



MERCED COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairperson Leslie Abasta-Cummings

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

Regular Meeting – 2:00pm

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Meeting ID: 961 0746 9686

Dial-In:

1 (408) 638-0968

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MERCED COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETINGS**

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- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board’s jurisdiction, including items on the board’s agenda.
3. Approval of AgendaLeslie Abasta-Cummings
4. Chair CommentsLeslie Abasta-Cummings
5. Director Comments Erick Serrato

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. Approval of Consent Agenda Calendar (Items #6a-6d)Leslie Abasta-Cummings
a. Approve the October 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes
b. Review and Accept the 2020-21 Adult Program Operating Plans
c. Review and Accept the 2020-21 Youth Program Operating Plans
d. Review and Accept the 2020-21 Business Services Program Report

BOARD ACTION

- 7. Resignation of Margarita Cabalbag, EDD Workforce Services Branch Manager, and Approval of Chukwudi “Chudy” Nnebe, EDD Deputy Division Chief, to Merced County Workforce Development Board.

PRESENTATIONS

- 8. Ready 2 Open Business Support Program – Round 2Reyna Espinoza
9. Local and Regional Plan Update Erick Serrato
10. WIOA Youth Programmatic Framework Erick Serrato

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

- 11. WDB Member Reports WDB Members
12. Possible Direction for Future Agenda Items WDB Members
13. Next Meeting.....February 18, 2021 2:00 p.m.
14. Adjournment

Workforce Development Board (WDB)
2222 M Street, Merced, CA
Zoom Meeting
October 29, 2020 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



Members Present: Leslie Abasta-Cummings, (Chair), Mike Altomare, Daron McDaniel, Lynda Munoz, Steve Hobbs, Jorge de Nava, Vinton Thengvall, Joshua Lepper, Terry Nicholas, Steve Tietjen, Greg Vincelet

Members Absent:

Others Present: David Mirrione, Reyna Espinoza, Vilma Reynoso, Luis Sobrevilla, Erick Serrato and Stacie Tury

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Board Chairperson, Mrs. Leslie Abasta-Cummings, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Public Opportunity to Speak – None**
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Tietjen/Thengvall approved the agenda as published.
4. **Chair Comments: None**
5. **Director Comments:** David thanked WDB members for Ethics Training. He stated that he can't wait to attend in-person meetings.

Consent Calendar:

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar:
 - a) Approve the August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - b) Review and Accept the 2020-21 Adult Program Operating Plans
 - c) Review and Accept the 2020-21 Youth Program Operating Plans
 - d) Review and Accept the 2020-21 Business Services Program Report
 - e) Review and Accept the 2020-21 Fiscal Report and Dashboard

Motion by Mike Altomare, second by Steve Tietjen to approve the Consent Calendar (Items #6a-6e); carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Presentations:

7. Workforce Board Director Recruitment Update:

Director David Mirrione stated that they have been in the midst of a recruitment serving dual role for the past year. Great search and qualified candidates. Have selected Erick Serrato for the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment Director. He is set to start on November 23, 2020. The Agenda Item will go to the Board meeting Tuesday before the start date.

Erick is currently the Assistant Executive Director of Pacific Gateway Innovation Network, the workforce board of the greater Long Beach area, a service area covering the Los Angeles and Long Beach Port complexes. In his ten years at Pacific Gateway, Erick worked to expand the organization's service blueprint to now include numerous cross-disciplinary partnerships, a non-profit, and a \$17M budget. In this role, Erick was part of the City's Economic Development Department leadership team, working on a host of opportunities at the nexus of workforce and economic development. Apart from his work with City of Long Beach, Erick has consulted extensively, currently completing projects with the City of Detroit Workforce Board and West Valley Community College, where is helping those organizations reimagine career development services and business engagement. He has also presented widely at California Workforce Association and National Association of Workforce Boards as a subject matter expert in workforce and design thinking. Prior to entering workforce development, Erick worked in fund and organizational development in numerous education, arts, and culture, and legal aid non-profits. David added that he is extremely excited about his work.

Erick mentioned that he is very excited about his opportunity and leadership that David have provided. He has appreciated the long talks over the phone. He is excited to meet everyone.

Leslie is thankful for all the work that David has done.

8. Central Valley Opportunity Center: Response to COVID-19:

Jorge did a presentation in regards to protecting farm workers during this time of COVID. He stated that teams of five staff members were assigned to do outreach to all Merced County farmworkers, the program was done four days a week, Monday-Thursday. The last large event was held on September 24th and they provided free mobile testing for COVID.

Leslie stated 'Great Work' and shared that her team also assisted CVOC in this event.

9. Program Services Update:

Outreach efforts

Are down across all career centers. Definitely creating a challenge for us that we are trying to tackle. We are doing virtual office hours- Merced College President, Chris Vitelli reached out and asked if they can do virtual presentations.

CTE Programs-outline referral form. Working with MCC on Welding program. Provided flyers to libraries on our services. David explained-outlined recruiting events.

Contact Tracing Grant:

Foundation partnership is going to collaborate with us.

OPIOID Grant:

Released those dollars down so we can do a new round of hires. Working with our Behavioral Health Resource Services Department.

Food Bank WEX Program:

We connected and the need was from months before.

Rethinking our training program:

An ability to open for walk-ins, since we are trying to capture those participants.

LinkedIn Learning Program:

Training and is added to their LinkedIn profile. We can let them use it.

COVID Supportive Services Grant:

- Receiving additional 50,000 in funding to provide rent, mortgage, PG&E, utilities, home and auto insurance, along with unpaid phone bills.

Ready2Open Grant:

Finalizing 275 applications- 200 checks were processed. We will not reach the 3 million. Community and Veterans Grant- staff has been working diligently to assist with applications. Please spread the work about the program.

New funding secured 3.74 – 3.894

Funding has provided the opportunity to establish new relationships. Once we wrap it up we will have a report out.

Erick mentioned that yes enrollments are down using the COVID SS dollars we could take advantage of adding to enrollments.

