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The minutes from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, January 18, 2008, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Terrietta Robinson at (916) 654-8035 or James W. Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, January 18, 2008

Agenda

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| 10 a.m. | Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics | Bob Hermsmeier/
Bill Burke, Workforce
Services Branch |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Budget Update• Implementation of the rescission• Proposals: WIA 25 percent Dislocated Worker• National Emergency Grant Application – Mortgage Industry• Integration/Update on Learning Labs• Common Measures Waiver | |
| | CWIB Updates | Barbara Halsey,
California Workforce
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Friday, January 18, 2008

Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics—Bob Hermsmeier, Workforce Services Branch (WSB)

State Budget Update—Bob Hermsmeier, WSB. State departments funded by the General Fund are being significantly reduced. However, thus far, the Employment Development Department (EDD) has not incurred any severe reductions.

The budget presented by the Governor for next fiscal year did not include further reductions to the Contingent Fund (CF), so it appears the Department will retain the same level of CF as it received last year (\$15 million) for its employment service programs.

Implementation of the rescission—Bob Hermsmeier, WSB. There are four rescissions/reductions to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program which are to be implemented in the next few months. A brief overview on each of the rescissions/reductions is as follows:

Rescission 1:

A 1.0 percent across-the-board rescission will be applied to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Advance funds which were provided to California October 1, 2006. Under this rescission to the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, California will lose about \$2.2 million. The within-state application of this rescission must be applied in accordance with both WIA requirements for formula funds and the approved state allocation formulas for local areas. This rescission does not affect the Youth program.

Rescission 2

A 1.747 percent across-the-board rescission will be applied to the FY 2008 Advance funds which were provided to California October 1, 2007. Under this rescission to the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, California will lose about \$3.4 million. The within-state application of this rescission must be applied in accordance with both WIA requirements for formula funds and the approved state allocation formulas for local areas. This rescission does not affect the Youth program.

Rescission 3

This national rescission totals \$250 million, of which California's *exact* share remains unknown; however, the latest amount provided by Department of Labor (DOL) is about \$13.2 million across the three WIA funding streams. In a conference call with DOL on January 14, 2008, they advised the states they would be recalculating the state

rescission amounts to take into account any revisions to the June 30, 2007 financial reports received after September 14, 2007.

This rescission is based on Program Year (PY) 2005 and PY 2006 unexpended balances as reported for the quarter ending June 30, 2007. Specifically, it takes a two step approach in that first, it rescinds large balances of unexpended funds by state and program (those states not spending at least 70 percent of their funds). Secondly, it reduces the balance of the unexpended funds in the WIA system proportionately to all states.

As for the within-state distribution of this rescission, appropriation law and conference report language specify that the rescission must be applied to state-wide and local programs proportionately to how those programs contributed to the unexpended balance. Along with each program rescission total amount, DOL will be providing each state with the split of the rescission amount between state-wide and local programs.

To implement this rescission, Congress provided language that would allow unexpended balance amounts rescinded under this provision to be taken from either PY 2005 or PY 2006 funding, or upon request of the State to the Secretary of Labor, from PY 2007 funds. This rescission affects the WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs.

Reduction 4

A 1.747 percent across-the-board reduction will be applied to the State formula allotments for PY 2008 funds. The State amounts will be issued in the spring of 2008 which will impact funds issued for the Youth program as well as the July 1, 2008 funds for the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. We do not believe this reduction will apply to the October 1, 2008 Adult and Dislocated Worker allotments.

This 1.747 percent across-the-board reduction will also be applied to the Wagner-Peyser program for PY 2008.

Bob agreed to email preliminary information regarding the rescission to the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Administrators, the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) and WSB staff along with the link to DOL's web page. The email was sent on January 22, 2008.

Following is the link to the Web page set up by DOL that contains rescission questions and answers (<http://www.subnet.nga.org/downloads/rescissionQA.doc>).

Proposals: WIA 25 percent Dislocated Worker—Bob Hermsmeier, WSB. Because of the rescissions/reductions, the State is not sure how many solicited proposals will be funded from the account and when the notifications of any awards will be sent. The Solicitation for Proposal on the Governor's Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CalGRIP) was released and the proposed projects have been received. The State should be finished reviewing the proposals in January and will be making recommendations. There is approximately \$2.8 million in funding for CalGRIP.

