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**San Benito County
Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
3:00 P.M. –April 8, 2008
Minutes**

Present: Kristi Alarid, Esequiel Arrizon, Kendra Bobsin, Tad Coatsworth, Mary Damm, Nicholas DeLorenzo, Todd Farr, Kay Gibson, Connie Herndon, Mike Hodges, Al Martinez, Don Moody, Stan Rose, Loree VanBebber, Mike Walters, Brenda Weatherly, David Wright

Absent: Michael Dodgin, Kathy Hough, Soila Rojas, Sylvia Sanchez

Staff: Andi Anderson, Kathy Flores, Sylvia Jacquez, Laura Schipper

Guests: Jesse Bosquez, Denise Ceballos, Janeen Dettrick, Carol Hammond, Linda Kerr, Janice Shriver

Chair, Al Martinez, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

I. **Public Comment Period:** No public comments were received. Introductions were made by everyone present.

II. **Agenda Items:**

A. **Roll Call:** Roll was taken to determine excused absences for attendance requirements. Michael Dodgin called to say he was no longer living in the area and was informed that he needs to submit a letter of resignation. Sue Rocha indicated she would be attending the meeting but was not present. Kathy Hough, Soila Rojas, Sylvia Sanchez called in and were excused by the Chair.

B. **Guest Speaker:** Janice Shriver, from the State of California Labor Market Information Division, distributed information and conducted a presentation on labor market information in San Benito County.

C. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 11, 2008 Executive Committee, September 18, 2007, November 20, 2007 and January 15, 2008 Youth Council Meetings were approved as presented. *M/S/C Tad Coatsworth/Kendra Bobsin.*

D. **WIB Membership:**

1. An application was received from Steven M. Tuma, President of Drywall/Lathers Local Union 9144, for the mandated Union Representative. After discussion the full

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WIB approved accepting the application of Steven M. Tuma and will forward his application to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the full WIB to represent the Local Union. *M/S/C Kendra Bobsin/Tad Coatsworth.*

2. An application was received from Maria Fehl, of Fehl Construction, to serve as a private sector representative. After discussion the full WIB approved accepting the application of Maria Fehl and will forward her application to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the full WIB to represent the private sector. *M/S/C Kendra Bobsin/Tad Coatsworth*
 3. A letter of resignation was received from Diane Berry-Wahrer, of the Department of Rehabilitation. She has recommended that Mimi Laurent be appointed to the full WIB as her replacement for the mandated Department of Rehabilitation representative. After discussion the resignation of Diane Berry-Wahrer was accepted by the full WIB. The full WIB also approved accepting the application of Mimi Laurent and will forward her application to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the full WIB to represent the Department of Rehabilitation. *M/S/C David Wright/Loree VanBebber.*
- E. **State Monitoring:** The State's Compliance Review Division will be conducting a fiscal and procurement monitoring during the week of April 7 – 11, 2008 for the current program year 2007/2008.
- F. **Integrated Service Delivery:** Rick Deraiche & Laura Schipper both attended a California Workforce Association (CWA) Annual Spring Conference in San Diego. There were 12 learning lab representatives at the conference: Long Beach, Madera, MCC-Sacramento, NOVA, Riverside, West Sacramento, San Diego, San Benito, San Jose, Santa Ana, Sonoma, and Verdugo. The learning lab will not come to Hollister until 2009. Rick explained the learning lab concept and how the EDD's & One-Stops service collaboration is being streamlined so that all partners will work together and be cross trained and to avoid the duplication of services. The goal is to provide a more hands-on approach in providing client assessments and services. All clients will be enrolled in all programs and there will be teams working with the clients to make sure that all of their needs are met. All customers will have the opportunity to know their skills, to develop their skills and get the best possible job skills and leave the One-Stop a better employment candidate.
- G. **California Workforce Association (CWA) Annual Spring Conference:** Attendees provided an update on this year's conference held in San Diego, CA. Laura Schipper stated it was a great conference and it was interesting to see what the One-Stops are doing. What she sees happening is a lot of cross training and that everyone will know what the others are doing. Currently, most of the staff works in the back part of the office, however; with the new format, staff will be more centrally located in the lobby. Laura stated that there will be a lot of partnering with local colleges and workforce programs. Discussed the problem with getting youth on the Youth Council and having an active youth voice on the board. Also discussed was career paths and wages, especially in health care and information & technology.
- H. **Statement of Economic Interest Forms:** WIB Members should have received a Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest – for annual filing that was due April 1st. Members

are encouraged to complete the forms and submit them to the County Elections Department as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