David said it was a little of both utilizing the participants we had already that we could easily place and the recruiting of new participants.

Gateway Adult Education Network Presentation:

Ms. Vilma Reynoso gave a presentation on Title II partner-Regional Coordinator.

K-12-Review presentation

AB-86 Adult ED Funding

Discussed slides and barriers.

AB 104-Structure and funding

Ms. Reynoso mentioned closing the gaps in the training and partnerships. She went over website that they developed.

Leslie thanked Vilma for her presentation.

12. Feedback on Future Agenda Items: None

13. Next Meeting Date and Time – The next meeting is Thursday, December 17, 2020.

14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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2020-21 Adult Program Operating Plans

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Actions

Review and Accept the 2020-21 Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Operating Plans

Summary Narrative

The 2020-21 Adult Program Operating Plans depict the goals vs. actual goal attainment of each funding stream within the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker, and all discretionary grant programs. Each grant is represented on its own dashboard listing each goal, and the projected goal attainment by month.

Throughout Program Year 2020-21, staff have executed online orientations and workshops, with an easy reservation system for participants to be able to sign up for those online events. Equus (formerly known as ResCare Workforce Services) are assisting people in the resource centers of the Merced and Los Banos offices by appointment, which should add to the amount of people served.

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

1. 2020-21 Adult Program Operating Plans as of November 30, 2020.

2020-21 WIOA Adult Performance Operating Plan

Measure	Goal	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/30/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
Enrollment Goals	300	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300
Actual	118	19	40	56	90	118							
Placed in employment in WDB priority industry sectors	108	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	108
Actual	36	7	12	17	27	36							
Placed in employment not in the WDB priority industry sectors	108	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	108
Actual	22	6	8	14	20	22							
Placed in training in WDB priority industry sectors or On-the-Job Training	84	0	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	84	0	0
Actual	19	3	7	11	17	19							
Completion of occupational skills training in WDB priority industry sectors with credential/nationally recognized certificate or the completion of an On-the-Job Training	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60
Actual	12	1	4	9	11	12							

2020-21 WIOA Dislocated Worker Performance Operating Plan

Measure	Goal	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/30/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
Enrollment Goals	264	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	264	264
Actual	81	10	23	37	63	81							
Placed in employment in WDB priority industry sectors	99	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	96	99
Actual	32	9	13	18	25	32							
Placed in employment not in the WDB priority industry sectors	99	0	0	6	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	99
Actual	13	2	3	6	8	13							
Placed in training in WDB priority industry sectors or On-the-Job Training	60	0	5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	60	60	60
Actual	27	5	8	16	23	27							
Completion of occupational skills training in WDB priority industry sectors with credential/nationally recognized certificate or the completion of an On-the-Job Training	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	18	28	38	48
Actual	23	3	10	14	16	23							

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2020-21 Youth Program Operating Plans

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

1. Review and Accept the 2020-21 Youth Program Operating Plans

Summary Narrative

The 2020-21 Youth Program Operating Plans depict the goals vs. actual goal attainment of the WIOA Youth Program operated by the Merced County Office of Education via the EMPOWER Program. The dashboard lists each goal and the projected goal attainment by month.

The EMPOWER Program provides educational assistance and job training to help out-of-school youth ages 18-24 succeed in school, then transition to college and/or a career. Youth that do not have a high school diploma receive basic education skills, tutoring, and study skills, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, in order to obtain a GED or high school diploma. EMPOWER youth are also provided paid and/or unpaid work experience, employability skills training, leadership development, placement in post-secondary education (to include career technical education and/or occupational skills training), support services, adult mentoring, comprehensive guidance and counseling, and follow-up services for at least 12 months after completion of participation in the program. The goal of all planned services is to lead to educational and career success for each participant.

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

1. 2020-21 Youth Program Operating Plans as of November 30, 2020

2020-21 WIOA Youth Performance Operating Plan - Non-Westside Participants NOT in zip codes 93635, 93620, 93661, 95322, 93661

Measure	Goal	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/30/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
Enrollment (New)	200	25	50	65	90	110	120	135	145	155	175	185	200
Actual	84	19	34	50	74	84							
Total Enrollments(Carryover 96+New)	296	105	120	145	160	170	180	195	220	240	250	270	296
Actual	180	115	130	146	170	180							
Placed in Occupational Skills Training	81	0	15	21	30	35	41	50	59	66	73	77	81
Actual	27	8	13	17	23	27							
Obtained Credential	59	0	6	13	18	23	29	35	38	40	43	55	59
Actual	11	2	4	5	9	11							
Placed in Work Experience	59	5	10	19	23	25	29	31	44	47	51	55	59
Actual	22	0	6	13	16	22							
Placed in On-the-Job Training	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	5	6	6	7
Actual	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Measureable Skills Gain	142	6	13	25	38	50	56	63	75	100	119	131	142
Actual	148	11	43	70	107	148							
Placed in Post Secondary Education / Advanced Training (Closed)	32	0	8	9	13	13	13	20	21	24	26	30	32
Actual	12	1	2	5	12	12							
Employment: Non Training Related	32	0	1	4	5	8	15	19	21	24	28	31	32
Actual	3	0	0	1	2	3							
Employment: Training Related	32	0	0	1	4	8	11	14	23	25	28	31	32
Actual	2	0	0	1	2	2							
Employment: Not Trained	32	0	0	1	4	8	11	14	23	25	28	31	32
Actual	10	1	4	4	8	10							

2020-21 WIOA Youth Performance Operating Plan - Westside Participants in zip codes 93635, 93620, 93661, 95322, 93661

