

RE: EastBay Workforce Boards and Community Colleges

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 1-3 pm at Chabot-Las Positas CCD District Office

Attendees: Lorraine Giordano (College of Alameda), Kiran Kamath (Los Medanos College), Ruth Goodin (Los Medanos College), Linda Chandler (Contra Costa WDB), Roy Bertucelli (Alameda WIB), Dorothy Chen (Alameda WIB), MariAnn Fisher (Chabot-Las Positas CCD), Judi Watkins (WpLRC-Chabot-Las Positas), Janice Noble (Las Positas), Luis Chavez (Career Ladders Project), Stephen Baiter (EastBay Works), Kim Schenk (Diablo Valley College), Amanda Feinstein (Walter-Elise Haas Fund), Josie Sette (Ohlone College), Bob Lanter (Contra Costa WDB) and Tina Dodson (Ohlone College)

Facilitator: Bob Lanter

Recap of Meeting:

AGENDA

Introductions

Discussion of Joint Objectives in Coming Together

- Short Term
- Long Term

How we can address sector work together

- Defining relevant sectors
- Immediate Needs

Next Steps

Goals for Our Partnership

Short Term Goals: Leverage stimulus

Optimize short term projects – leverage stimulus

Funding: explore past unfunded proposals: Alameda Healthcare and Water project

Identify current demand for sectors (and workers)-Need to identify where job growth will be

Combine efforts on demand identification – working with business

How do we optimize our program planning: credit, not-for-credit and non-credit

Long Term Goals:

Formalize joint advocacy

Identify long term demand for sectors

Sharing data across region – survey for strategic planning

Explore leveraging IDRC (Industry Regional Collaborative –Community Colleges) with Formula WIA Funds

Addressing Sector work – Available Resources – KeyTrain-WorkKeys

Use of an assessment component to upgrade the skills of job seekers and demonstrate core competencies beyond degree (Diploma, GED, AS/AS or higher).

2 components: KeyTrain –screening tool (pre-post assessment), preparation and remediation tool to prepare participants for assessment in 3 core areas: Reading for Information, Locating Information and Applied Mathematics. Participants who assess and are successful receive a certificate – Career Readiness Certificate (WorkKeys)

Program is currently active in numerous California counties. Pilot is already in progress in Southern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Initial investments already made, easily expanded. Use as a value added proposition in collective work – use it for sector work, use it for

youth, use it with employers seeking work-ready hires. Goal- have business embrace Career Readiness Certificate

Sector Work

Water Project – Revisit Bay Area Water Works plan (re-plan)

Healthcare Sector-

Short-term training needs: demand occupations – medical technician, laboratory technician, surgical technicians, etc. Need to look at short-term needs, mid-term needs and long-term needs in sector

Also, Need to identify who are Healthcare sector's major contractors – such as IT workers, and Biotechnology

Manufacturing –

Need to look at current college programs and how to adapt them to short term training, career preparation

Energy/Green – Which direction and what part of “green”.

Sustainability issues – energy audits, hospitality, across business/industry

Energy audits program – Laney College

Commercial Based grant –Skyline College – HVAC

Solar

Solar Panel Installation – Solar-Thermal – Diablo Valley College has curriculum and is contracting with PG&E

Short-term training -6 courses-certification to work on community development block grants

Leed Certified Technician – current IDRC grant with De Anza and Ohlone

Also need to look at: Incumbent Worker Training, Small Business Training and Career Advancement Academy Training

Alameda WIB is seeking input on how to spend Federal Stimulus through a series of forums: Higher Education, Economic Development and Private Sector, and Community Based Organizations and Service Providers. Alameda WIB posted its Youth RFP and has received numerous proposals.

Next Steps: Next Meeting April 20, 2009 from 2-4 pm at Chabot-Las Positas CCD District Offices.

Discussion items: Sectors – HealthCare, Water and Green. There will also be a discussion about resource grid (Regional Colleges and offerings as well as resources available).