San Diego Workforce Partnership
Consortium Policy Board
Minutes of the October 29, 2021 Meeting

Members Present
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember, City of San Diego, District 4 (Chair)
Joel Anderson, San Diego County Supervisor, District 2 (Vice Chair)
Sean Elo-Rivera, Councilmember, City of San Diego, District 9
Nora Vargas, San Diego County Supervisor, District 1
Jacob Richards, Board Member, United Way of San Diego County

Legal Counsel Present
David Powell, Deputy City Attorney, City of San Diego
David Smith, Chief Deputy County Counsel, County of San Diego

Staff Present
Peter Callstrom, President & CEO
Shannon Moran, Chief Information Officer
Shaina Gross, VP of Client Services

Location
Via Zoom

Per Executive Order N-25-20, the requirement to which members of the public shall have the right to observe & offer public comment at the public meeting, consistent with the Brown Act, has been suspended.

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 at 3:00pm, with a quorum present.

Non-Agenda Public Comment
None

Action Items

Item 1 Minutes of the August 27, 2021 Meeting

Motion: Board approves the meeting minutes.

Moved (J. Anderson), Seconded (S. Elo-Rivera), Carried unanimously

Report Item

Item 2 CEO & Staff Report
Peter overviewed new grants from the Qualcomm Foundation, Together Toward Health and the US Department of Labor totaling over $2M. Peter thanked the team for their continued efforts to diversify SDWP’s funding streams. Peter also highlighted the October 12th press conference held with Mayor Todd Gloria, the Electrical Training Institute, the San Diego Foundation, and Bank of America promoting the TechHire and Career Construction Jumpstart Programs. Peter thanked Supervisor Vargas for her support of the new Green Internship program—a collaboration between SDWP and the County of SD. Peter also reviewed data of customers served.

**Action Items**

**Item 3**

**CAREERS Dislocated Worker Grant Contract**

Shaina overviewed the contract terms and outcomes. The contract is to serve individuals and parenting job-seekers with long-term unemployment. The YCMA-Childcare Resource Service will be providing case management, childcare, and mental health services. N. Vargas asked about SDWP’s outreach plan for groups with the highest unemployment rates. Shaina noted that her team has just begun outreach discussions and if there are suggestions for grassroots organizations serving individuals in this population to board can reach out to SDWP.

Motion: Board approves the contract.

*Moved (J. Anderson), Seconded (N. Vargas), Carried unanimously*

**Item 4**

**Low Carbon Economy Contract**

Parina presented on the expansion of the High Roads Construction Careers program. This expansion will provide new participants with more supportive services and direct pathways from pre-apprenticeship to employment. S. Elo-Rivera expressed his excitement in the partnership with San Diego Continuing Education and asked about outreach efforts. Parina noted the various educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and elected officials’ offices SDWP has reached out to promote and refer individuals to the program. M. Montogomery Steppe noted the importance of being accountable to the individuals that need to be contacted to participate in the program. Parina noted that SDWP has added community feedback to outreach efforts. Parina and S. Elo-Rivera’s office will connect in the near future on strategy and recruitment.

Motion: Board approves the contract.

*Moved (N. Vargas), Seconded (J. Anderson), Carried unanimously*

**Information Items**

**Item 5**

**Out of School Youth Wavier**
Shaina provided an update on the waiver and thanked S. Elo Rivera for alerting her to the waiver and several pilot programs in process in Southern California. The approved waiver allows SDWP to serve more foster youth, justice involved, and/or homeless youth who are sometimes categorized as in-school. SDWP was previously limited on the resources that could be spend on the outlined groups. S. Elo-Rivera thanked the team for pursuing this.

Item 6 

**Sector Initiatives**

Parina discussed the programs, goals, and targeted recruitment strategy within the Construction, Energy and Utilities priority sector. M. Montgomey Steppe asked if there is experience required to enter the TechHire program. Parina responded that SDWP can accommodate individuals with no experience with free training provided prior to beginning the internship. SDWP will work to communicate pre-training availability in the recruitment process.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm

**Next Meeting:** Friday, December 10, 2021 at 3:00pm