

Workforce Development Board
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Workforce Development Board Conference Room
Workforce Development Department Administration Office
290 North "D" Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, California

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Chair Called Meeting to Order at 2:49 pm. Members introduced themselves. In attendance:

Committee Members Present

Robert Loeun
Jon Novack
Cherilyn Greenlee
Jonathan Weldy
Tamica Fouts-Rachal
Jessica Rodriguez
Phil Cothran
Audrey Mathews
Joseph Williams
Laurie Stalnaker
William Sterling

Committee Members Absent

Tony Myrell
Vince Toms
Enrique Martinez
Pauline Pina

Staff and Special Guests

Miguel McQueen- Deputy Director
Mariann Ruffolo- Deputy Director
Kristi Sandberg- Executive Secretary
Fred Burks- Administrative
Supervisor II

CONSENT

ITEM 3 Approve Minutes from August 10, 2016 Special Populations Committee Meeting

Motioned to approve William Sterling. Second by Phil Cothran Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

ITEM 4 Discuss Report on Enrollment Outcomes

Miguel McQueen referenced handout. Jonathan Weldy asked for clarification on differences between re-entry and veterans. Joseph Williams asked to clarify program length. Miguel confirmed its based on program year. Clarissa identified 3 points of entry for reporting guidelines. Enrollment and registration dates may overlap from one program year to another. Clarissa answered Joseph's question on the option to chart data based on provider services. If a client fell under multiple categories, they were charted under one category to prevent duplication. Cherilyn shared info on the State Piloting Reader module for CalJobs. Clarissa confirmed we will be testing a module over the next few weeks to track the data. Joseph questioned whether the self identifiers drill down further into categories of disabilities. Robert discussed the next steps such as Windmill training and incentives to hire those with disabilities. Robert also discussed the opportunity to offer resource mapping.

ITEM 5 Discuss Next Steps on Special Populations Committee Strategic Action Items

Mariann discussed the handout on goals and activities for Special Populations. She identified Clarissa Jimenez and Fred Moll as staff committee members. Mariann opened it up to all if we are to identify further goals. Committee agreed to keep goals and activities as working document to include new items for the 2017 schedule. Jon Novack suggested outreach to West Valley inmates to offer training and certification before their release. Robert supported the idea as it would assist in preventing homelessness. Miguel discussed the gap from when an inmate is released to when they arrive at our centers as an opportunity to bridge. Jon discussed the refineries in Long Beach as part of the re-entry program. At the end of 3 years, it was approximately 1000 inmates. Cherilyn supported the need to bridge the gap before release. Miguel shared details on the Inroads Program.

INFORMATION

Frank Guevara from Veterans Services was not in attendance.

County Report given by Miguel McQueen

Homeles Veterans Advosrity Committee challenges include housing, disabilities, and transitioning into employment.

Jessica discussed new referrals and existing clients.

Robert discussed October as National Disability Awareness month and the #InclusionWorks program. He also shared the flyer for the 1st Annual Awards Luncheon for the California Department of Rehabilitation at UC Riverside October 24th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Hart is the Executive Director for African American Mental Health Coalition advocating on behalf of those underserved.

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Williams motioned to adjourn. Second by Jonathan Weldy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. The next WDB Special Populations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 and is to be held at WDD Admin, 290 N. "D" Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, Ca 92401.

Kristi Sandberg, Executive Secretary II