

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Workforce Development Board Conference Room  
Workforce Development Department Administration Office  
290 North D Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, California

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 12:45 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

Members	Present
Anita Tuckerman (Chair)	X
*Beth Burt	
*Stephanie Congdon	X
Phil Cothran	
*Douglas Fazekas	X
*Tamica Fooks- Rachal	X
Cherilyn Greenlee	
*Yukiko Long	X
*Audrey Mathews	X
Tony Myrell	
*Pauline Pina	X
*Jessica Rodriguez	X
William Sterling	X

*\*Public Members*

Members	Present
* Vince Toms	X
Jonathan Weldy	X
Joseph Williams	
Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Sandy Harmsen	X
Reg Javier	X
WDD Staff	Present
Fred Burks	X
Michael Ector	X
Mariann Johnson	X
Stephanie Murillo	X
Miguel McQueen	X

**OPENING**

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 12:45 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** - Pledge was led by Jessica Rodriguez.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda** - Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Vince Toms motioned; Stephanie Congdon seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4) **Introductions** were made.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- 5) **Approval of Minutes from the May 30, 2018 Special Populations Committee Meeting**  
The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Will Sterling motioned; Tamica Fooks-Rachal seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 6) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance**  
No public comments were submitted.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **7) Prison to Employment Initiative**

Stephanie Murillo led the presentation. The Prison to Employment (P2E) initiative would provide improved employment outcomes for the reentry population to help reduce recidivism. State grants would provide up to \$37 million in general funds over a three year period and would be distributed in 3 ways; Regional Planning Grants, Regional Implementation Grants and Regional Supportive Services and Earn and Learn Grants. San Bernardino County would work with Riverside County on this initiative and the amount of funds that will come to our counties will be determined towards the end of September, 2018.

Ms. Murillo discussed the challenges of the formerly incarcerated, from both the local jails as well as the State prison system. Some of those challenges include obtaining housing and finding employment once released from the Judicial system. There are many partners that are working with us on this initiative to assist with these challenges.

The planning phase will begin in the fall of 2018, with the implantation phase beginning in early summer of 2019. A discussion ensued about growing the partner lists and how this initiative is ties into the Special Populations Committee and one of their goals.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **8) Special Populations Committee Program Year 2018-19 Strategic Action Goals Report**

Miguel McQueen provided updates. He noted that on the recent State Workforce Board call, it was noted that the Governor's office is looking at over \$100 million of funding, some of which may be used for Special Populations (i.e., disabled, autism, prison to employment). As a region, we feed up to the next level and the Committee needs to be balanced to help with this focus.

Anita Tuckerman reported on the progress of obtaining additional members for the Committee that would represent re-entry, seniors, veterans and the homeless. She will be speaking with these individuals and decisions will be made in the near future, so they can be added to the Committee.

### **9) Member Announcements**

Jessica Rodriguez announced a Workforce Conference in Ontario called "Tapping the Talents of Unique Populations", which is an all day, free event. It will be held on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-5:00. There will be peer to peer learning and a mixer will be held in the evening. Stephanie Congdon provided two handouts to the Committee members and Tamica Fouts-Rachal advised the Committee that there would be a workshop in Oakland on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> called "Normalizing Workplace Accommodation through Tools, Techniques and Technologies". A brief discussion ensued about the adding training and funding to the Department of Rehabilitation when possible. Miguel McQueen also reported on the keynote speaker from the CWA Meeting of the Minds Conference the prior week. Rodney Peete spoke about having an autistic child and the challenges encountered when having a child with a disability.

### **10) County Report**

Miguel McQueen introduced Michael Ector, who provided updates on the upcoming job fairs. The first will be held on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ontario Convention Center and the second will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Victorville County Fairgrounds.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Will Sterling motioned. Douglas Fazekas seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 1:42 p.m.

The next meeting of the Special Populations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 12:45 p.m. and will be held at WDD Admin, 290 North D Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

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Devra Bell, WDB Secretary