

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

Local Workforce Investment Board for the City and County of San Francisco

Minutes Of The
February 19, 2010
Meeting Of The
Workforce Investment Community Advisory Committee (WiCAC)
City College Of San Francisco
Administrative Offices
33 Gough Street, Auditorium
San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present

Jamie Brewster, Asian Neighborhood Design
Jodi Schwartz, LYRIC
Corrin Buchanan, The Women's Building
Lisa Stringer, ECS

Krystal Koop, Goodwill of San Francisco
Tracy Brown, DCYF
Cameron McHenry, SHEC
Rob Black, Interim Chair of the WISF

OEWD Staff

Rhonda Simmons, Director, Workforce Development
Amy Wallace, Workforce Development Division Deputy Director
Glenn Eagleson, Director, Policy and Planning

Dexter Ligot-Gordon, Workforce Policy Analyst
Steven Currie, Workforce Policy Analyst
Nikki Ford, Administrative Assistant
Monique Forster, Administrative Assistant

Public

(As Evidenced by the Sign-In Sheet)

James Cole, SFUSD-CTE
Lupi Gutierrez, CCSF
Dennis Marzon, Mission Hiring Hall
Christine Galvez, Community Housing Partnership
Arti Sharma, Juma Ventures
Pam Hogan, Pam Hogan Productions
Ali Schlageter, Local Homeless Coordinating Board
Joe Ramirez-Forcier, PRC
Beverly McClenda, YTEC

R. Niribe, SF Labor Council
Troy Henry, Goodwill of San Francisco
D. Bach, LGBT Center
Ramon Cruz, RAMS-Hire Ability
Hasian Sinaga, RAMS-Hire Ability
Carletta Jackson, Sojourner Truth Foster Family Service Agency
Doug Smith, SFSD
Rachel Antrobus, TAY-SF
Peter Gerharz, LSYS

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:17am.

Overview of Workforce Investment San Francisco

Ms. Simmons commented on the structure of the Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF) Board and how the Workforce Investment Community Advisory Committee (WiCAC) will advise the WISF on improving the workforce system as a whole and capacity building issue.

Overview of Strategic Plan

Mr. Dexter Ligot-Gordon, presented on the Workforce Development Strategic Plan that was approved at the October 28, 2009 WISF meeting.

Discussion followed.

Determination of Term Length

Mr. Dexter Ligot-Gordon presented on the logistics of the structure of the WiCAC Board, including the election of a chair with the restrictions in the legislation being that the chair cannot currently receive workforce funding from any city department, neither as a staff or board member, nor for two years after their term.

Discussion followed.

The WiCAC membership drew lots in order to determine length of membership from 1 to 2 years. The term length was determined as follows:

Those serving two year terms are:

Krystal Koop
Corrin Buchanan
Cameron McHenry
Jamie Brewster

Those serving a 1 year term are:

Lisa Stringer
Tracy Brown
Jodi Schwartz

Public Comment

The call for public comment yielded the following response:

Mr. David Bach, LGBT Center, commented on his concern about having the technology in place that was bid out in RFP #107 in place in order to place his clients in jobs.

Mr. Troy Henry, Goodwill of San Francisco, commented on the use of the Virtual One Stop system that was bid out in RFP #107 and is in the process of being developed by OEWD.

Mr. Joe Ramirez-Forcier, PRC, commented that he was not in favor of the sector based strategy as an effective strategy for individuals with multiple barriers to employment and suggested that the environmental scan be revisited.

Hasida Sinaga, RAMP-Hireability, commented on her concern about placing clients that she serves within the union trades due to their strict requirements.

Mr. David Bach, LGBT Center, commented on the difficulty of service providers to engage with the unions in placing clients.

Mr. Troy Henry, Goodwill of San Francisco, commented that with enhanced business services they have been meeting with the unions on a monthly basis and there have been challenges, however, the unions are at the table and willing to have a dialogue.

Ms. R. Niribe, SFLC, commented that she would like to invite everyone to the table to have a conversation about difficulties that service providers have in placing clients with the unions.

Ms. Christine Galvez, Community Housing Partnerships, commented that she wanted to make sure that we did not create an environment where one group of job seekers was fighting with another group of job seekers.

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.