

Executive Director & Staff Report

(June – August 2016)

September 1, 2016

L.A. County Workforce Development Board WIOA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On June 21, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion to approve the L.A. County WDB WIOA MOU with AJCC Partners, which was due for submission to the State by June 30, 2016 and is one of the requirements for certification of all local workforce development boards. The MOU included the signatures of 43 of the 46 MOU partners whose governance bodies approved and signed the MOU to be L.A. County AJCC Partners. On August 15, WDB staff submitted the 3 remaining partner signatures to officially complete the required submission of the MOU.

The full list of MOU AJCC agency partners can be found at the end of this report.

BOARD CERTIFICATION/COMPLIANCE

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors on June 14, M. Ruiz sent the L.A. County Recertification Letter to the State Board prior to the June 20 deadline. The California WDB notified the Chair of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors and WDB Executive Director that provisional recertification of the L.A. County WDB was approved, pending appointments to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Commissioner Thomas Flournoy, who was assigned a new service area for EDD, and the two vacant business representative seats to achieve the required business majority (12 out of the 21 Commissioners) on the WDB.

WDB staff forwarded two nominees from CSS for Business Representative and one nominee for Wagner-Peyser for the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to consider at its meeting on September 6, 2016.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B. Schwartz attended the **BizFed Board of Directors Meeting** on June 21 hosted by the West L.A. Chamber of Commerce. The meeting featured an update on California Ballot Initiatives likely to affect businesses. Some qualified items of high interest are a voter approval requirement on all revenue bonds, a referendum on the Plastic Bag Ban (affects plastics manufacturers), pricing caps for prescription drugs purchased by the State, and it should be noted that the minimum wage ballot initiative was withdrawn on June 23. Items likely to qualify that are of interest include Prop 30—high wealth tax increase extension, tobacco tax increase,

HIGH GROWTH SECTOR INITIATIVES

B. Schwartz attended **SB350 Clean Energy Jobs Regional Planning meeting** on July 11 hosted by LAEDC and convened by Kish Rajan, Southern California Leadership Council, Jim Caldwell--Sector Navigator for Energy, Construction and Utilities (ECU) and Bruce Noble—Deputy Sector Navigator for ECU. This initial meeting set the stage for coordination to plan for the need for 15 thousand skilled clean energy jobs added per year to meet guidelines laid out by SB350. Jim Caldwell and Bruce Noble presented on a unique pilot program with community colleges that focuses on stackable, marketable, industry-accepted certifications that prepare people to meet the workforce needs of SB350. This group will develop the opportunity to scale up the pilot program or one like it. A follow up meeting is planned for the late September.

NATIONAL AND STATE WORKFORCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

R. Verches, B. Schwartz and M. Ruiz attended the **CWA Board of Directors Meeting** on June 9-10 in Long Beach. A new Executive Committee was elected and R. Verches was re-elected to the committee as Chair of the Capacity Building Committee. CWA staff provided key legislative updates, and Virginia Hamilton, Regional Administrator at Department of Labor indicated that WIOA Regulations would be released at the end of June and that WDBs should expect to see outreach from the Federal Reserve regarding convenings on full-employment.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B. Schwartz attended the **GAVEA Board of Directors Meeting and Elections** on June 16. Board elections began the meeting, including re-election of WDB Executive Director Richard Verches. Royal Gardner of HALE Enterprise Production, John Homes of Mojave Air and Space Port, Eileen Shibley of Monarch Manufacturing, and John Esch of AF Plant 42 on Edwards Air Force Base gave a picture of Aerospace Valley's assets, what to expect and what to advocate for over the next several years. The immediate need for a larger and more technically skilled workforce for Antelope Valley was a common theme through all of the presenters.

B. Schwartz attended the **GAVEA Strategic Planning Meeting** on June 28 hosted by City of Hope Medical Group. Focus on the fundamental planning of what Antelope Valley needs most to thrive facilitated a discussion around some key items: marketing of Antelope Valley; business attraction, retention and expansion; and workforce development.

B. Schwartz attended the **SCVEDC Board of Directors Meeting** on July 7 hosted by College of the Canyons. Special guest speaker Matt Stone General Manager of the Castaic Lake Water Agency presented on the state of the drought, and what it means for the Santa Clarita Valley (SCV), now and in the future. Mr. Stone highlighted that SCV currently pays comparably less on average for water than similar regions, but that one of the main issues surrounding expansion in SCV is the litigious nature surrounding new development—which directly impacts water. Tom Miller also gave an update on the state of retail in SCV and elsewhere. He noted that retail still remains strong, but also relies heavily on dining out—a key attraction.

R. Verches attended the quarterly **GAVEA Board of Directors** Meeting on July 21 in Lancaster.

R. Verches attended the **Beyond Jobs Roundtable** on July 25 hosted by the Pacific Gateway Workforce Development Board, attended by L.A. City, Foothill, Selaco and Verdugo WDB Directors to discuss interest and possible collaboration on new technology to address fragmentation of employment with Wingham Rowan from Beyond Jobs, in the U.K. The U.S. Government Accountability Office indicates that non-standard employment could now be 33% of the workforce. Are we doing enough to raise standards of this workforce and support customers needing to work this way? Could there be strategic alignment with our objectives for employer attraction, supporting marginal groups and employment-ready metrics? The British government has run projects aimed at addressing these issues. They created new marketplace technologies and trial programs. Learning and technology will be open sourced to any city ready to exploit it. In the United States, the National Governors' Association, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Aspen Institute and others have been approached and are supportive of this innovative approach.

