



Policy Board Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302
San Diego, CA 92101

AGENDA ITEMS – OPEN SESSION:

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CLOSED SESSION:

- Item 3: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one or more related cases)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address the Board on issues on this agenda (three minutes per subject) and/or other items within the Board's scope. To speak please complete a Public Comment Form. The SDWP will provide accommodations to persons who require assistance. Questions: (619) 228-2900.

Item 1: 2023 Policy Board Chair & Vice Chair Selection

ACTION ITEM – VOTE REQUIRED

The Policy Board to select a Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

Item 2: Adult and Dislocated Worker WIOA Funding

ACTION ITEM – VOTE REQUIRED:

Recommendation –

The Policy Board votes to approve a fund transfer request for a revised WIOA allocation of 75% Adult funds and 25% Dislocated Worker funds.

Each year our annual WIOA allocation comes from EDD in two categories – Adult and Dislocated Worker (DW). Typically, the DW allocation is slightly higher than the Adult allocation. Over the years we have accumulated a higher running total of DW funds than Adult funds. Currently, we have \$1.2M more in DW budget than the Adult budget. In addition to our traditional WIOA funds, over the last two years, we have been awarded three grants from the state, totaling over \$5M that are specifically to serve dislocated workers because of the pandemic. So, we have quite a bit of funding allocated to dislocated workers.

At the same time, we are seeing fewer individuals qualifying for our services under the dislocated worker definition. In Q1 of FY23, only 17% of the clients we enrolled at our career centers were enrolled as a dislocated worker, as compared to 83% enrolled as Adults. This can be attributed to a few things.

Many of the individuals who were laid off during the pandemic and would be a DW, have been rehired. This is particularly true in our largest industries of hospitality and tourism.

The current economy is a jobseeker's market and it's easy to be hired quickly. This means that jobseekers don't necessarily need our support when they are unemployed. It is more likely that they need our support if they want to a career transition, to upskill, or obtain more education, while they are employed.

In addition, we are seeing the impacts of the great resignation. Some of those who were laid off and would be a dislocated worker, have chosen not to go back to the workplace at all.

EDD allows for transfer requests throughout the year between the Adult and DW funds. You can transfer up to 100%. We are requesting that we reallocate our funds to be 75% Adult and 25% DW to better accommodate the community need we are seeing.