

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

*“Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Committee meeting was held via teleconference and a publicly noticed location was provided for public observation and comment.”*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 - 8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
Phil Cothran	X
*Tamica Fouts-Rachal	X
Cherilyn Greenlee	X
*Yukiko Long	
*Audrey Mathews	
B.J. Patterson	
*Pauline Pina	
*Jessica Rodriguez	X
William Sterling	X
Anita Tuckerman	

*\*Public Members*

<b>Staff to WDB</b>	<b>Present</b>
Devra Bell	X
Sandy Harmsen	X
<b>WDD Staff</b>	<b>Present</b>
Monique Amis	X
Fred Burks	X
Shanice Hightower	X

**OPENING**

- 1) Chair called meeting to order** at 8:02 a.m.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda (Roll Call Vote)** - Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Stephani Congdon motioned; Will Sterling seconded.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye  
 Stephani Congdon: Aye  
 Phil Cothran: Aye  
 Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Aye  
 Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye  
 Jessica Rodriguez: Aye  
 William Sterling: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 3) Introductions** – Jonathan led the introductions.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

### **4) Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2020 Special Populations Committee Meeting (Roll Call Vote)**

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Cheri Greenlee motioned; Stephani Congdon seconded.

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye

Stephani Congdon: Aye

Phil Cothran: Aye

Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Aye

Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye

Jessica Rodriguez: Aye

William Sterling: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **5) Comments from the General Public in Attendance**

No public comments were submitted.

## **WORKSHOP**

### **6) Workforce Development Staff Changes**

Sandy Harmsen reported on the departure of Reg Javier and Molly Wiltshire from the department, as well as additional individuals that received promotions. In addition to Ms. Harmsen joining the department as the Interim Director, she also report on the addition of Monique Amis, who is serving as the Interim Assistant Director. She noted that a new department structure has been implemented and initial interviews for a permanent Director were conducted.

### **7) Special Populations Future Calendar Dates**

The Chair added additional virtual meetings for the Special Populations Committee, which will be held on May 13, 2020, June 10, 2020 and July 15, 2020. The meetings will occur between 9:00-10:30 am.

### **8) Prison to Employment Report**

Shanice Hightower provided a PowerPoint presentation to the committee members that explained the history of the Prison 2 Employment initiative; the relationship San Bernardino County shares with Riverside County; Grant information, including allowable uses/activities; and Providers currently involved. A discussion ensued about how we scale up this effort, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, as there are many individuals that are now unemployed and this could create employment challenges for those formerly in the justice system. Additional discussions included how Riverside is handling this situation in their County, with further follow-up to occur.

### **9) Legislative Update**

Maral Hernandez provided an updates from the State and Federal legislatures. She reviewed the fifth Federal legislative relief package that the House would be considering. The bill number H.R.266 for a total of \$483.4 billion, named the Coronavirus Economic Relief Package, would include \$380 billion for small businesses, \$75 billion for hospitals and \$25 billion for coronavirus testing. Of that money, \$11 billion would go to states and some may go to the federal government. Ms. Hernandez also discussed the previous economic relief package, or CARES ACT, which provides relief to small businesses through the Small Business Administration (SBA), Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the existing Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program. The members asked about the best way to let the legislators know that we need additional funding through WIOA and they discussed bringing our requests to the organizations such as CWA and NAWB, as well as working with Ms. Hernandez to get this information up to the appropriate individuals.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Cheri Greenlee motioned. Jessica Rodriguez seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 9:38 a.m.

The next meeting of the Special Populations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held via Zoom Conference.

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Devra Bell, WDB Secretary