

Employment First Committee

Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2013

Sacramento, California

Members Present

Tony Anderson
Lisa Cooley
Denyse Curtright
Kathleen Derby
Dale Dutton
David Mayer
Bill Moore
David Mulvey
Olivia Raynor
Robert Taylor
Kecia Weller
Amy Westling

Members Absent

Daniel Boomer
Rachel Chen
Robin Hansen
Connie Lapin
Debbie Sarmento
Andrew Mudryk
Sarah Triano
Barbara Wheeler
Cindy White

Others Present

Michael Brett, Staff
Mary Agnes Nolan, Staff
Patti O'Brien, Area Board 1
Mark Polit, Staff
Cindy McKay, ABC
Bob Philips, Area Board 4
Julie Sallady, ABC
Shanna Thompson, ABC
Ruby Villanueva, Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kecia Weller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests introduced themselves

3. QUORUM

A quorum was established

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented

5. ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT FIRST REPORT

Mark Polit presented the draft of the report that had been distributed by email and mail to the members. Many comments were made, including editorial changes. The following are the main recommendations for improving the report:

- There is a lot of detailed analysis in the report. It should include and executive summary in plain language that highlights what we want the reader to get out of the report.
- Include a glossary.
- Appendix A, statutory responsibility should be translated into plain language.
- Add a description of the US DOJ finding on sheltered workshops, and their intervention in Oregon and Rhode Island. Add NJ action to end sheltered work.
- Add reference to TASH white paper on phasing out sheltered work.
- Add comparison of earnings to the federal poverty level.
- Define “integrated competitive employment” and “integrated employment” in plain language.
- Add definition of micro-enterprise to definitions section of AB 1041.
- List the Employment First states.
- Highlight the national movement in executive summary.
- List the best practices used in the Jay Nola Program Development Grant.

MOTION: Recommend the Employment First Report to Council with the changes asked for, provided the final draft is emailed to committee members for review. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION TO ACCEPT: *D. Dutton* **SECONDED:** Lisa Cooley **APPROVE:** 11 **OPPOSE:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 1

6. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETINGS

September 24, 2013:

- Data: Denyse Curtright will report on an analysis of DDS CDER data on employment outcomes with respect to ethnicity and other factors. Will discuss if the “data dashboard” recommended by the CECY data group should be housed on the Council website.
- Best Practices: Presentation by the JNCS Program Development grantees on the best practices used to promote employment for transition age youth.
- Agency perspective: A panel of supported employment vendors to hear their perspective on barriers to integrated competitive employment.

December 17, 2013:

- Policy: Invite the Cecy policy group to present on their recommendations.
- Education: Discuss and plan for a panel of individuals representing the Department of Education and SELPAS on best practices for supporting students in transition. The panel will take place at the first meeting of 2014.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Kecia Weller adjourned the meeting at 12:13pm