R. Verches attended the **GAVEA Workforce Development Subcommittee and September Event Planning Meeting** on August 8 at Antelope Valley College with College President and LACOE to formulate plans for an event for small businesses in mid-September 2016.

REGIONAL PLANNING, COLLABORATIONS, & PARTNERSHIPS

R. Verches co-Chaired the **P3 All Partners quarterly meeting** on July 20 at the Greater Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

R. Verches, B. Schwartz and M. Ruiz attended the **L.A. Area Workforce Planning Summit** organized by the L.A. County Community College-WDB Collaborative on August 11-12. This meeting brought together community college deans, workforce development directors, and workforce stakeholders to discuss and begin developing a framework for regional planning to better align workforce efforts in the County under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). The Summit laid a foundation for continued regional collaboration and local implementation of high priority state and federal initiatives.

R. Verches attended **Los Angeles 100K Opportunities Initiative Strategy Session** convened by the Aspen Institute for strategic partners as a follow-up to the national convening in April 2016 in Chicago.

STRATEGIC COUNTY INITIATIVES

About 800 youth, ages 14-24, were provided with a wealth of opportunities at the **Los Angeles County Youth Summer Jobs and Resource Fair** on June 18 at East L.A. College. 121 volunteers came together and gave their time to make the event happen on Saturday—including 36 from Community and Senior Services to put on the event. The 87 other volunteers were comprised of L.A. County Youth Jobs (LACYJ) and America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) staff, and the other six Workforce Development Boards in L.A. County. Supervisor Hilda Solis was the featured speaker. Two L.A. County WDB Commissioners presented: All You Ever Wanted to Know About The Trades, by Jaime Valdivia; and Workplace & Wage Theft Protection, by Lola Smallwood-Cuevas. B. Schwartz and M. Ruiz volunteered and assisted in coordination of volunteers. B. Schwartz presented a workshop on LinkedIn.

M. Ruiz organized and participated in the inaugural meeting of the Prop. 47 **Transitional Employment and Supportive Services Workgroup** on July 26 at the Greater L.A. Area Chamber. The Transitional Employment and Supportive Services Workgroup is one of four workgroups of the Prop 47 Jobs & Services Taskforce charged with developing recommendations to be included in a report to the County Board of Supervisors. County departments, community-based organizations, and other community stakeholders discussed priorities and strategies to improve access to and the delivery of critical wrap-around services that Prop 47 eligible individuals need to successfully reintegrate into society.

Otto Solorzano, Louisa Ollague, and M. Ruiz attended the **Prop 47 Jobs & Services Taskforce Meeting** on August 22 hosted by the Greater L.A. Area Chamber. All four Taskforce workgroups (Transitional Employment and Supportive Services; Private Sector Engagement; Public Sector Employment; and Funding and Sustainability) presented their preliminary findings to the Taskforce and began developing S.M.A.R.T. goals to be included in the final report.

M. Ruiz attended the Prop. 47 **Transitional Employment and Supportive Services Workgroup meeting** on August 30 at Community Coalition. The meeting served as a space for discussion on the employment and supportive services needs of the Prop 47 and reentry community in the County. Critical input was gathered from community-based organizations and formerly incarcerated individuals that will help inform the recommendations the Prop 47 Jobs & Services Taskforce will make in its final report.

L.A. COUNTY WIOA MOU AJCC PARTNERS

Partner	Organization
WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Title V Older Americans Act	L.A. County Community and Senior Services
WIOA Title II Adult Education and Literacy (25)	Antelope Valley Union High School District Azusa City Library Azusa Unified School District Baldwin Park Unified School District Bassett Unified School District Claremont Unified School District City of Covina Public Library Culver City Unified School District El Monte Union High School District El Rancho Unified School District Glendora Unified School District Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Los Angeles Unified School District Lynwood Unified School District Monrovia Unified School District Montebello Unified School District Monterey Park Monterey Library Mt. San Antonio Community College Paramount Unified School District Pomona Unified School District Rowland Unified School District Santa Monica Community College Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Whittier Union High School District William S. Hart Union High School District

Partner Type	Organization
WIOA Title III Wagner-Peyser Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers Veterans Trade Adjustment Assistance Act Unemployment Compensation (Insurance)	Employment Development Department
WIOA Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation	California Department of Rehabilitation

Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education (6)	Antelope Valley College Citrus College College of the Canyons Mt. San Antonio College Rio Hondo College Santa Monica College
Job Corps	Los Angeles Job Corps
Native American Programs	Southern California Indian Center
Youth Build	Youth Policy Institute
Community Services Block Grant Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	L.A. County Department of Public Social Services
Housing and Urban Development	L.A. County Community Development Commission
Second Chance	L.A. County Probation Department