Measure	Goal	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/30/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
Enrollment (New)	50	6	10	14	18	21	25	29	33	36	40	45	50
Actual	19	6	7	10	14	19							
Total Enrollments (Carryover36+New)	85	40	45	48	50	52	53	60	65	70	71	76	85
Actual	55	42	43	46	50	55							
Placed in Occupational Skills Training	27	0	1	5	9	11	13	17	19	21	23	25	27
Actual	5	2	1	2	3	5							
Obtained Credential	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20
Actual	2	0	1	2	2	2							
Placed in Work Experience	41	3	7	12	17	22	29	31	33	37	39	40	41
Actual	13	0	4	6	7	14							
Placed in On-the-Job Training	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Actual	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Measureable Skills Gain	81	5	12	19	22	30	36	46	56	61	69	75	81
Actual	40	6	21	33	40	40							
Placed in Post Secondary Education / Advanced Training (Closed)	15	0	3	6	6	7	7	11	11	11	12	13	15
Actual	5	2	2	2	5	5							
Employment: Non Training Related	15	0	0	3	4	4	5	5	5	6	8	9	15
Actual	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Employment: Training Related	15	0	0	0	1	3	4	5	6	9	10	12	15
Actual	1	0	0	1	1	1							
Employment: Not Trained	21	0	0	1	3	4	6	11	14	15	17	19	21
Actual	12	4	8	10	12	12							

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Business Services Dashboard

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

1. Review and Accept the November 2020 Business Services Dashboard

Summary Narrative

The Business Dashboard includes a snapshot of business services activities for Program Year 2020-2021. Information in the dashboard includes:

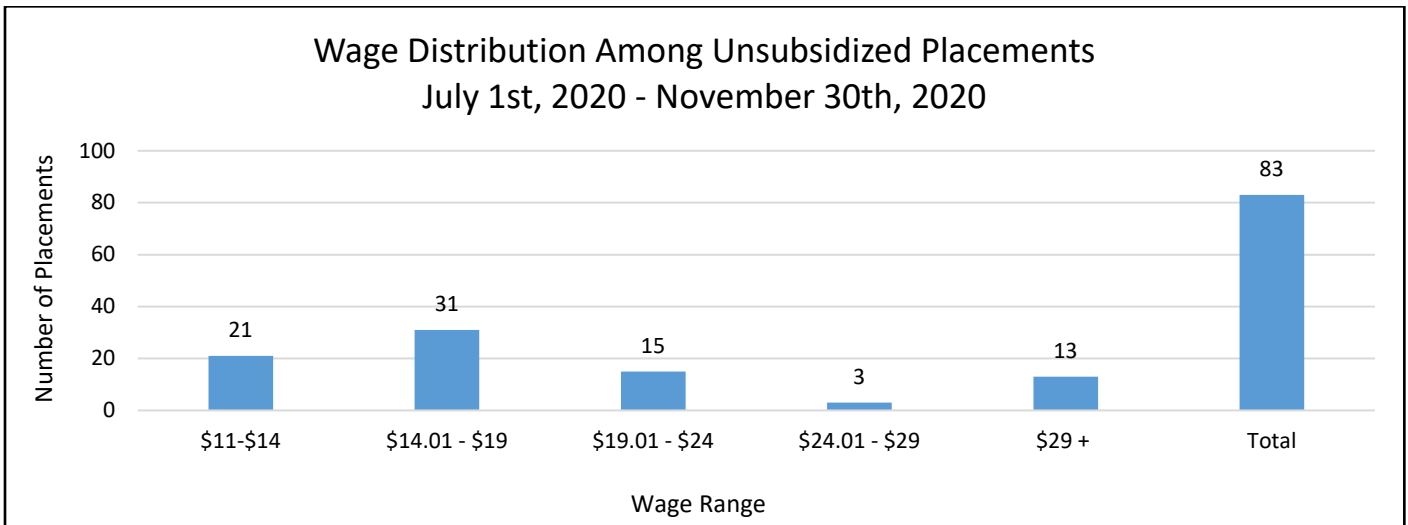
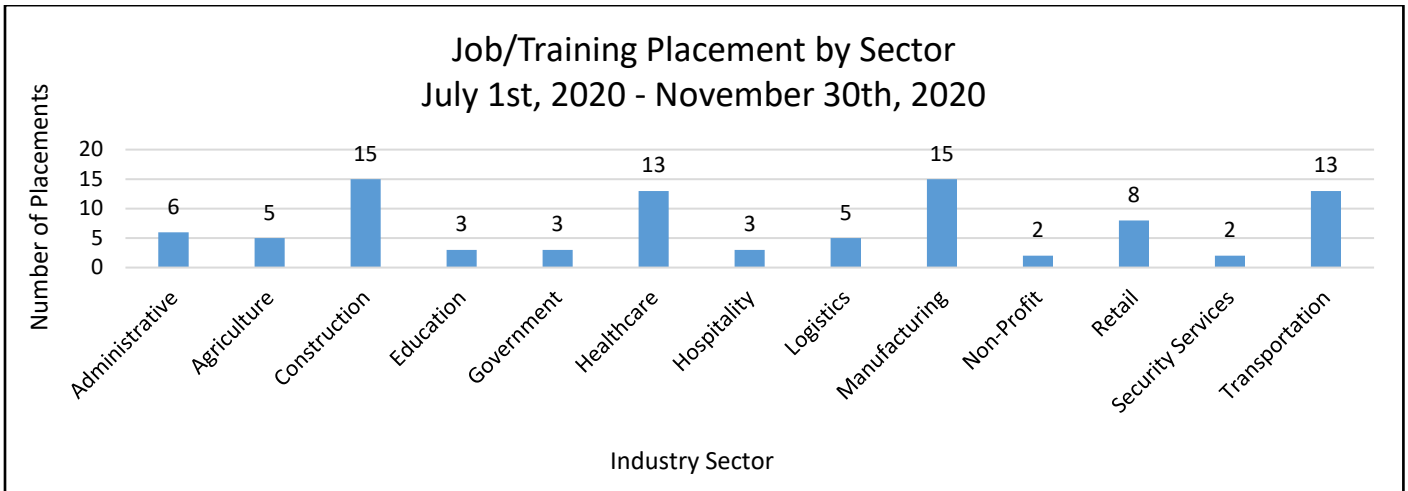
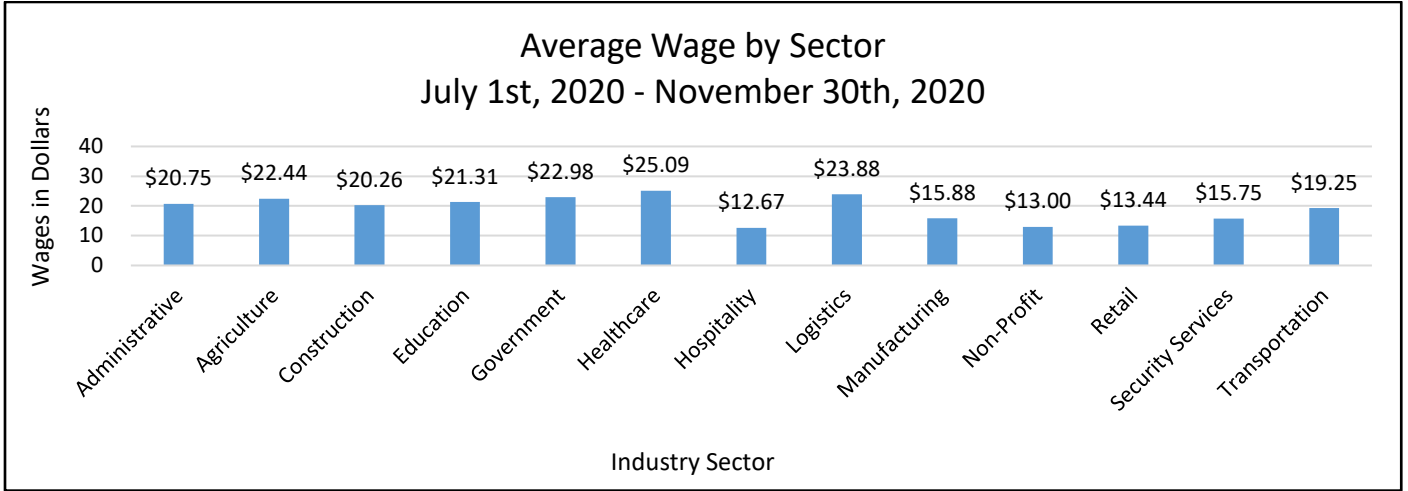
- Average wages of all jobs for participants placed, by sector
- Job and training placement, by sector
- Hiring events placements
- Hiring event participant source analytics
- Wage distribution among unsubsidized placements, by wage category
- On-the-Job Training and Expanded Subsidized Employment placements, by wage category
- Human Resources Hotline usage rates, by month
- Upcoming business events

