

Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday • October 1st, 2009 • 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Prosperity Center Conference Room
520 E Street, Eureka, CA

Minutes

Members Present: Maggie Gainer, Mark Lovelace, Jon Sapper and Ahn Fielding

Members Absent: Bob Sampson, Terry Coltra, Bryan Plumley

Others Attending: Barbara LaHaie, Joanne Wheeler, Jacqueline Debets and Sandy Alcaraz

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Call to Order - Maggie Gainer brought the meeting to order at 1:35
- 1.2 Adjustments to the Agenda - DHHS would like to give an update on ARRA funding; add to staff reports. Discuss and take action on what we want on the Full WIB agenda.
- 1.3 Introductions - None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Minutes - Make note that Mark abstained from voting on last month's minutes; change previous minutes to reflect. **Motion** made by Mark, second by Ahn to accept the previous minutes with changes; Jon Sapper abstained; so carried.
- 3.2 Membership - Bob Sampson is resigned to move to Seattle, WA. He will be Chair of the WIB on October 16th. Vice Chair Maggie Gainer will become Chair after that; committee will discuss at the next meeting if they want to hold a special election. It does leave this committee with 6 members. For general membership, we need to recruit from the private sector, but we're okay for today.
- 3.3 Youth Celebration - The celebration was a big success. The number of youth employed over the summer was 255. To get this turnout was incredible. The youth looked so proud, walked so tall. These kids had a sense of hope; "this summer was different for me". Heard that comment quite often. Presentation of the event and the way it was laid out was good (not dumbed down) a little nicer than normal young adult events. *Do we have any videos or documentation of our program?* Yes, Digital Pathways filmed the entire event. When we got the stimulus funds we already had the structure in place and we were able to run with it. Friday we're doing a smaller celebration for youth, members of the Board of Supervisors and a handful of employers at the Ingomar Club, sponsored by Umpqua Bank (Evelyn Giddings, member of the WIB).
- 3.4 Green Jobs Corps - We didn't get this grant, but we did submit two proposals for the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program. For 100 adults the training is fairly advanced in the construction industry with 7 industry certificates. The second grant will train 100 youth; an orientation to the same 7 certificate areas with a component of work experience through CCC. We have an indication that we will be funded, is so that would be another \$1.6 million.
- 3.5 Budget - The budget when approved in the fall is low compared to the final, actual budget at the end of the year. ARRA funding and Department of Labor grants came in

and increased the budget by 99%. So you have to compare approved budgets, not approved to actual end of year. There is a 15% increase in Formula Funds. Funding extends over more than one fiscal year so we have some carry forward into the next year. We have about 1.6 million dollars pending approval. Also we received an increase in WIRED funds; \$50,000-\$114,000. Dislocated Worker grant; we received \$200,000 and will be receiving \$300,000 by the end of the calendar year. We started the year with \$1,073,000 for youth programs. *Do we know how much of those dollars have been expended? How much will go forward?* The youth ARRA portion is going to be about 65% expended by yesterday (of the \$518,000). ARRA youth funding was more flexible May1-September 30. Some of that flexibility has been extended to year round for out of school youth. Possibly at the next Youth Council meeting there can be some discussion concerning any carry over funds and what we will want to do with those funds in 2010-11. Possibly we could look at a two-year budget instead of a single year. We're limited however as to how much we can carry over. There's another Dislocated Worker grant out there that we should probably apply for. WIRED is money we've received from NoRTEC (a multiple county WIB). The WIRED funds will be ending this year. ARRA funds are good through 2011. **Motion** made by Mark, second by Ahn to accept the budget and move it on to the Full WIB for adoption, so carried.

3.6 Full WIB agenda - We could put together a small panel of youth to tell us about their experiences over the summer and the youth celebration. Possibly have a parent or two as well. The budget will be on the agenda. Within the next 45 days or so the Decade of Difference initiative will be moving forward. If there is an interest we could introduce the background and decide what role, if any, the WIB might want to play. The framework has come together in the last 60 days; this is a 10-year initiative. Within the next 2 weeks we should be forming a steering committee. *Do you know how the Headwaters wants the WIB to participate?* There are many players involved; the WIB can be an instrumental player in whatever role they might want to take.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 Staff - We had someone starting on the 28th to help us with some fiscal work but that didn't work out so we're recruiting again.
- 4.2 Youth Council - Update on plan around ARRA funding through DHHS. Humboldt County builds its own workforce; a great opportunity to begin on this as well as supporting our business and non-profit community. Employers can hire and will be required to pay only 20% of the salary. We've started with current clients; developed a merit system, will be hiring 46 people from CalWorks. RFP will go out as being a broker for these services. These funds will help families that meet the 200 percent poverty level. This model is short term. *Does the RFP propose how many employees would be funded? Would eligibility be done by the Job Market?* Supervisors' time would also be paid for. The RFP is for job development. The funding is enormous; California may not be able to spend all the money. If we limit this to ETD we may not be able to reach everyone out there that qualifies. Matching and job development could happen through the Job Market and other agencies. These funds end June 30, 2010. The Job Market would be handling the eligibility portion. Over the last 12 months the Job Market has facilitated an average of 3000 people per month. From the youth program, a lot of worksites are already set up and ready to go; you might want to see what is already available. Connie Lorenzo would be a great contact person for this; she can help with the expansion of employers. Nancy Abrams did a lot of work over the summer finding employers.
- 4.3 Job Market Operators - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - October 16th, CR will be having their radio remote opening of the new

McKinleyville site; looking at Garberville facility as well. Monday is the next Plan It Green luncheon; topics related to sustainability and water issues. Meeting will be at Three Foods Restaurant at noon.

6. CLOSING - Meeting adjourned at 3:01