National Emergency Grant (NEG) Application – Mortgage Industry—Jose Luis Marquez, WSB. In mid September the State contacted the LWIAs regarding participation in this NEG. The State spent all of October gathering the data and assembling the application which was then submitted to the DOL on November 1, 2007 requesting approximately \$9.5 million. The request included a dozen local areas with most of them located in Southern California. Orange County had the largest request for the NEG funds.

During November, the State was in contact with the DOL clarifying several questions that the DOL had regarding the application. The DOL had questions about the differing cost per participant rates and the lack of Rapid Response orientation data. The State feels that all of the DOL's questions were answered.

Integration/Update on Learning Labs—Barbara Halsey, CWIB/Virginia Hamilton, California Workforce Association (CWA). There is a meeting scheduled on January 24, 2008, for the Service Delivery Integration Team. Dennis Petrie has published a new schedule of dates in which he will be conducting town hall meetings with local areas regarding the integration effort.

The CWA also agreed to provide two different sessions relative to the learning labs at the Spring Conference in March. One session will be for participants in the learning labs who will work with Greg Newton. Session two will be held with Dennis Petrie, Greg Newton, and learning lab staff. This session will be for participants who are not in learning labs. The goal of these two sessions is to ensure information is being disseminated through different channels and platforms in an effort to keep people informed.

Common Measures Waiver—Liz Clingman, WSB. The State received official notification that the common measures waiver (which is retroactive to July 1, 2007) has been approved. An Information Notice should be released by the end of the month that will explain the waiver.

California Workforce Investment Board Updates—Barbara Halsey, CWIB.

Senate Bill (SB) 293—Barbara Halsey, CWIB. There have been three regional roundtables. Currently, information is being gathered from these roundtables and will be presented at the next CWIB meeting. The interesting conversation at each of the roundtables was the request to do a better job of communicating what is effectively working. The need for publication of "Best or Promising Practices" has been mentioned at each convening. There was also significant discussion about the State's role in public policy development that addresses the relationship between economic, workforce and educational strategies. The CWIB is using the opportunity under SB 293 and the input from the Seattle transformation forum to develop a transformation plan. The DOL requested (not required) the states that participated in the forum to submit their transformation plans within 120 days of the Seattle forum. Barbara noted they were working with the integration team to draft a transformation plan with an accompanying request for technical assistance. It is anticipated that the plan will eventually go to the CWIB for final approval.

Status of Regional Collaborative/Local Coordination (RC/LC) Proposal—Barbara Halsey, CWIB. The proposals were read and letters have been sent to those LWIAs who were awarded money. The five areas awarded funding were: South Bay, Orange County, NOVA, North Central County Consortium (NCCC) and Verdugo. There was a total of \$210,000 available for those awards.

Next steps with the One-Stop Cost Study—Barbara Halsey, CWIB. A proposal is being presented to the Accountability in Workforce Investments Committee at the January 28, 2008, meeting. The proposal will take the cost study work already completed a step further by pulling together a workgroup to look at what aspects of the study may have policy implications. The workgroup will also be looking at how they can make the methodology available to other areas that may want to use it as a way to understand and manage costs. There is also interest in looking at whether or not the cost study methodology could serve as a way to document from a third party perspective the success of the integration initiative. The proposal also includes making a full presentation of the cost study results at the CWA Spring Conference. At the conference, Rick Moore would work with LWIAs that want to have the opportunity to take their costs, apply the methodology, and start looking at how they would rank within the overall One-Stop cost study framework. There has been a great amount of interest in the cost study and positive response regarding the methodology.

Prisoner Re-entry Strategy—Barbara Halsey, CWIB. There are six areas that have been identified as pilots for developing a prisoner re-entry program in California. Those six areas are San Diego, San Bernardino, Sacramento, Solano, NCCC, and San Joaquin. These areas will be coming together with staff from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on January 30-31, 2008, for a facilitated discussion of how to develop employment programs in California for prisoners who will need to re-enter the workforce.