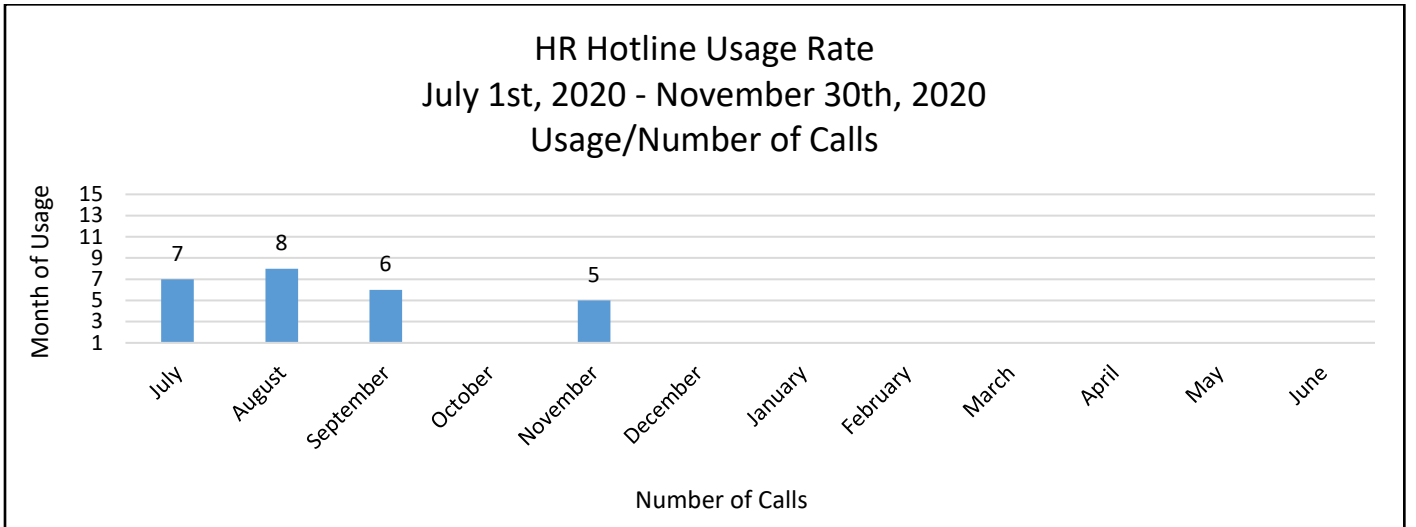
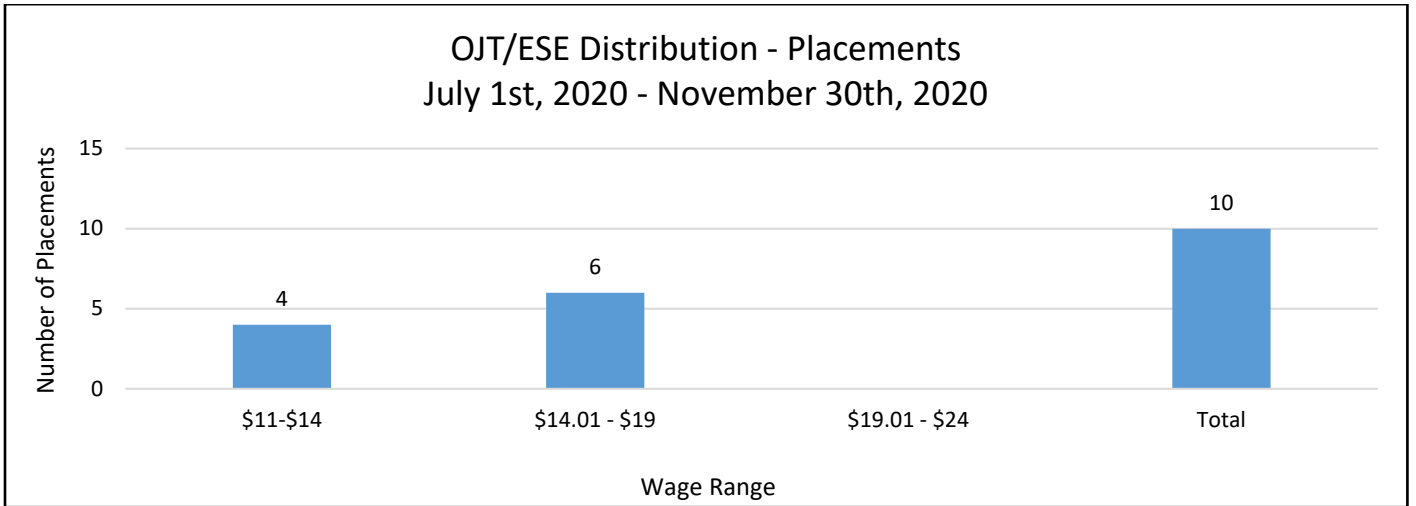
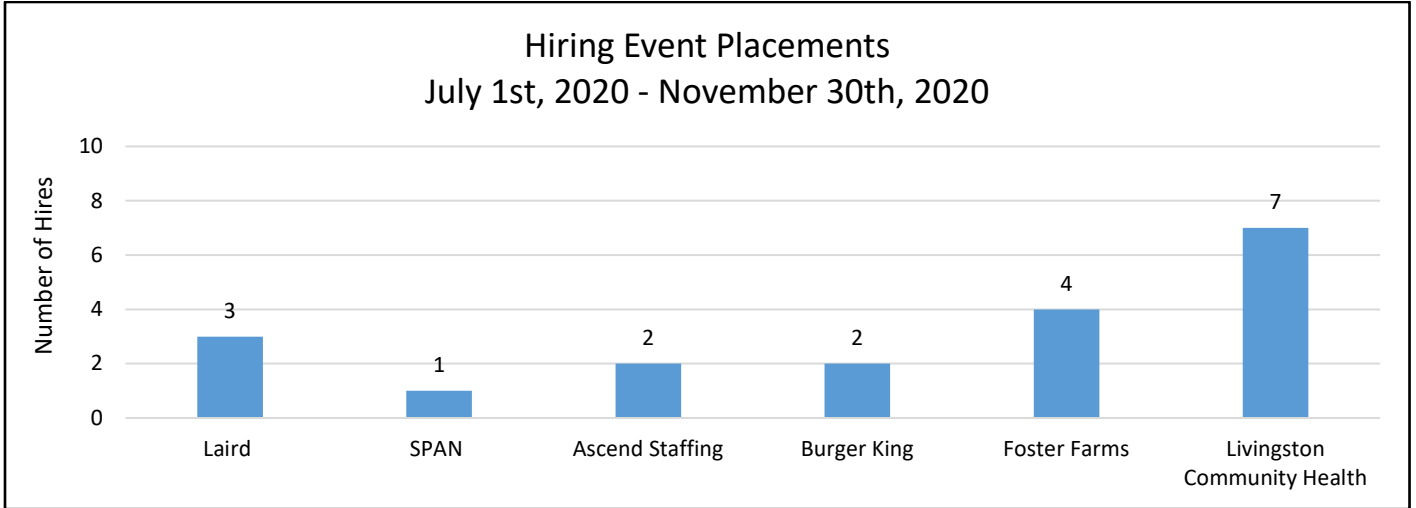
