



Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board

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WIB Discusses Good Economic News for Humboldt County

The Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board (HC-WIB) will hear a presentation on how Humboldt County is producing new ideas and new entrepreneurs who are providing the jobs of the future. The discussion will include current economic data on local industries, as well as new national data recently released.

A new report from the US Small Business Administration released in April shows that Humboldt County is both highly innovative and highly entrepreneurial. “These indicators lead to higher productivity, higher job growth and higher wage growth,” explained Jacqueline Debets, HC-WIB Executive Director. “This is good news for Humboldt County’s future economy.”

In the study called the *Innovation-Entrepreneurship Nexus*, Humboldt County ranked in the top 3rd of 394 regions nationwide and the only small region in all of California to appear in the study results.

The public and media are invited to attend the WIB meeting in the Sequoia Room of the Humboldt County Office of Education on Myrtle Avenue. The presentation and discussion will occur from 8:30am to 9:30am, followed by regular business meeting items. The agenda is attached for your information.

MEETING AGENDA
Friday, June 24, 2005, 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Humboldt County Office of Education • Sequoia Room
901 Myrtle Avenue • Eureka, CA

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. Approved consent agenda:
 - 2.a. Approve minutes from last meeting (April 29, 2005).
 - 2.b. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors membership re-appointments.
 - 2.c. Approve bylaws changes in support of strategic plan.
 - 2.d. Approve meeting schedule for 2005-06.
 - 2.e. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of youth program operator contracts.
3. Having reviewed and discussed WIA funding allocation, rescissions, and a letter to the state requesting explanation of factors.
4. An accepted *preliminary* budget for 2005-06.
5. Approved draft local plan modification for the State.

B. AGENDA

1. OPENING

- 1.2 Call to Order
- 1.3 Self-introductions of WIB members, staff and public present
- 1.4 Adjustments to the Agenda

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **PRESENTATION:** Innovation and Entrepreneurship: *Good Economic News* for Humboldt, followed by discussion (~45 minutes)

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (~5 minutes)

5. BREAK (~10 minutes)

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 6.1 Consent Agenda (~2 minutes)
- 6.2 WIA funding allocations, rescissions and preliminary budget 2005-06 (~30 minutes)
 - 6.2.a. Disability Navigator Program report (~2 minutes)
 - 6.2.b. Letter requesting explanation from State (~2 minutes)
- 6.3 Local Plan Amendment (~5 minutes)
- 6.4 Officer and staff goodbyes (~20 minutes)

7. REPORTS (written in supplemental information)

8. CLOSING (at 10:30am)

The next Full WIB meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 8:30-10:30am in the Sequoia Room, HC-Office of Education.

C. Supplemental Information & Report

1.0 OPENING

1.1 Chair, Randy Hansen, will call the meeting to order, promptly at 8:30am.

1.2 WIB members, guests and staff introduce themselves with their name and business affiliation

1.3 Members can request adjustments to the agenda. Discussion items can be added, but action items must be posted on the agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting, and so would be put on the next meeting agenda.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public wishing to address the Workforce Investment Board on topics *not* on the agenda may do so. Please notify the Executive Director or Chair of the WIB.

3.0 PRESENTATION: Staff to present on the Innovation-Entrepreneurship Nexus, the subject of a recently released report that was commissioned by the US-SBA and the Edward Lowe Foundation. The report looks at 394 regions across the US and identifies the positive economic impacts of high innovation-high entrepreneurship areas, and the indicators for each. Humboldt County ranks surprisingly high and this is very good economic news for the future. Presentation to be followed by board discussion.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members may make brief (1 min or less) announcements of events of interest to the WIB.

5.0 Break

6.0 DISCUSSION and ACTION

6.1 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: The following items are recommended for approval via one vote of the membership. Members who have questions about any of these items may request that the Chair pull that item off the consent agenda for discussion.

a) Approve minutes from April 29th meeting.

b) Recommend Board of Supervisors re-appoint the following current members of the WIB whose terms will expire June 30th and who have agreed to continue serving on the WIB:

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| • Debi Callahan (private) | • Ginger Campbell (required) |
| • Terry Coltra (required) | • Joe Davey (required) |
| • Janet DePace (private) | • Maura Eastman (tribal) |
| • Gregg Foster (economic development) | • Mariann Hassler (labor) |
| • Kim Kellenberg (required) | • Libby Maynard (private) |
| • Stephanie McCaleb (private) | • Tina Nerat (Private) |
| • Liana Simpson (private) | • James Smith (labor) |

c) Approve changes to the bylaws in support of strategic plan implementation as recommended by the Executive Committee, staff, counsel and past discussion at the WIB. In order to focus our limited attention and resources of the WIB on implementation of our strategic plan, the Executive Committee and staff recommend specific changes to the committee structure and supporting changes to the WIB Bylaws. These changes were emailed to the members in WIB Report #63 on April 8, 2005. They were discussed at April 29, 2005 meeting. County Counsel provided an opinion that WIB members must vote publicly (show of hands or verbal aye/ney). Other changes requested at the WIB meeting were made. The bylaw changes were sent out to the membership again on May 9th, and reviewed by the Executive Committee on May 13, 2005.

d) Approve meeting schedule for 2005-06. See WIB Report #70.

e) Recommend to that the Board of Supervisors approve contracts with youth program operators, as recommended by the Youth Council and Executive Committee.

- 6.2 See WIB Report #68: Staff explain and answer questions about the WIA funding allocations, rescissions and the resulting preliminary budget for 2005-06. WIB action to accept preliminary budget. Executive Committee recommends acceptance of the budget, and sending a letter to the State requesting an explanation of how factors are calculated. Staff will also provide a report on the Disability Navigator program, additional funding being requested.
- 6.3 See WIB Report #72: The state is requiring a 1-year modification to our 5-year strategic plan. It is due to the state no later than August 1, after a 30-day public review period, and approval by the Board of Supervisors. Staff is preparing a draft for the full WIB review on June 24th, and Executive Committee review at this meeting or the July 8th meeting. Committee to provide input as to process and inclusion.
- 6.4 Celebration for the closure of the 2005-06 Program Year. Goodbye and thank you to Molly Bolton (VISTA), Jessica Milz (staff), and Randy Hansen (Chair). Welcome to...Janet DePace (Chair), Dale Warmuth (Vice-Chair), José Quezada (staff)
- 7.0 REPORTS: The following are submitted as written reports.
- 7.1 Executive Director (Jacqueline Debets): State re-allocated all Disability Program Navigator funds from the first year grant (\$8,900). Rapid Response team is working with PALCO employees experiencing lay-offs 10 days in advance and after their last day (June 30th). A special request for additional assistance will be crafted once staff knows the training needs of the affected people.
- 7.2 Youth Council (Terry Coltra): Recommend contract for 5-Region Youth System per WIB Report #71FW.

LIST OF WIB REPORTS (can be found at www.humboldtWIB.com):

- WIB Report #63a: Committee Structure to Implement Strategic Plan & By-Laws Change
WIB Report #68: WIA funds allocation, rescission and preliminary budget for 2005-06
WIB Report #70: WIB meeting schedule 2005-06
WIB Report #71: Youth Program Recommendations for Operators 2005-08
WIB Report #72: Local Plan Modification Draft
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