



## Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board

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**TO:** All News Media

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...**

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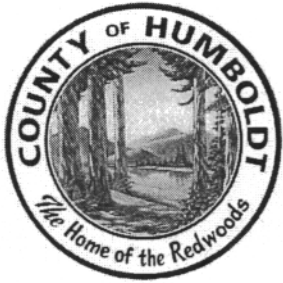
#### **Panel Discusses Employer Policies for Medical Marijuana on the Job**

This Friday, the Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board (HC-WIB) will host a panel discussion on Senate Bill 420, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, and the labor law implications of medical marijuana for employers. Frank Sanderson, Regional Manager of TOC Management Services, and Kurt Barthel, Deputy Labor Commissioner for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties will be on the panel, addressing how marijuana is now like or different from any other prescription drug in the workplace and what policies that employers should consider.

The HC-Workforce Investment Board meeting begins at 8:30am and the panel discussion starts at 9:00am at the Humboldt County Office of Education. The public is invited to attend. Small business owners are particularly encouraged to attend and bring questions for the panel.

As a board mandated by the Workforce Investment Act and an appointed commission of the Board of Supervisors, the HC-WIB includes local leaders from business, education, economic development, labor and workforce training groups, with the majority representing private sector employers. The HC-WIB brings to light important employer issues, recommends policy and systems for delivering services to employers and employees.

The media is invited to attend. The agenda for the meeting is included for your reference.



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## AGENDA

**Friday • February 27, 2004 • 8:30 am – 10:30 am  
HCOE Sequoia Conference Room • 901 Myrtle Avenue • Eureka**

**Mission Statement: The Workforce Investment Board brings together resources to meet employer and employee needs to advance the prosperity of our communities.**

### **A. DESIRED MEETING OUTCOMES**

- (1) Having received public comment.
- (2) Having received information on SB 420 and implications to employers, and taken action to forward questions for consideration to Medical Marijuana Task Force.
- (3) Having received a presentation on the Summer Youth program.
- (4) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.
- (5) Action on Rapid Response grant application for allowable uses.
- (6) Recommendation that the Board of Supervisors appoint 4 people to the Youth Council.
- (7) Action on change to WIB Bylaws in support of simplifying the membership process.
- (8) Having discussed reports (written in supplemental information).

### **B. PROPOSED AGENDA**

#### **1. OPENING**

- 1.1** Call to Order (8:30a)
- 1.2** Introductions of Members
- 1.3** Adjustments to the Agenda

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **3. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS**

- 3.1** Summer Youth Program 2003 (8:45a)
- 3.2** Medical Marijuana (SB420) and Implications for Employers: Panel Discussion (9:00-9:30a)

#### **4. BREAK**

#### **5. DISCUSSION and ACTION Items**

- 5.1** Make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that the Medical Marijuana Task Force address implications of SB 420 for employers in their deliberations and report.
- 5.2** Consent agenda
- 5.3** Changes to WIB Bylaws
- 5.4** Rapid Response, allowable activities grant application
- 5.5** Report from the State meeting in Sacramento

#### **6. REPORTS: Questions from membership**

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**