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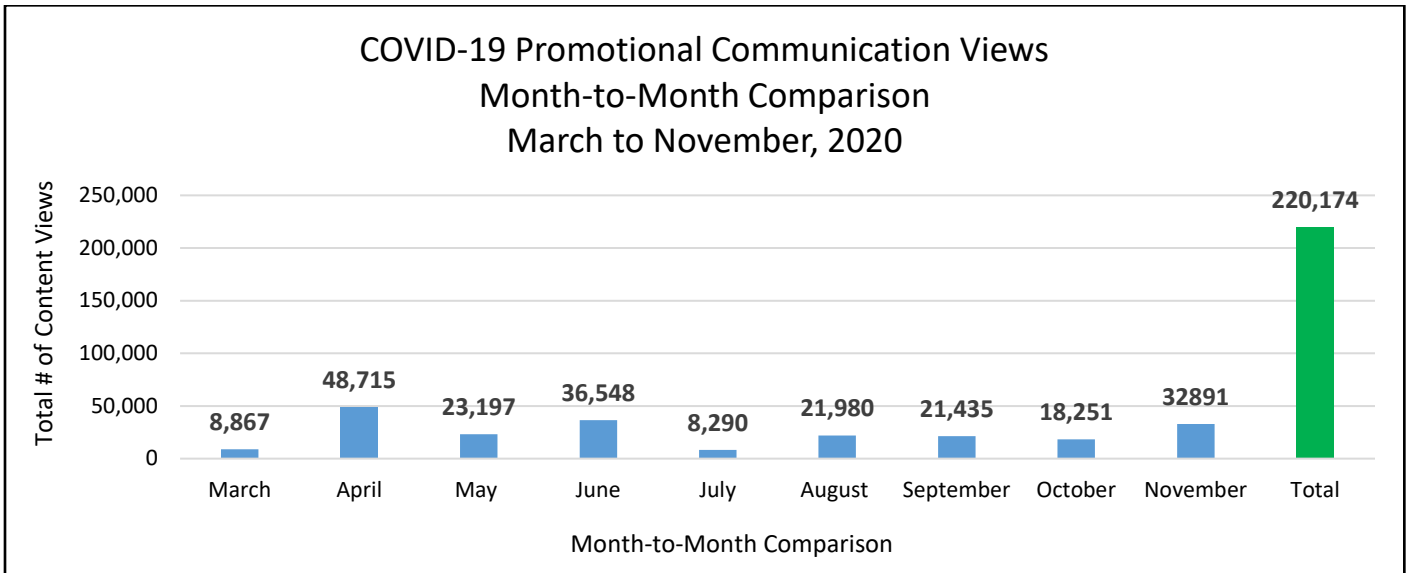
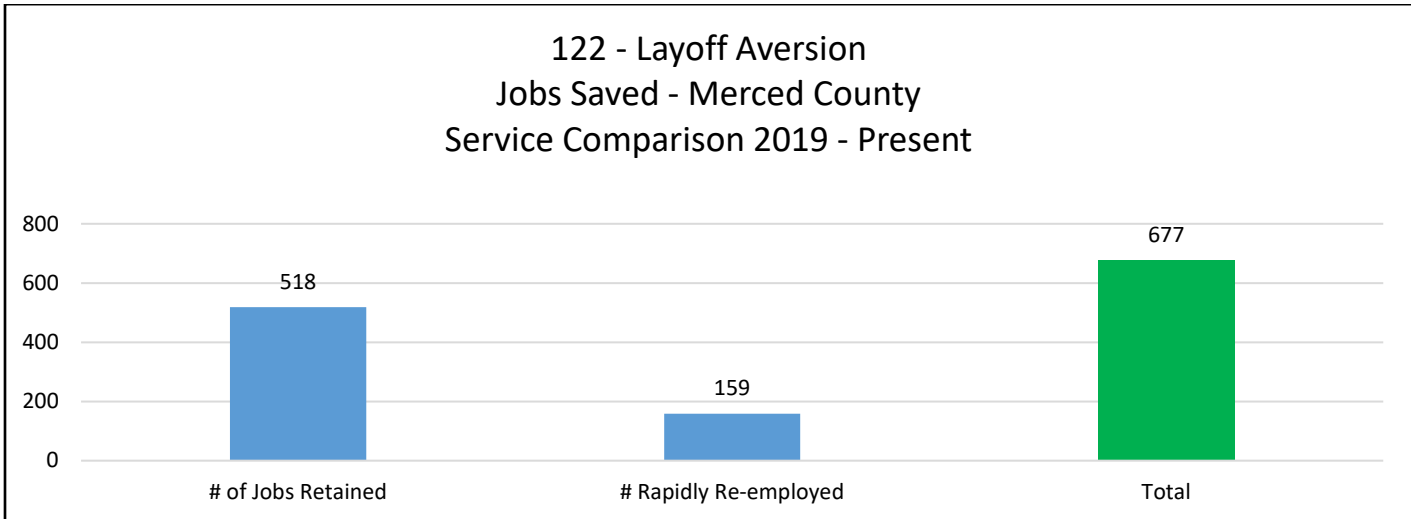
