

**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, JANUARY 13, 2021 – 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
Phil Cothran	
Russell Degnan	
*Tamica Fouts- Rachal	
Cherilyn Greenlee	X
Lowell King	X
Scott Kuethen	X
*Yukiko Long	
*Pauline Pina	
*Jessica Rodriguez	X

**Public Members*

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Marlena Sessions	X

OPENING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)

5) Approve Minutes from November 18, 2020 Special Populations Committee Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Scott Kuethen motioned; Lowell King 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
Phil Cothran: Absent
Russell Degnan: Absent
Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Absent
Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye

Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Aye
Yukiko Long: Absent
Pauline Pina: Absent
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye

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

DISCUSSION

6) Approve 2021 Goals for the Special Populations Committee

The Chair, Jonathan Weldy, reviewed the 2021 goals for the Special Populations Committee with the members. A discussion ensued regarding collaborative efforts by our partner agencies, who continue to look for grant funding opportunities. Also discussed was trying to increase the number of individuals we place in jobs for the special populations and should this be added as one of the goals.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7) Services Dashboard (Access Sites)

Marlena Sessions reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that discussed the goal of having access/connection sites, which would allow the Workforce Development Department the ability to provide services throughout the County. Included in the presentation was a list of organizations and departments that we could partner with in the community. A discussion ensued about potentially utilizing mobile sites or kiosks to help expand our reach into the community.

8) Prison to Employment (P2E) Update

Brad Gates provided an update regarding our partnership with Riverside county colleagues on this initiative, as well as the number of participants, goals and an update on our 3 providers. The members discussed future funding opportunities for the program and Mr. Gates noted that CWA is working with local areas to help communicate to legislators our need to prioritize and continue funding.

9) Update on Autism Society

This item was postponed, due to time constraints.

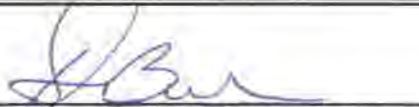
10) Special Populations 2021 Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Populations Committee will be held on March 10, 2021 at 9:30 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Cinnamon Alvarez motioned; Scott Kuethen seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 10:31 AM



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary