



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Workforce Development Board Career Services Committee

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:00 p.m.

18 W. Beach Street
Watsonville, CA 95076
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NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the directive of Governor Gavin Newsom in adjusting the Brown Act rules, public meetings will be allowed to be attended virtually until further notice. A public meeting room was made available for this meeting, but all participants chose to attend virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., and a quorum was established. All participants attended virtually.

Committee Members in Attendance

Alia Ayyad
Elyse Destout – Chair
Fernando Giraldo
Burr Guthrie
LaNae Liebetrau
Denise Moss – Vice Chair
Annabelle Rodriguez

Committee Members Absent

Christina Cuevas
Mark Dammann
MariaElena De La Garza

Staff in Attendance

Peter Detlefs – WDB Business Services Manager
Elizabeth Gutierrez – WDB Admin Aide
Josie Montes - CWES Associate Analyst
Sara Paz-Nethercutt – WDB Sr. Analyst
Andy Stone – WDB Director
Katy Chevalier – Program Manager
Adam Spickler – CCU Analyst
Marcy Villalobos – WDB Office Support

Guests

Dr. Kofi Akinjide
Richard Cheatham
Claudia Cortez
Kayla Kumar
Barbara Mason
Beatriz Munoz
Maria Rodriguez
Amanda Winter

Career Services Committee MEMBERS:

Elyse Destout, Chair
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Denise Moss, Vice Chair
Cabrillo College

Alia Ayyad
Center for Employment Training

Christina Cuevas
Cabrillo College

Mark Dammann
Housing Authority Santa Cruz County

MariaElena De La Garza
Community Action Board

Fernando Giraldo
Santa Cruz County Probation Department

Burr Guthrie
Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult Ed.

LeNae Liebetrau,
Department of Rehabilitation

Annabelle Rodriguez
GOAL/Cabrillo College

DIRECTOR:
Andy Stone

Subject: Public Comment

None

Subject: Chairperson's Report

Chair Elyse Destout spoke briefly of a mentoring program offered to youth in Watsonville.

Subject: Action Items:

Item 1 – Approval of the July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Action: It was moved to approve the July 28, 2021 Career Services Committee meeting minutes.

Status: Motion to Approve: LeNae Liebetrau

Motion Seconded: Denise Moss

Abstentions: None

Committee Action

All in favor, motion passed

Subject: Report Items:

Item 2 – WDB Staff Updates

WDB staff gave the latest updates on WIOA Career Services and Regional Projects/Grants. WDB Sr. Analyst Sara-Paz-Nethercutt informed the committee that the General Services Department released the Request for Proposal on August 24, 2021; introduced the new Admin Aide, Elizabeth Gutierrez, to the committee; reported that the Department of Labor approved the WIOA out of school expenditure waiver, and closed up by mentioning that the FIRE project is in need of more participants. WDB Director Andy Stone gave an update on the Prison to Employment Grant and reported that currently there are 7 participants enrolled, 6 employed, and 2 going through the eligibility process. An update was also given on the SB1 Pre-apprenticeship Training Grant program and shared that 14 participants graduated in early September.

Action: No action taken, informational item only.

Item 3 – WIOA Contracted Service Provider Activity Reports

Report outs were given by the Career Center Operator, Goodwill Central Coast, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and Cabrillo College – Student Resource and Support Network (SRSN).

Action: No action taken, informational item only.

Item 4 – CalWORKs Contracted Service Provider Activity Reports

Report outs were given by Goodwill Central Coast and Community Action Board – SmartHIRE Program.

Action: No action taken, informational item only.

Subject: Information Items:**Item 5 – Presentation by Food What?!**

Food What?! Development Director Kayla Kumar gave a presentation to the committee and shared information on the services offered to youth through their program some of which include attending empowerment workshops, gaining harvesting and culinary skills.

Action: No action taken, informational item only.

Item 6 – AJCC Certification Indicator Assessments

WDB Sr. Analyst Sara Paz-Nethercutt provided information to the committee on the new Americas Job Center of California (AJCC) certification process which replaces the former Hallmarks of Excellence Action Plans.

Action: No action taken, informational item only.

Subject: Committee Member Announcements:

There were no committee member announcements. Chair Elyse Destout thanked the committee for their time and commitment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Workforce Development Board – Career Services Committee
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 3:00 pm
Watsonville Career Center, Room 2
Virtual Attendance via Microsoft Teams**