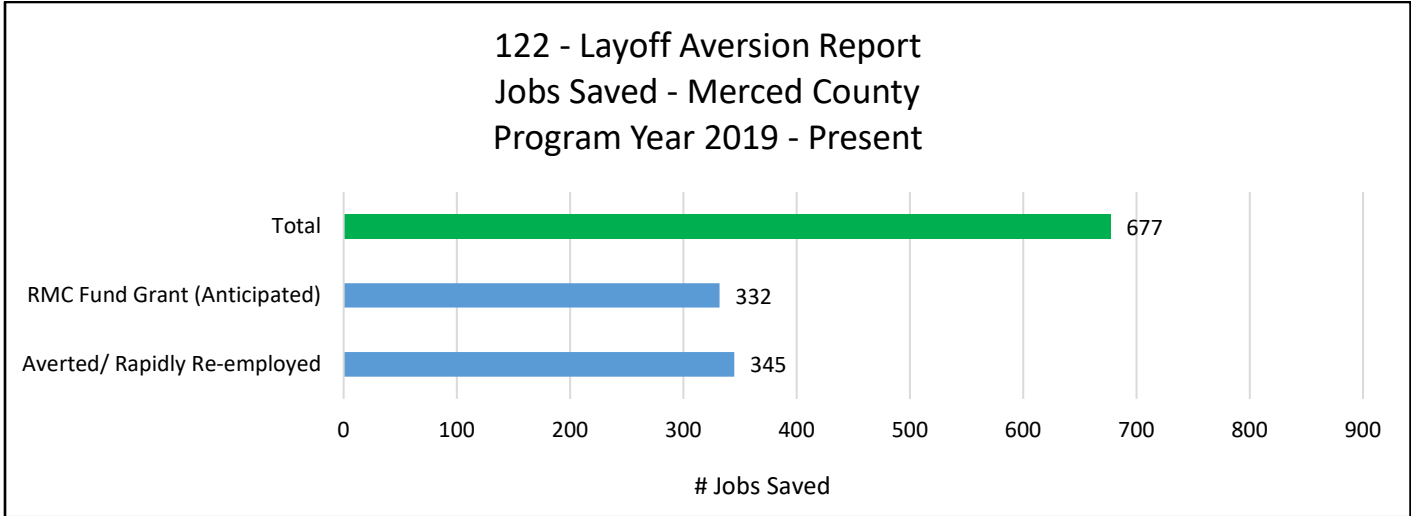
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