

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 27, 2020

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. COVID-19 Update (Agency-wide Impacts)

[Attachment](#)

Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 Agency-wide Impacts.

The Social Services Agency is committed to maintain the mandated and essential functions to serve the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Frequent & regular communication with Federal and State Associations on regulation flexibility and waivers for programs.

Working with the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator's Office, and other County Departments to best protect the health and safety of both employees and clients, the Social Services Agency has taken the following actions:

- Emergency Operations Center: Activated Care & Shelter Branch
- Assessed critical & essential functions and implemented telework option, where possible
- Canceled all non-essential travel, meetings, conferences, and events
- Limited facility access
- Offering modified services.

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. COVID-19 Assistance to Workers and Employers

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Patti Castro, Director, and Latoya Reed, Management Analyst, Workforce Development Board presented a PowerPoint presentation on COVID-19 Assistance to Workers and Employers.

Assistance provided by WDB to the business community includes critical assistance with the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) process by deploying a Rapid Response Coordinator and utilizing the full strength of the Business Services Team. WDB has supplied additional staff members to assist businesses and laid off workers in Rapid Response efforts.

The WDB also gathers WARN data and non-WARN business data to demonstrate community impact and use for grants applications. The Workforce Development Board shares WARN data with human service organizations and other stakeholders.

The WDB has adapted Rapid Response methods, presentation, and strategy to include additional COVID-19 resources: small business loans, Employment Development Department's Work Sharing program, and unemployment insurance benefits online.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
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- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

III. Prison to Employment Regional Project

Patti Castro, Director, Workforce Development Board, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Prison to Employment Regional Project.

The State made available \$36 million in General Funds to address regional employment and training needs of re-entry populations. East Bay Regional Planning Unit (EBRPU) awarded a planning grant in the amount of \$95,000. EBRPU subsequently awarded implementation grant in the amount of \$2.3M to fund earn-and-learn activities and supportive services. ACWDB is the P2E fiscal lead within the EBRPU. \$922,914 from the \$2.3M is available to ACWDB for the procurement of earn-and learn and supportive services for re-entry clients in Alameda County.

Purpose:

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

IV. Update on WIOA Services to the Homeless

Patti Castro, Director, Workforce Development Board, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services to the homeless.

EveryOne Home presented to the Workforce Development Board Committee to address the latest Point in Time Count in Alameda County, demographics, needs of people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County, core priorities in their updated Strategic Plan, and their federal directive to work closer with workforce development agencies and programs. The Workforce Development Board is working on formalizing an agreement with EveryOne Home to co-enroll eligible participants experiencing homelessness into WIOA Title I programs and partner services when possible.

Purpose:

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- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

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None.

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