAXIMUS, ResCare Workforce Services and Career Team.

Board members were reminded that they cannot discuss anything related to the procurement with these organizations.

Next Steps: Proposal evaluations happen in early October. A recommendation will be presented to the Board in December. The new provider will take over operation of all job centers on July 1, 2018. Oral interviews may be conducted for those who qualify.

#### **DISCUSSION**

N. Macchione strongly encouraged that in-person interviews or site visits be conducted for the potential providers to verify the information in the RFPs.

A. Berg suggested that the names of the proposers be removed from the proposals when evaluated.

*5-10/19/2017 - Item 5*

#### **Workforce Development & Reentry Systems Update**

A. Picard provided an update on the recent employer forum event with the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) and on SDWP's initiatives aligning workforce development and the reentry system.

Christopher Johnson, New Beginnings Program graduate, shared the positive impact the New Beginnings Program and staff had with his transition from prison back to civilian life and into the workforce in the hotel service sector.

#### **DISCUSSION**

S. Shuda asked how mental health challenges are being addressed through the reentry programs. A. Picard responded that the service model includes a Multi-Disciplinary Team that provides wrap-around services for the participants to address issues such as drug abuse, mental health challenges, housing, and food.

P. Blair asked how it was determined which program participants would receive intensive post-release follow-up services. A. Picard responded that a risk/needs assessment is conducted by the Sheriff's

Department, and the Multi-Disciplinary Team reviews the questionnaire results to determine what post-release follow-up is needed, if any, for each program participant. The questionnaire is part of the program design element that DOL put in place.

Board members requested to see a copy of the questionnaire/risk needs assessment.

N. Macchione said that he strongly supports this important focus for SDWP and that reentry support is a priority for the County.

*8-10/19/2017 - Item 8*      **Chair Update**

P. Blair launched a discussion about the role of the San Diego Workforce Partnership and the Workforce Development Board in supporting workforce development to reduce recidivism among the formerly incarcerated. The WDB had a robust discussion on this topic, which was joined by the guests from the New Beginnings Program. The WDB decided to continue the conversation by establishing a work group to explore avenues for expanding SDWP funding and services for reentry. Work Group Volunteers: N. Macchione, E. Hidalgo, M. Taylor, M. Starr, A. Berg, M. Burton, and A. Salas.

**Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am

Next meeting is December 07, 2017.