



MEETING MINUTES

Mother Lode Workforce Development Board

Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:00pm
 Mother Lode Job Training Career Center
 197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora, CA 95370

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

Members	Present	Absent
Bill Petrone	X	
Cathy Parker	X	
Crystal Jack		X
Debra Rockwood	X	
Frank Leschinsky	X	
James Wood	X	
Klaus Tenbergen	X	
Larry Cope	X	
Mahalia Gotico		X
Mark Luster	X	
Michelle Watkins		X
Mike Lemke		X
Sam Martin		X
Steve Woodward		X
Tim Hildabrand	X	
Tyler Newton	X	
Alternates		
Brandon Price for Klaus	X	
Guests		
Kimberly Kristenson-Lee, Black Oak Casino	X	
Tara Schiff, Mariposa Chamber		
Ex Officio Member		
Dave Thoeny	X	
Rebecca Espino	X	
Rebecca Mendibles		X
Velma Whitebear		X
Raj Rambob		X

1.2. Introduction of guests

Kim Kristenson-Lee from Black Oak Casino

1.3. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved as stands

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1. Any Consent Calendar items need to move to Action Items

None

2.2. Accept the December 19, 2018 meeting minutes

Minutes accepted (M) L. Cope (S) J. Wood ayes carried 6 absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. ACTION ITEMS**4.1. Approve the Plan Year 2018-19 budget**

With the fiscal year ending in June, Dave briefed new incoming WDB members of the agency's budget. He informed the board that funds currently total at \$4,695,560. MLJT Project Manager A. Torres explained how MLJT receives three main general funds, annually, from the Department of Labor. These are commonly referred to as the "formula funds" and are designated for the Dislocated Worker, Youth and Adult job seeker population. A. Torres shared that \$1,169,450 of the total current budget is formula funds, whilst the remaining \$3,526,110 has come from outside grant obtainment with direction from the board. Dave shared that Amy will be going over specific grants and programs later on in the meeting. PY 2018-2019 budget approved (M) F. Leschinsky (S) C. Parker ayes carried 6 absent

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**5.1. Board Membership****a. Introduce new member Scott Fiester (Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce)**

D.Thoeny introduced new member Scott Fiester. S. Fiester was welcomed as the new Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director in January of 2019. With a long-term residence in Mariposa County, along with his passion for workforce development, Scott will play a key role in involving more Mariposa County businesses and residents. Scott has experience in the public, military and technology industry sectors.

b. Discuss remaining business opening

D.Thoeny addressed the board on this matter. He referred to a handout that shows the Business representation on the WDB across each of the four JPA counties. The board discussed who they would like to see represented and suggested considering a Tribal representative. With the formation of a Health Sector partnership in progress, the Board was in agreement to reach out to MACT, a tribal medical entity that covers the same four counties as MLJT.

c. New member orientation

Dave led the board through a brief introduction to the agency. He gave an overview of MLJT's Business and Job Seeker Services, then led the board through an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which are the guidelines that govern how MLJT is to operate and spend grant funding.

5.2. Mother Lode Health Sector Partnership update

Dave informed the board that we are in the midst of developing a Health Sector Industry Partnership. He played a short YouTube video by Lindsey Woolsey summarizing the benefits of having Next Generation Sector Partnerships. Lindsey Woolsey is President of The Woolsey Group and founding member of Next Gen Sector Partnerships. D.Thoeny shared that the first meeting of the Mother Lode Health Sector Partnership was on December 19, 2018, located at Adventist Health Sonora. The Health Sector Partnership meeting included attendees from the WDB, BOD and Healthcare business representatives from each of the four JPA counties. The initial December 2018 meeting served as a collaboration to identify businesses and initiatives to be included in the partnership. The next Health Sector Partnership meeting will take place in Summer of 2019 and will be facilitated by L. Woolsey. The Next Gen Sector Partnership video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/lqCapqgVBM>

5.3. 2-year Local and Regional Plan modification

D.Thoeny announced the recent biennial modification process to MLJT's 2017-2021 Local and Regional Plans. Dave explained how every Local Workforce area and RPU in the state was required to update their plans to incorporate service needs for mandatory target populations. These populations include

the re-entry and recently incarcerated, CalFresh employment and training, English language learners, non-obligatory parents and Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) pertaining to individuals with disabilities. MLJT held a series of forums to gather feedback from partners in which we could gain insight, integrate and/or leverage services. D.Thoeny notified the board that the feedback has been incorporated into the plan drafts which are currently open for review and public comment. Copies of the plans can be requested from your local MLJT Career Center or from our website at <http://www.mljt.org> under Resources.

5.4. Review of Grants and Programs (including the new \$512K Opioid Crisis grant)

A. Torres addressed the board on this matter. She gave an overview breakdown of MLJT's current grants in the categories of Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Business Services, Storm/Damage Repair, Regional Implementation, Disabilities, CalWORKs, Slingshot 2.0, and the newly acquired Opioid Crisis. She then went on to explain a few of the specific grant requirements for grants including Storm Repair, Summer Training and Employment Program for Students (STEPS), Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) and the Natural Resources grant. A. Torres then announced our recent application for a P2E (prison to employment) grant. She shared MLJT's Pilot Proposal to integrate workforce development services into the State prison system. The goal of the P2E grant is to help reduce recidivism rates with the recently incarcerated and help ease and support the transition back into the workforce. Amy then announced that MLJT was recently awarded the Opioid Crisis grant in the amount of \$512,500.00. MLJT was one of only three awardees throughout the State of California, and the activities of this grant are to help address the Opioid Crisis and to mitigate the Humanitarian Crisis resulting from this issue.

5.5. Board members' reports (if applicable)

None

6. NEXT MEETING

- 6.1. 2019 Meeting Schedule (all meetings on Thursdays at 12:00 pm at MLJT Sonora)
February 21; August 15; May 16; November 21

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