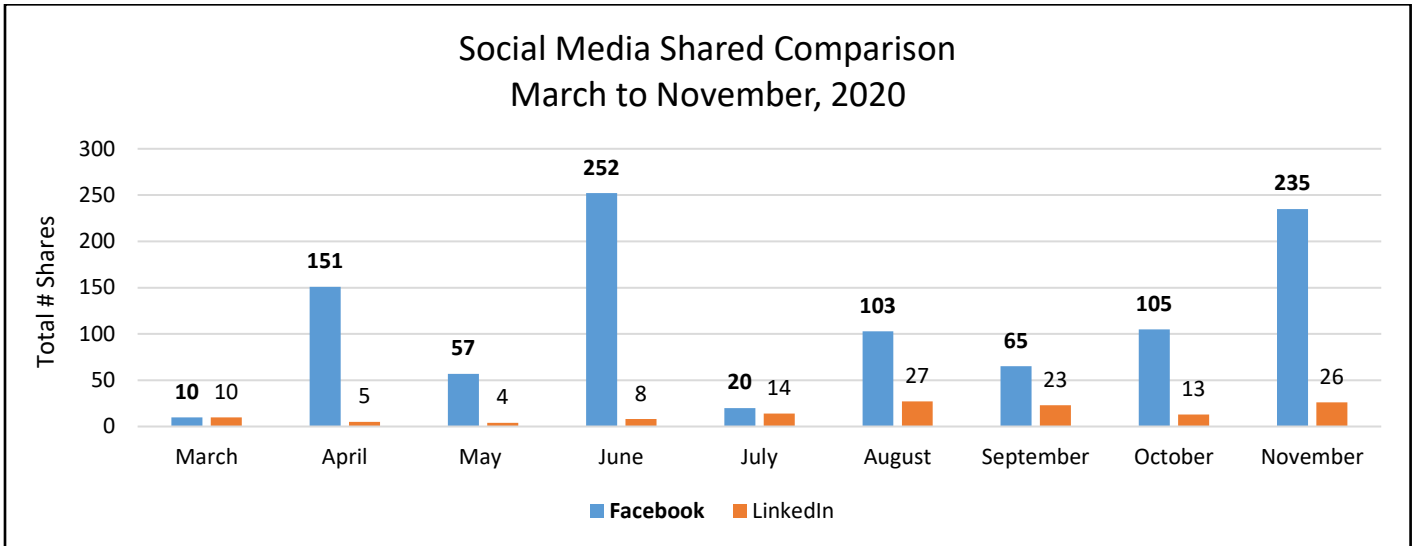
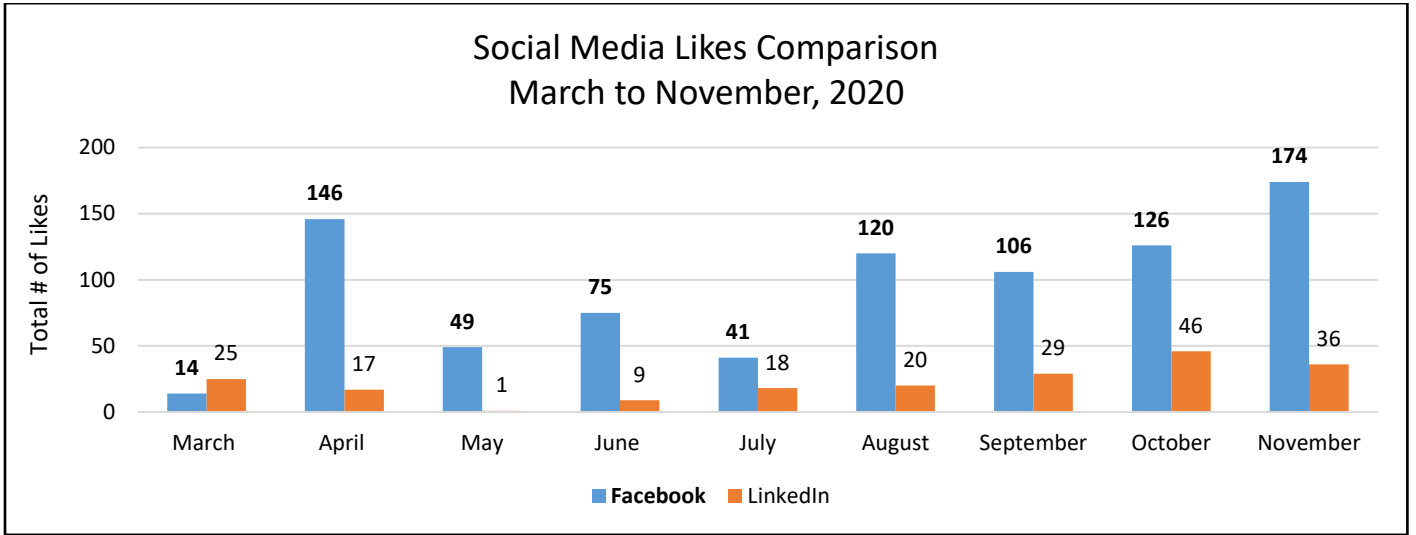
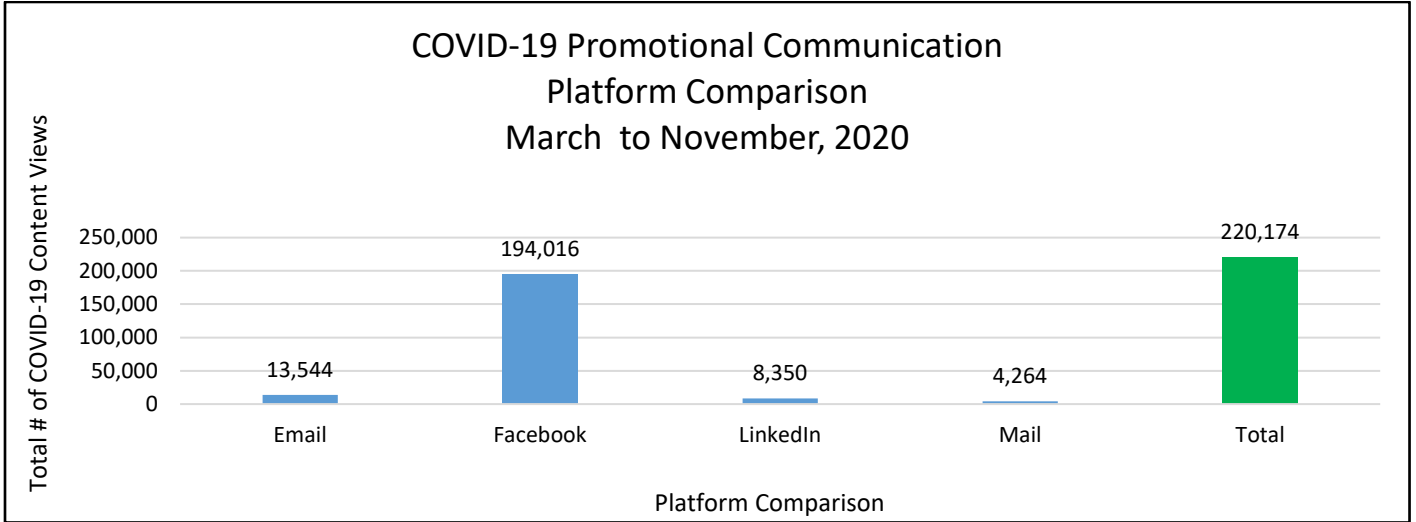
Attachments

