

**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, MAY 12, 2021 – 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
Russell Degnan	X
Dan Flores	X
*Tamica Fouts- Rachal	
Lowell King	X
Scott Kuethen	X
*Yukiko Long	X
Louie Lopez	X
Clint Miller	X
*Deborah Napier	
*Pauline Pina	X
*Jessica Rodriguez	X

<b>Staff to WDB</b>	<b>Present</b>
Devra Bell	X
Marlena Sessions	X
Brad Gates	X

*\*Public Members*

**OPENING**

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 9:34 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lowell King led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

The Chair introduced new members of the Special Populations Committee: Dan Flores, Executive Director of Mary’s Mercy Center. Mr. Flores will be representing the homeless population. He also introduced Clint Miller from the Employment Development Department, who is a Veteran and will represent the Veteran population.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)**

**4) Approve Minutes from March 10, 2021 Special Populations Committee Meeting**

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lowell King motioned; Stephani Congdon seconded the motion.

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

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye  
Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye  
Stephani Congdon: Aye  
Russell Degnan: Aye  
Dan Flores: Aye  
Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Absent

Lowell King: Aye  
Scott Kuethen: Aye  
Yukiko Long: Aye  
Louie Lopez: Aye  
Clint Miller: Aye  
Deborah Napier: Absent  
Pauline Pina: Aye  
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **5) Comments from the General Public in Attendance – No Public Comments**

## **PRESENTATION**

### **6) Homeless Services**

Dan Flores, Executive Director of Mary's Mercy Center provided an overview of services provided to individuals who are homeless. He provided statistical information regarding the number of individuals that are homeless (sheltered vs. unsheltered); the cities; numbers of individuals that were homeless in 2020 the ages/gender of those individuals and the subpopulations of those that are currently homeless. Mr. Flores reviewed their transitional housing programs available; resident profile and considerations for employment.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **7) Special Populations Goals Work Plan Review**

Mariann Johnson provided an overview of the current work plan for the Special Populations Committee. She reviewed the four goals that included: Facilitate funding and partnership opportunities that enhance access and delivery of services for individuals with significant barriers to employment; Develop a business engagement strategy that results in employment and work experience opportunities for all special populations; Identify any legislative or policy priorities that impact special populations and employment. Develop strategy for pursuing legislative or policy changes as needed; and lastly, Improve AJCC access and delivery of services for adults with Intellectual/Developmental disabilities.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **8) Partnership Update**

Mariann Johnson reviewed the list of partnerships and provided a status update on those grants. The period of time discussed was 7/1/20-current.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Lowell King motioned; Russell Degnan seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 9:30 AM and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary