

ADOPTED

Monterey County Workforce Development Board
Business Services Committee
MBEST, 3239 Imjin Road #101, Marina, CA
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Members Present: Mary Ann Leffel (Chair), Wendy Brickman, Paul Farmer and Kimberly Schnader

Members Absent: Paula Calvetti and Harbhajan Dadwal

Staff present: Joyce Aldrich, Marleen Bush and Flor Galvan

Call to order/introductions: Ms. Leffel called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. and asked for introductions. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment/Testimonial: None

Consent Calendar:

1. Action: Approve minutes from October 13, 2015.

Motion: Mr. Farmer motioned to accept the action as stated.

Second: Ms. Brickman

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

Discussion or Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

1. Action: Review and approve submitting grant proposal to Executive Committee for submission to the California State Workforce Development Board Proposition 39 Pre-Apprenticeship Training and Placement Grant 2.0. Mrs. Aldrich reported that Monterey County in collaboration with the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board (WDB), as the lead, submitted a proposal for the development phase of this grant in March 2014. For the implementation phase of this grant, Santa Cruz WDB requested that Monterey County take the lead and fiscal agent responsibilities. If awarded, the start date would be in April 2016.

Motion: Mr. Farmer motioned to accept the action as stated.

Second: Ms. Schnader

Approved unanimously by those in attendance

2. Report on the delivery of business outreach and services to the business community, Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion Activities. Ms. Bush reported that for the period between July 1st through November 30, 2015 a total of 520 employers were served; 272 applicants were pre-screened prior to referral to local employers for placement; 71 job openings were posted online in the CalJOBS system; 288 participants were referred to employers hiring with 47 job seekers hired; 58 job fairs and custom recruiting events were hosted by the Business Services Team; and 47 candidates were reported hired of the 58 job fairs and recruitments hosted.

3. Update on the Work Ready Communities initiative and Ad-Hoc Committee developed to discuss WorkKeys certifications. Mrs. Aldrich reported that the Slingshot application with the new Four County Regional Collaborative has been approved by the State. She also reported that the State Employment Development Department approved Monterey County's request to purchase 6 licenses for the Career Ready 101 which is the supporting remedial training for WorkKeys. Ms. Leffel reported that the Monterey County Business Council has signed a contract with Monterey Peninsula College to provide WorkKeys testing at their satellite campus located on Imjin Road in Marina. Testing will also be held at MBEST in Marina. She further reported that Dr. Lewallen, Hartnell College President, will be purchasing a license and will be testing proctors, Taylor Farms committed to testing over 100 employees and Marich Confectionary in Hollister will be sending candidates for testing. The Monterey Bay Economic Partnership is also interested in picking up the Work Ready Communities initiative as one of their work initiatives for the region and they plan to encourage their members to sign up.

4. Current Report on Monterey County's local labor market. Ms. Bush reported that for the month of October 2015, the State of California reported that the unemployment rate is 5.8%; labor force is 226,100; employed is 212,900; and the number of unemployed is 13,200. She also provided the committee with occupations with the highest number of openings advertised online for the past six months.

Adjournment: Ms. Leffel requested to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting as requested.

Second: Ms. Brickman

Approved unanimously by those in attendance