



MEETING MINUTES

Mother Lode Workforce Development Board

Thursday, May 16, 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 taken by K. Smith, quorum present

Name	Present?	Absent?
Bill Petrone		X
Brandon Price	X	
Cathy Parker	X	
Crystal Jack		X
Debra Rockwood	X	
Frank Leschinsky	X	
James Wood		X
Kathryn Gallino	X	
Mahalia Gotico	X	
Mark Luster	X	
Michelle Watkins		X
Mike Lemke		X
Sam Martin	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	
Kelly Smith	X	
Guests		
Kim Kristenson-Lee	X	

1.2. Introduction of guests

Kim Kristensen Lee, 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 February 21, 2019 meeting minutes

Minutes accepted (M) T. Hildabrand (S) C. Parker ayes carried 6 absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MLJT Staff gave a short demonstration of a Zoom video remote conference call, a tool recently acquired by MLJT to help strengthen communication across job center staff and partners. Brandon Price added that Columbia utilizes Zoom for distance learning opportunities and has had much success. Debra Rockwood asked about attending future meetings by video call at the Mariposa Center, if necessary, due to road work, weather or other similar issues. Discussion led to direction for the board to develop a quorum policy. The Board proposed that the policy encourages in-person attendance, but allow board members from the two further counties, Mariposa and Amador, to attend meetings remotely by conference call, as necessary, for road work or similar circumstances. Direction was given to Dave to add the agreed locations to future Meeting agendas, so that any members attending remotely will still be included in quorum.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. Approve the Subsequent Local Area Designation Application to retain MWDB as the Local Board for Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa counties.

D. Thoeny referred to a copy of the Workforce Development Board re-certification form, which lists the WDB's current board members and the categories they represent. Dave explained that 51% of the WDB must be represented by Business, 21% Labor, 2 Education members (K-12 and Adult Ed), 2 One-Stop Partners and 1 Economic Development member. Dave further explained that the purpose of this form is to inform the state that MLJT still wishes to be recognized as a Local Workforce Development area and is complying with WIOA guidelines for representation. He asked that board members verify their listed information and approve. Dave also requested a signature from Tyler Newton, Chair of WDB, who will need to approve and sign the document along with Marshall Long, Chairman of the Mother Lode Board of Directors. Subsequent Local Area Designation Application to retain MWDB as the Local Board for Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa counties approved (M) F. Leschinsky (S) T. Hildabrand ayes carried 6 absent.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1. Board Membership

- a. Introduce new member Scott Fiester (Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce)

Scott Fiester is the Executive Director for the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. He is passionate about workforce development and has familiarity with the business and workforce demographics of Mariposa County.

- b. Introduce new member Brandon Price (Columbia College)

Brandon is the Dean of Career Technical Education for Columbia College. Formerly Dean of Students, Brandon has served as an active Alternate the past years. He has worked closely with MLJT to help build essential partnerships and has assisted in developing specialized projects that pertain to the needs of the community.

- c. Introduce new member Kathryn Gallino (Calaveras County Economic Development)

Kathy is the Economic Director for Calaveras County. MLJT has worked closely with Kathy on a multitude of projects, and Kathy's representation will be invaluable in aligning the needs of Calaveras county with the needs of the employers and workforce programs.

- d. Introduce new member Sam Martin (California Employment Development Department - EDD)

Sam Martin is an Employment Program Manager for EDD. He will be replacing Lorraine Perry for the EDD Board position. His home base is in Stockton, but he offers employment services and overlooks the Mother Lode Counties and has worked with the affiliated counties in the past.

5.2. Staff Showcase: Lisa Edwards (Job Developer, Tuolumne County)

Lisa is not only a Job Developer at MLJT's Sonora location, but also serves as the Disability Resource Coordinator for the region. Lisa gave the board an overview of the grants she overlooks, the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) and Summer Training and Employment Program (STEPS), which are both aimed at improving employment services for individuals with disabilities. Lisa works with the majority of Tuolumne's Youth clientele and oversees the Summer of Success (SOS) youth work experience program. She led the board through a few specific success stories of clients that have been able to benefit through these programs and receive training and certifications.

5.3. Review of Grants and Programs

a. \$512K Opioid Crisis

The Opioid Crisis Grant, in the amount of \$512,000, aims to address the humanitarian crisis going on as a result of opioid dependency. MLJT was one of only three awardees in the entire state. The Opioid grant will serve Dislocated Workers, and the goal to create 9 Temp jobs, 30 Career Services, training and certifications, On-The-Job Trainings and other support services.

b. \$1.3M Prison to Employment (P2E)

The Prison to Employment (P2E) Grant, in the amount of \$1,302,000, is aimed at reducing recidivism rates for justice involved individuals in the region. This P2E grant will fund pre and post-release services, training and certifications, paid work experience, work readiness training and support services. Other opportunities with the P2E grant include a statewide pilot workforce commercial and putting CalJobs in the prisons. Amy shared that one exciting thing that has already come as a result from this grant is a formal referral process with the Department of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO).

c. \$150K Regional Plan Implementation

The Regional Plan Implementation grant, in the amount of \$150,000, focuses on creating priority sector career pathways. Dave explained that MLJT is in the midst of establishing a Healthcare Sector Industry Partnership. The first brainstorming meeting of the Mother Lode Health Sector Partnership (M:HIP) 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 and first official launch will take place June 6, 2019 at Adventist Health and will be facilitated by L. Woolsey. Dave shared with the board the distributed invite letter, signed by Healthcare Industry Executives within the region. The June 6 meeting will serve to identify areas where action can be taken collectively as a region.

5.4. Other reports (if applicable)

None

6. NEXT MEETING

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

7. ADJOURN