



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, December 6, 2013

10am - 3pm

California State University, Stanislaus (CSUS)

One University Circle

Turlock, CA 95382

Conference Room: MSR 130

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting and Introductory Remarks

The meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order at 10:08 am by Deputy Chair Corwin Harper who welcomed Partnership Board members and guests. Mr. Harper introduced California State University, Stanislaus, President Sheley and thanked him for hosting the meeting at the campus.

II. Recognition of Sponsors and Welcome

President Joseph F. Sheley welcomed the Board and guests and spoke of the history and growth of the campus. In conclusion he encouraged those present to take a few minutes to walk around the campus to admire its beauty.

Mr. Harper asked board members, advisory committee and candidates to introduce themselves then directed attention to the agenda.

Board members present were: James Aleru, Steve, Bestalorides, Monica Blanco-Etheridge, Vito Chiesa, DeeDee D'Adamo, Randy Dodd, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Dr. Carole Goldsmith, Pat Gordon, Corwin Harper, Blake Konczal, Dr. Dorothy Leland, David Long, Joe Oliveira, Billy Powell, Albert Rivas representing the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Max Rodriguez, Jim Suennen representing Secretary Dooley and Advisory member Robert Tse,

III. Public and Board Comment

Mr. Harper invited comments from the board and public, recognizing Mr. Rivas representing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Mr. Rivas advised the board of a large scale recruitment effort underway as the agency faces several thousand vacancies due to staff retirements. For further information, visit www.cdcr.ca.gov/Career_Opportunities

In addition, CDCR is partnering with Sesame Workshop in developing a new character to help support young children process the array of emotions when a life-changing circumstance occurs and a parent becomes incarcerated¹.

¹ http://sjvpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CDCR_BC_LC_Incarceration_Dec2013.pdf

The CDCR is one of ten Departments selected within the United States to pilot the initiative and will help support families by making available parent education toolkits during family visits. Nationally, the number of children with an incarcerated parent has increased nearly 80% in the past 20 years with nearly 2.7 million children affected by an incarcerated parent.

Lorinda Forrest introduced herself as the Region C (Central Valley and Mother Lode) representative for the California Community Colleges' Doing What MATTERS program. The opportunity and intent is for community colleges to become essential catalysts to California's economic recovery and jobs creation at the local, regional and state levels.

Doing What MATTERS for jobs and the economy is a four-pronged framework to respond to the call of our nation, state, and regions to close the skills gap.

For more information go to: <http://doingwhatmatters.cccco.edu/>

IV. New Board Member Oath of Office and Recognition of Peter Weber

Ms. D'Adamo administered the oath of office to new Partnership Board members Steve Bestalorides, Lee Ann Eager and Bryn Forhan as well as reappointed members Pat Gordon and Blake Konczal. Ms. D'Adamo advised the board and its new members that the Governor is very engaged with the Partnership and its activities. Mr. Suennen confirmed that engagement, announcing the Governor has made decisions on 14 appointments, a mixture of new and reappointments with the categories and slots staggered to facilitate continuity of the board.

V. Consent Calendar

In the absence of questions or objections to the consent calendar, Mr. Dodd moved to accept as published and was seconded by Ms. Forhan.

VI. Annual Report

Mr. Dozier announced the Annual Report is complete and at the printer; locally printed copies were provided to all board members for their reference. Mr. Dozier spoke of the significant staff effort that went into preparation and production of this report, citing the work of Eduardo Gonzalez for his work in developing the demographics and Marcia Martin who worked magic with the content.

Mr. Dozier introduced to the Board Associate Directors Stacie Dabbs and Ismael Herrera.

Ms. D'Adamo suggested that during this next year, Board members provide information to Secretariat staff regarding local and regional successes as well as their activities with other organizations working to better the Valley.

Ms. Islas-Hooker congratulated staff and the board on the document and noted that given the many disparities across the Valley it is important to document efforts and accomplishments toward equity improvement in the Valley.

VII. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by State Housing Law as part of the periodic process of updating local housing elements of the General Plan. The RHNA quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. The most recently completed RHNA planning period is January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2014. The 5th cycle RHNA Allocation Plan, which covers the planning period from October 2013 to October 2021 was adopted by the Regional Council on October 4, 2012. Fifth cycle housing element updates must be adopted by October 15, 2013.

Communities use the RHNA in land use planning, prioritizing local resource allocation, and in deciding how to address identified existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment and household growth. The RHNA does not necessarily encourage or promote growth, but rather allows communities to anticipate growth, so that collectively the region and subregion can grow in ways that enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promotes transportation mobility, and addresses social equity, fair share housing needs.

Mr. Dozier introduced Roy Wasden, City Manager and Debbie Whitmore, Deputy Director Development Services Department, Planning Division for the City of Turlock who presented slides on the impact and challenges of RHNA requirements.

VIII. EDA: Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP)

Mr. Herrera provided an update on the IMCP grant and subsequent opportunities for Valley communities.

IX. Partnership Organizational Update

Mr. Dozier explained the roles and responsibilities of the Partnership Executive Committee and Advisory Committee; Advisors are often alumni of board, while others have specialized expertise; these are people whose knowledge is critical to what the Partnership does but they are not board members and they may not vote. Advisory committee members include Robert Tse and Dr. Glenda Humiston, former Supervisor Ray Watson, Fritz Grupe, Sunne Wright McPeak and former Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, Vickie. Advisory members serve at the favor of the Board which derives great benefit from their membership due to the roles they currently or previously have played in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Dozier encouraged board members for recommendations of anyone they believe to have expertise and influence in areas unique to Valley needs.

X. Partnership Meeting Format

Mr. Dozier then kicked off a discussion about meeting format.

XI. Lunch

XII. Cap and Trade Discussion

Mr. Dozier reported that the Partnership Executive Committee is being restructured to consist of the following members: Chair of the Partnership, who can elect 4 of the 7 committee members; two deputy chairs plus the elected representatives from the north, south and central San Joaquin Valley.

XIV. James Irvine Foundation Grant Update

Mr. Dozier reported that the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) received 78 letters of support from cities, agencies and counties throughout the Valley. The James Irvine Foundation (JIF) staff indicated they will go to the JIF board requesting a grant of \$200,000 be awarded to OCED for another two years, the monies to be allocated to staffing and matching funds.

XV. Adjournment

In the absence of any further public or Board comments, Dr. Leland moved and was seconded by Ms. Forhan to end the meeting at 2:50pm.