

Approved

Merced County Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 13, 2020, 2:00pm
Location: 3368 N. Hwy 59, Suite I, Merced, CA 95340



Attendance

Members Present:

Leslie Abasta-Cummings
Margarita Cabalbag
Jorge De Nava Jr.
Mark Hendrickson
Steve Hobbs
Joshua Lepper
Daron McDaniel
Amie Marchini
Jack Mobley
Steve Newvine
Tim Robertson
Steve Roussos
Vinton Thengvall
Steve Tietjen, Ed.D.
Greg Vincelet

Members Absent:

Michael Altomare
Satvir Arias
Lynda Muñoz
Terry Nichols
Tim O'Neill

Others Present:

Reyna Espinoza
Nick Loret de Mola
Will Kelly
David Mirrione
Holly Newlon
Chudy Nnebe
Vilma Reynoso
Stacie Tury
Penny Weaver

Topics

Opening

- Call to Order/Roll Call – Ms. Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
- Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – There were no comments.
- Chair Report - Ms. Leslie Abasta-Cummings commented about how MCDWI is partnering with BHRS with the placement of 17 interns funded by the Opioid Crisis National Health Emergency grant program as an example of how agencies are coming together to work on homelessness.
- Director Report – Mr. David Mirrione, Director and Assistant CEO, wished everyone a Happy New Year having last met in December 2019, commented on the new agenda format, and reported that Assistant Director Nick Loret De Mola, and MCWDB Member and Supervisor Daron McDaniel will attend the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum March 21 - 24 in Washington D.C.

Consent Items – It was *M/S/C Newvine /Roussos* to approve Consent Items as presented.

Performance Dashboards

- MCOE EMPOWER Youth Program Monitoring Report – PY 2019-20
- WIOA Program Review Monitoring Report - PY 2018-19
- WIOA Section 188 EEO Monitoring Report – PY 2019-20

Discussion Items

- Minutes from December Meeting – *It was M/S/C Mobley/Lepper* to approve the December 12, 2019 meeting as presented.
- 2020-21 Board Calendar – Mr. Nick Loret De Mola presented the proposed WDB and Executive Committee meeting schedules. It was proposed that meetings be moved to the third Thursday of each month to improve timely data on performance reports. It was *M/S/C Tietjen/Lepper* to approve the meeting dates, locations, and start time of 1 p.m.
- Reappointments to Workforce Development Board (WDB) – *It was M/S/C Roussos/De Nava, with abstention by McDaniel*, to approve nominations for reappointments to the WDB, and to forward the nominations to the Merced County Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve.
- Merced County WDB Bylaws Amendments – *It was M/S/C Tietjen/Hobbs, with abstention by McDaniel*, to approve amended WDB Bylaws to provide updates consistent with state policy, and to forward the Bylaws to the Merced County Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to adopt. Mr. David Mirrione clarified the change from Rosenberg’s Rules of Order to Robert’s Rules of Order.
- Business Services Strategic Plan Update – *It was M/S/C Hobbs/McDaniel* to adopt and file the updated Business Services Strategic Plan.
- Federal Funding Update – Mr. Nick Loret De Mola presented the funding breakdown comparing fiscal years 2019 and 2020. He reported that funding is expected to stay static. Mr. David Mirrione reported that the budget will be developed with the assumption of flat funding based on information from the state and a base funding level of about \$4 million is expected. He also reported that the timing of the budget adoption is affected by fiscal calendars at the federal, state, and local levels.
- State Plan Update – Mr. Nick Loret De Mola reported that the State Workforce Development draft plan was published last month, and was submitted to the Department of Labor for feedback by July 1, 2020.
- Final WIOA Performance Measure Outcomes – PY 2017-18 – Mr. David Mirrione explained how the measures work and that the report looks at participants after they have exited from the prior year program. Board Member Jorge de Nava commended Mr. Mirrione and his team for the results. Board Member Steve Roussos commented that the numbers are getting better and better. He requested that talking points be developed and shared with Board Members about how to talk about

it with others in the community. Mr. Mirrione confirmed that a one-page fact sheet is being developed. *It was M/S/C De Nava/Lepper that the Final WIOA Performance Measure Outcomes be accepted and filed.*

- Suggestions for Future Agenda Items – Board Member Steve Hobbs requested that testimonials from prior participants become a part of Board meeting agenda, and Mr. Hobbs also requested a break-out session on how Board Members can help each other. Mr. Steve Roussos asked for team members to call out highlights from performance reports, and staff associated with the high-lighted work.
- Announcements – Board Member and Supervisor McDaniel shared about the nonprofit “Welcome Home Heroes he works with, and a veteran referred to the Merced AJCC for assistance with job search and support for his family. Supervisor McDaniel credited fellow Board Member Jorge de Nava for coordinating donations, and Steve Newvine for assistance with establishing power connection to the home the family was able to move in to due to their prior residence burning down. Board Member Jorge De Nava cited this as a perfect example of how Board Members can help each other.

Board Member Steve Tietjen announced the annual Report on Our Schools Program. Lunch is included on Feb. 26 at 11:00 a.m. at MCOE’s new Mondo building at Main and Canal Streets. An evening session is also available that night 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Adjourn 2:52 p.m.

- Next Meeting – 2:00 pm, April 9, 2020 – 3368 N. Hwy 59, Suite I, Merced