

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 28, 2019
12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Richard Valle

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Workforce Development Board

[Attachment](#)

Patti Castro, Director, and Latoya Reed, Management Analyst, Workforce Development Board presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Workforce Development Board.

Updates

EASTBAY Works and The East Bay Regional Planning Unit

Goal - Create meaningful employment opportunities for the hard to employ.

Objective - Partner with community stakeholders and regional business networks to expand employment opportunities.

AB 1111 Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative

GOAL 2. Create meaningful employment opportunities for the hard to employ.

Objective 2: Partner with community stakeholders and regional business networks to expand employment opportunities.

Objective 3: Eliminate policies and practices that are barriers to employment.

Response to Homelessness

WDB is looking at internal data and also partnering with initiatives from Alameda County's ALL IN Steering Committee and also career centers in various cities including Berkeley, CA.

Biotech and Advanced Manufacturing Rapid Re-Employment (BAMRR)

GOAL 2. Create meaningful employment opportunities for the hard to employ.

Objective 2: Partner with community stakeholders and regional business networks to expand employment opportunities.

GOAL 3. Foster entrepreneurship and innovation that leads to sustainable economic growth.

Objective 3: Partner with educational programs (colleges, universities, school districts, high schools trade programs) to create an agile job ready workforce

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project Update

[Attachment](#)

Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Children & Family Services, Social Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project update.

The Alameda County Department of Children and Family Services participated in the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2019. Alameda County participated in two projects: the first from 2007-2014, the second from 2014-2019. Federal legislation allowing waivers also included a sunset date of September 30, 2019.

The Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project allowed counties to capture Federal and State funding that would be lost due to declining caseloads. Waivers also allowed for creativity and innovation in addressing issues experienced by both families involved in the child welfare system and the child welfare system as a whole

Now that the Title IV-E Waiver has ended, the Social Services Agency has begun the process of trying to sustain services, including: “Right sizing” contracts, reviewing outcomes and utilization of programs and reducing the number of contracts where the Agency is able

Federal legislation opportunities for funding include the Families First Prevention Services Act, which provides opportunities to fund evidenced based, and well supported prevention programs.

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III. CalFresh Expansion to SSI Update

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Rashon Seldon, Program Specialist and Jacqueline Baechler, Program Specialist, Workforce & Benefits Administration, Social Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the CalFresh Expansion and SSI update for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs).

Assembly Bill 1811 reversed the policy that prohibited SSI recipients from receiving CalFresh. On June 1, 2019, AB 1811, also known as the “CalFresh Expansion to SSI Recipients” policy was implemented statewide; thereby, allowing individuals in receipt of SSI to receive CalFresh benefits for the first time ever.

To minimize the anticipated impact of June 1, 2019 application submissions, the Social Services Agency began processing CalFresh applications received in May 2019.

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS)

Effective September 1, 2018, three counties began implementing CalFresh work requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents. The waiver for requirements expired on August 31, 2019 for Alameda, Marin and Contra Costa Counties.

The Social Services Agency has outreached to this population with notices, informing community partners and community based organizations to assist this population into transitioning into work requirements to receive benefits.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

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IV. CalWORKs Internship Program

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Aisha Bashir, Administrative Specialist, Workforce & Benefits Administration, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the CalWORKs Internship Program.

Program highlights

Several participants have permanent jobs outside of Alameda County, others are with the Alameda County TAP (temporary employment) Program.

Twenty former participants former and or current participants have full-time Alameda County positions with benefits, other former participants have full-time jobs including: Amazon Commodities Manager, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland Housing Authority, Stanford University & East Bay Parks & Rec, City of Berkeley, Shasta County. In addition, other former participants are currently in TAP (temporary) positions with Alameda County.

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None.

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