



## **Richmond Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2016**

Cassandra Youngblood, RWDB Interim Chairperson, called the Richmond Workforce Development Board Meeting to order on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

### **Roundtable introductions**

**Minutes for the February 11, 2016 meeting were not reviewed.**

### **Richmond Promise Presentation**

Jessie Stewart, Executive Director, Richmond Promise, Inc.

The Richmond Promise is a community-wide College Scholarship Fund and College Success Program. To support higher education and assure every young person has the resources and tools necessary to secure a high-quality education and well-paying jobs.

On July 29, 2014, the Richmond City Council approved the Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA). The ECIA is an agreement between the City of Richmond and the Chevron Corporation. The City made the Richmond Promise a centerpiece of its agreement, with \$35 million of total ECIA funds allocated to the Promise for the next 10 years.

*All Schools established as of 2015 within WCCUSD boundary area now eligible.*

*This includes:*

- WCCUSD
- Charter
- Private

*Qualifications:*

- Richmond or North Richmond resident for at least four years
- Graduating from a high school within the WCCUSD catchment area
- Have attended local schools since the 9<sup>th</sup> grade

*Eligibility Higher Education:*

- Four Year University
- Community College
- Career & Technical Education

Barriers to college success that Richmond Promise is working in removing:

- College Readiness
- College Access and college knowledge
- College Affordability
- College Success

Richmond Promise is working in creating pathways and work with the City of Richmond and community partners.



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449 applications submitted in 2016 with a total of 13 schools eligible. Applications are online at [www.richmondpromise.com](http://www.richmondpromise.com).

### **RichmondBUILD Contractors Resource Center Update**

Len Turner, CFO, Bay Area Resource Center

The Bay Area Resource Center is working with Richmond Community Foundation. With this partnership, two homes have been purchased and will need remodeling. Many of our RichmondBuild students will be employed to fix the homes; once the homes are renovated the Richmond community Foundation will sell the homes to first time home buyers that are Richmond residents. RichmondBUILD will be the primary location for training.

Sal Vaca - a grand opening for the new Bay Area Resource Center, located at RichmondBUILD, is coming soon. To be announced.

### **Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)**

Rosemary Viramontes, Project Coordinator, City of Richmond-Employment and Training Dept.

### ***Review and approve the RichmondWORKS One-Stop Memorandum of Understanding:***

Motioned by Antonio Castillo, seconded by Len Turner all members present in agreement.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to define the roles and responsibilities of each partner as mutually agreed by the parties for the operation of RichmondWORKS a proud partner of America's Job Center of California (RW AJCC), One-Stop Delivery System in the Richmond Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) as required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

The MOU will be in effect from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, unless an extension is granted.

The partners will not be located at the RichmondWORKS building; the partners will have their own location where the client will be referred to.

Veterans are a priority to us and EDD is one of our partners that will be working directly with the them.

Charita Paterson - mentioned that the Department of Rehab will have a separate MOU.

RichmondWORKS One-Stop Delivery System, WIOA, PY2015-18 Draft – Matrix of Partners & Services was presented.



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### **Updates**

#### **Summer Youth Employment Program:**

Waitlist is still open and can be accessed at [www.richmondworks.org](http://www.richmondworks.org)

Fill 150 slots - Actual 140 current completed packets, intake, TABE's

Goal: 175-200 prospective participants to complete the intake and assessment process.

All intakes should be completed by April 22, 2016.

Workshop coming up:

Money Management May 2-4, 2016

Career Development May 9-11, 2016

A separate Money Management /Career Development workshop will be planned for the current college students who are not able to attend workshops offered early May.

YouthWORKS still needs funding and worksites. YouthWORKS has not received any information from the City of Richmond regarding funding.

#### **Restructuring of the Youth Council:**

Under WIOA, a Youth Council is not a requirement; however, we think it is important. The youth council will be converted into a working board. A meeting will take place on September 1, 2016.

We will be focusing on recruiting for the following:

- Employers
- Education
- Community Organizations to Work with the Youth
- Re-Entry

*Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division Report 400 W Monthly Labor Force February 2016 was distributed at the meeting.*

### **Announcements**

- Loretta Bisio, from the EDD in Concord, announced that there will be a job fair in Pittsburg for the Youth and Veterans.

#### **Next RWIB Meeting**

Thursday, June 9, 2016

11:30 am -1:00pm

RichmondWORKS

330 25<sup>th</sup> Street

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room

Richmond, CA 94804



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### **Attendees**

Antonio Castillo, Bob Lilley, Candra Raynor, Carlos Figueroa, Cathryn Cornelius, Charita Patterson, Gabriel Garcia, Ivis Andrade, Jacquelyn Holley-Young, Jessie Stewart, Jill Perry, Joe Serrano, John Short, Kelly Schelin, Kristina Lopez-Smith, Len Turner, Loretta Bisio, Margaret Hanlon-Gradie, Martha Gonzalez, Michael Parker, Nathan Tyler, Patrick Duffey, Richard Johnson, Rosemary Viramontes, Sal Vaca, Sandra Escalante, Sherry Drobner, Steve Bell, Uche Uwahemu, Vinay Pimple, Xavier Abrams

**- Meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m. -**