



MEETING MINUTES

**Mother Lode
Workforce Development Board**

Thursday, February 20, 2020 12:00 pm

Mother Lode Job Training Job Center
197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora, CA 95370

Teleconference Locations:

Amador Prosperity Center
1 Prosperity Court
Sutter Creek, CA 95686

MLJT Job Center
5362 Lemee Lane
Mariposa, CA 95338

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

| Name | Present? | Absent? |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bill Petrone | | X |
| Brandon Price | | X |
| Cathy Parker | X | |
| Debra Rockwood | X | |
| Frank Leschinsky | X | |
| Kathryn Gallino | X | |
| Mahalia Gotico | | X |
| Mark Luster | X | |
| Michelle Watkins | | X |
| Mike Lemke | | X |
| JC Rieger | X | |
| LaChelle Adams | X | |
| Scott Fiester | | X |
| Scott Nanik | | X |
| Steve Woodward | | X |
| Tim Hildabrand (Vice Chair) | X | |
| Tyler Newton (Chair) | X | |
| Non-Voting Members | | |
| Rebecca Espino, Tuolumne DSS | X | |
| LaChelle Adams, EDD | X | |
| Staff | | |
| Dave Thoeny | X | |
| Amy Torres | X | |
| Lisa Edwards | X | |
| Guests | | |
| David Baquerizo, Propath Inc. | X | |
| Emilia Reid, EDD | X | |
| Gabriel Garcia, EDD Mother Lode | X | |
| Melissa Raby, Columbia College | X | |

1.2. Introduce guests

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1. Accept the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes

Minutes accepted (M) K. Gallino (S) F. Leschinsky ayes carried 1 abstention 8 absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. ACTION ITEMS4.1. *None***5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1. Introduce new MLWDB member: JC Rieger, Senior VP & General Manager, Harrah's Northern California
JC Rieger is the Senior Vice President & General Manager of Harrah's Northern California. He was a former member of the Iowa Gaming Association and the Iowa West Foundation Grant Review. JC brings with him 21 years' experience in the Gaming Industry, as well as interest in local and regional job training and placement programs to assist in creating hospitality training for local schools.

5.2. Review results of the Calaveras Customer Satisfaction Survey (Program Manager - Lisa Edwards)
MLJT Program Manager, Lisa Edwards, addressed the board on this matter. She shared the results of the Customer Satisfaction surveys for the San Andreas job center from April 2019 through December 2019. Lisa also shared that staff are currently working to digitize the Customer Satisfaction survey for all four job centers, to make it more accessible for clients and MLJT staff. Lisa explained that digitizing the survey will not only allow for MLJT to survey more frequently, but it will also generate automatic illustrated results and data. This will allow for the comparison of all counties regionally, instead of having to tally and interpret the surveys from paper.

5.3. Grant/Funding report (Operations Manager - Amy Torres)

a. Funding Summary (New)

Amy led the board through a detailed funding summary, explaining each individual grant's start date, end date, total amount expended, time progressed, and expenditure remaining.

- Regional Planning 3.0 Grant - \$245K (new)

Amy notified the board of MLJT's most recently obtained grant, the Regional Planning Grant 3.0, in the amount of \$245,000. Objectives of this grant include supporting state goals, finding best regional practices and creating an alignment of services and strategies. Grant money will be used to create a Construction Industry career pathway, including Work-Readiness training and a pre-apprenticeship partnering with the Tuolumne County Collaborative and the San Francisco Public Utilities District. The RPI 3.0 will end September 30, 2021.

- Regional Planning 2.0 Grant - \$300K

The innovation Council and Mother Lode Healthcare Industry Partnership (M-HIP) are still meeting and collaborating regularly under the Regional Planning 2.0 grant. The innovation Council is paving the way for an information clearing house for county partners to better align supply and demand for the region. The M-HIP has begun to explore collaboration with local schools to create healthcare career pathways for students, and MLJT has created a Health Sector partner website and regional Resource Guide for M-HIP partners. RPI 2.0 ends September 30, 2020.

- Opioid Grant - \$512K

MLJT recently had published press releases regarding the obtainment of the \$512,000 Opioid Crisis Grant. MLJT's goal for on-the-job trainings under this grant are 3, there are currently 2 active and 1 in development. The goal for creation of temporary jobs is 9, 2 are currently active and 3 are in development. The Opioid grant ends September 30th, 2020.

- **Prison-to-Employment Grant - \$1.3M**

Amy updated the board on the progress of getting CalJOBS into the prisons, sharing that specifications have been provided and an agreement has been drafted. She then updated the board on the status of the pre-release state pilot video, sharing that video production has been confirmed and scheduled. A. Torres also announced that MLJT has had its first success with the referral of an individual released to LA county that has already checked in to his local job center.

5.4. Director's report (David Thoeny)

Dave began by introducing the board to the One-Stop Operator, David Baquerizo. He then gave an update for each of the MLJT job centers. He informed the board that Amador will be having a grand opening of the Prosperity Center on May 6, from 3:00–6:00 pm. Calaveras has received a new lease presented by landlord. In Tuolumne, a new 5-year lease (with 5-year option) has been signed and is awaiting landlord signature. In Mariposa, MLJT is still looking for Prosperity Center site and Internet speeds have been significantly boosted. Dave also updated the board on a couple Personnel changes, including re-titling Amy Torres from Project Manager to Operations Manager and the promotion of Annette to Amador Center Manager. Next, Dave shared recent updates with MLJT partnerships. MLJT and The Central Sierra Child Support Agency will be re-booting the EAGER program. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), with MLJT, will be launching a work-readiness component of pre-apprentice program for a construction co-hort. Furthermore, MLJT and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation will be doing outreach and documentation related to job creation for the Biomass Utilization Facility pillar of the NDRC grant in Tuolumne County. Lastly with partnerships, Tuolumne County's Department of Social Services and MLJT have just signed a CalFresh E&T (Employment and Training) contract to assist CalFresh recipients with finding employment.

6. NEXT MEETINGS(S)

Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 12:00 pm

Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 12:00 pm

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 12:00 pm

7. ADJOURN