- I. **WIA Rescissions and FY 2008-2009 Allotment:** Kathy Flores reported that the Labor Market Information Division was working on the allocation 08/09 and the allocations are determined by population, changes in unemployment rate, etc. Nothing posted yet. Janice Schriver stated that the funding should be release but she doesn't know when. In a reversed trend, California will receive more funding in 08/09 than they did in 07/08. Since 2001 California has lost over 50% of their funding. Even though there is an increase in state funding, the local area could receive a decrease in funding due to proportionate share of unemployment and cost of living in the state. Kathy explained what a recession is and how it affects the local area. Kathy explained that in some cases it appears that areas are not expending their funds.
- J. **AB 900 Department of Corrections Reform Update:** Kathy Flores and Sylvia Jacquez have been participating in meetings since January on the reform and solicitation of funds to support ex-offender re-entering the community. Initially there was discussion of possible funds for job training, mental health, etc, however; staff was informed that there will be no additional funds for these local services. A proposal was submitted to the Sheriffs Office based on their estimates for the number of clients they would be seeing over the course of the first two years, (about 96) and the budget came to about \$1.1mil. This information was submitted to the Sherriff's Officer, however; right now there is no additional funding, but parolees can apply through regular channels. The State is still reviewing applications and there is no further info at this time.
- K. **Rapid Response Activities:** Al Martinez reported that Healthy Choice went out of business and reopening Gourmet VegPack.
- L. **Updates on Committees:**
 - 1. **Basic Construction Skills (BCS) Committee:** David Wright reported that 80% of enrolled students are continuing with the class. The BCS is now an ROP class and all students are enrolled through ROP. Linda Kerr reported that there have been rave reviews on David as the instructor. Discussed the advertisement efforts of Gavilan College and how they are heavily marketing the Construction trades.
 - 2. **Gavilan College Rural Opportunity Grant:** Teri Newman provided Al Martinez with changes that were made but no meetings are scheduled at this time.
- M. **Youth Employment Program Council (YEP):** Tad Coatsworth reported on the difficulty of youth participation at the YEP meetings and that members are discussing providing students with a stipend in order to get more youth participation.
- N. **WIB Retreat:** This year's WIB retreat is tentatively scheduled on Friday, May 16, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined. The date is still not final as staff is awaiting info from the facilitator.
- O. **Grant Updates:**
 - 1. Mary Damm asked about Activity 3 – YMCA CSBG – and how those funds are monitored. Sylvia Jacquez stated that CSWD conducts eligibility intake. Mary questioned the numbers and Sylvia stated the amount should be changed to 80. Kathy

2. explained how YMCA was selected as the provider, and that the organization providing the service must provide match funds.
 3. FWHG Kathy explained that the CSWD construction manager retired, and Public Works has hired a construction manager for all county agencies. An architect will be interviewed in the near future and then will go out to bid.
 4. Activity #2 Migrant Center – CSWD is giving \$1 mil back because there is no longer the need as in the past and also there is no operator for the daycare center. GoKids will continue to work with clients needing childcare by referring them to other providers.
- P. **One Stop Newsletter:** The newsletter is included in your packet for your review. Requested that members provide Andi Anderson with articles for future issues.
- Q. **Additional information items may be reported or discussed prior to adjournment.**
1. Interviews for the CSWD Deputy Director were conducted on April 4, 2008. The top candidates will be interviewed on May 1, 2008. Kathy thanked Rick Deraiche who served on the interview panel.
 2. High School received two grants that they recently applied for: Auto shop project and the Agricultural project.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M. *M/S/C Tad Coatsworth/Kendra Bobsin.*