1. November 2020 Business Services Dashboard









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Resignation of Margarita Cabalbag, EDD Workforce Services Branch Manager, and Approval of Chukwudi “Chudy” Nnebe, EDD Deputy Division Chief, to Merced County Workforce Development Board.

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

1. Accept Resignation of Margarita Cabalbag, and approval of Chudy Nnebe to Workforce Development Board

Summary Narrative

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 679.320, local workforce boards must include representation from the State employment service administering Wagner-Peyser Act services covering the local area. The California Employment Development Department (EDD) provides such services in Merced County, and throughout the State.

In Merced County, all members of the Workforce Development Board (WDB) are first approved by the WDB in accordance with WIOA, and then submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

In September 2020, EDD realigned its local board assignments. This move has resulted in Margarita Cabalbag’s departure from the WDB, to be replaced by Chukwudi “Chudy” Nnebe, EDD Deputy Division Chief. Ms. Cabalbag’s resignation and Mr. Nnebe’s application are on file with the WDB.

If approved by the WDB, Mr. Nnebe’s nomination to the WDB will go before the Merced County Board of Supervisors in January 2021.

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

None

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Ready 2 Open Business Support Program – Round 2

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

Discussion Only

Summary Narrative

The Ready2Open Small Business Assistance Program is designed to provide local small businesses with up to \$62,500 in grant funding for the reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 related operating expenses. Grants are available to businesses operating and headquartered in Merced County with 25 or fewer employees. Funds are proportioned based on the number of full-time employees (employees working 30 hours or more per week), with up to \$2,500 of funds available per employee.

Merced Worknet has administered the program since its inception in August 2020. Round 1 of the Ready2Open program closed in the Fall 2020. The availability of additional funds reopened and expanded the program with a new application period beginning December 9, 2020 and ending December 15, 2020.

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

None

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Local and Regional Plan Update

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

Discussion Only

Summary Narrative

The State Workforce Development Plan outlines policy objectives, developed in collaboration with WIOA partners and Local Boards, to drive toward the shared vision of creating a comprehensive system that impacts poverty, promotes income mobility, and embeds equity as a cornerstone of service-delivery. The Regional Plan represents the big picture of a region's economy and workforce environment with a focus on collaborative strategies to be implemented across multiple Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) to attain regional goals and objectives. The Local Plan demonstrates operational alignment with the strategic objectives of the respective Regional Plans, drives coordination with local partners, and highlights key service delivery strategies.

Key Dates for the Local and Regional Plans:

Regional Forums (Zoom Mtg, hosted by Merced WDB)

- January 13, 2021; 3:30pm
- January 20, 2021; 6:00pm (Spanish)

Local Forums (Zoom Mtg)

- February 2, 2021; 10:00am (Business Opportunities)
- February 4, 2021; 3:00pm (Job Seeker/Youth/Community Opportunities)

Public Comment Period: March 5, 2021 through April 5, 2021

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

None

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Local and Regional Plan Update

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

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Summary Narrative

The State Workforce Development Plan outlines policy objectives, developed in collaboration with WIOA partners and Local Boards, to drive toward the shared vision of creating a comprehensive system that impacts poverty, promotes income mobility, and embeds equity as a cornerstone of service-delivery. The Regional Plan represents the big picture of a region's economy and workforce environment with a focus on collaborative strategies to be implemented across multiple Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) to attain regional goals and objectives. The Local Plan demonstrates operational alignment with the strategic objectives of the respective Regional Plans, drives coordination with local partners, and highlights key service delivery strategies.

Key Dates for the Local and Regional Plans:

Regional Forums (Zoom Mtg, hosted by Merced WDB)

- January 13, 2021; 3:30pm
- January 20, 2021; 6:00pm (Spanish)

Local Forums (Zoom Mtg)

- February 2, 2021; 10:00am (Business Opportunities)
- February 4, 2021; 3:00pm (Job Seeker/Youth/Community Opportunities)

Public Comment Period: March 5, 2021 through April 5, 2021

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

None

**Merced County Workforce Development Board
December 17, 2020**



WIOA Youth Programmatic Framework

**To: Merced County Workforce Development Board
From: Merced County Workforce Development Board Staff**

Recommended Action

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Summary Narrative

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and California State Workforce Plan provides local areas with a general framework for the development and implementation of programs serving youth ages 14 through 24. These programs are aimed at serving youth who have barriers to employment, education, or training.

Funds for youth services are allocated to states and local areas based on a formula. The WIOA Youth Program focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, requiring local areas to expend a minimum of 75% of WIOA youth funds on them. The program includes 14 program elements that are required to be made available to youth participants. WIOA prioritizes work experience through a 20% minimum expenditure rate for the work experience program element.

Youth contractors are procured locally. Merced Worknet's WIOA youth provider must be procured for services provided as of July 1, 2021. This requires the development and release of an RFP to identify the best provider(s) for WIOA youth services.

Board discussion will focus on service delivery options to provide the most comprehensive and impactful services to Merced County youth. This may include consideration of:

- Current and proposed geographic distribution of services;
- Ages served under the current service model and possible prescriptions to ensure age diversity;
- Training opportunity afforded to WIOA enrolled youth;
- Allowance of in-school youth;
- Connections to community resources and youth centers;
- WIOA youth employment goals; or
- Other areas of interest.

Budget/Financial Impact

None

Attachments

None