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**San Benito County
Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
3:00 P.M. – November 14, 2006
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Present: Kendra Bobsin, Mary Damm, Rick Deraiche, Steve Hatch, Connie Herndon, Al Martinez, David Wright

Absent: Tad Coatsworth

Staff: Andi Anderson, Sylvia Jacquez, Maria Fehl

Guests: Denise Ceballos/EDD

Al Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

I. **Public Comment Period:** Denise Ceballos of the Employment Development Department introduced herself to the Executive Committee.

II. Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 10, 2006 Full WIB meeting were approved as presented. M/S/C* David Wright/Steve Hatch.
2. **WIB Membership:** The term of Robert Rodriguez, Private Sector representative, expired on August 31, 2006. Copies of the letter which was sent to Mr. Rodriguez explaining his termination due to lack of meeting attendance was distributed. Mr. Rodriguez has not responded. After discussion, the Executive Committee approved posting the vacancy of Mr. Rodriguez for the required period. M/S/C Mary Damm/Rick Deraiche.
3. **Natural Selection Update:** Maria Fehl reported on a presentation that was given to the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2006. A total of 164 individuals were laid-off from Natural Selections. Twenty (20) individuals were identified to be San Benito County residents. Seven (7) attended the presentation that was given on the One-Stop Career Center services. Of those four (4) indicated interest in enrolling in the Individual Training Account (ITA). Because of confidentiality issues, Rick Deraiche stated that it has been a challenge informing workers of the full array of services available to them. A tour of the Center for Employment Training (CET) is planned for interested individuals.
4. **Collaborative Projects with Work2Future:** Sylvia Jacquez provided an update projects to serve migrant seasonal farm workers and veterans. Sylvia reported that she spoke with Work2Future and they conducted a presentation on October 17, 2006 at the Migrant Labor Camp. She indicated that four (4) individuals expressed an interest in truck driving course at CET. Rick stated Work2Future submitted an application to the State for



\$500,000 to assist veterans. San Benito County was included as part of this regional collaboration with the Employment Development Department and Work2Future as part of this grant application. Rick gave an overview of the services to be provided to veterans and the schools which will be participating in the services to be offered. He stated that staff should be receiving notice in the near future as to whether or not the grant will be funded. If the grant is funded, San Benito County would receive funding for twenty (20) individuals.

5. **Youth Employment Program Council (YEP):** A copy of the Youth Employment Services report was distributed for review. Sylvia Jacquez stated that the YEP Council recently moved to hold the YEP Council meetings every other month. The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. in the CSWD conference room.
6. **YEP Retreat:** An overview from the YEP Council retreat which was held on October 13, 2006 at San Juan Oaks was included in the agenda packet.
7. **WIB Retreat:** Discussion was held to select a date for next year's WIB Retreat. The Executive Committee chose April 3, 2007. So mark your calendar! More details will follow as the date nears.
8. **Additional information:**
 - a. Mary Damm asked about adopting a family for the holidays. Maria Fehl explained that there are fifteen (15) cabins & three (3) mobile homes this year. Those interested in adopting a family can contact
 - Community Services & Workforce Development, Carmen Betancourt at 831-637-9293
 - Community Foundation at, Gary Burnes at 831-630-1924
 - Community Assistance Network, Margie Barrios at 831 637-8717
 - United Way, 831 636-9134
 - Family Resource Center, Tammy Castillo or Angelica Munoz at 831-634-0686.
 - b. David Wright asked about the families that were in the Transitional Shelter and what is happening to them as a result of not receiving the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (FESG). Maria Fehl stated that most of the families have found housing, and that CSWD is working with Community Services Development Corporation (CSDC) to work something out those that have not found housing. CSDC offers affordable housing and will be taking over the the 12 mobile homes, which were not funded by the FESG grant.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M. M/S/C Kendra Bobsin/Steve Hatch.

M/S/C = Motion/Second/Concur