

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD Of San Luis Obispo County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 **Time:** 8:30 AM **Location:** America's Job Center of California, 880 Industrial Way, 3rd Floor Conf. Room,
San Luis Obispo

Committee Reports:

One-Stop Leadership Report: Member Grace Schoch-Manzano shared that the last meeting of the Committee met on September 8, 2014 but unfortunately did not meet quorum. At that meeting, Laurel Weir presented on behalf of the Homeless Services Oversight Council with regards to looking to partner with the committee in hopes to progressively increase the employment income of the county's homeless population as mandated under performance requirements for funding of programs from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The county is at currently only one half of the goal needed for continued funding. Committee members expressed concerns with serving chronically homeless individuals. Before collaboration may occur, the committee voiced a need to identify the barriers that the homeless participants are encountering and address those issues prior to referring them to the AJCC for job training if the participant is high needs. The SLOCARES event will be taking place September 11, 2014 from 3:00-5:00 PM, with at least 12 agencies in attendance to provide resource information to attendees. The next meeting will be on November 10, 2014.

The "Plain English" Version of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
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Following is an overview of the Workforce Investment Act (Public Law 105-220), which was signed into law August 7, 1998. It was produced by the U.S. Department of Labor to highlight the major features of the new legislation and to give State and local elected officials, program designers and operators, and the public quick information about the structure, funding, and target population groups to be served. It is not intended to provide a detailed summary of the Act, nor is it intended to convey a legal opinion or interpretation of the legislation. Material contained in this publication is in the public domain and may be reproduced, fully or partially, without permission of the Federal Government.

Eligibility and Service Requirements

The Act specifies three funding streams to the States and local areas: adults, dislocated workers, and youth.

Adults and Dislocated Workers

Most services for adults and dislocated workers will be provided through the "One-Stop" system and most customers will use their individual training accounts to determine which training program and training providers fit their needs.

The Act authorizes "core" services (which will be available to all adults *with no eligibility requirements*), and "intensive" services for unemployed individuals who are not able to find jobs through core services alone. In some cases the intensive services will also be available to employed workers who need more help to find or keep a job.

While the services for adults and dislocated workers may be the same, there is a separate funding stream for dislocated workers.

Core services will include job search and placement assistance (including career counseling); labor market information (which identifies job vacancies; skills needed for in-demand jobs; and local, regional and national employment trends); initial assessment of skills and needs; information about available services; and some follow-up services to help customers keep their jobs once they are placed.

Intensive services will include more comprehensive assessments, development of individual employment plans, group and individual counseling, case management, and short-term pre-vocational services.

In cases where qualified customers receive intensive services, and are still not able to find jobs, they may receive training services which are *directly linked to job opportunities in their local area*. These services may include occupational skills training, on-the-job training, entrepreneurial training, skill upgrading, job readiness training, and adult education and literacy activities in conjunction with other training.

If adult funds are limited in an area, recipients of public assistance and low-income clients will be given priority for services. The Act also authorizes the provision of supportive services (e.g., transportation) to assist participants receiving the other services and the provision of temporary income support to enable participants to remain in training.

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Enhances Workforce Services for the Unemployed and Other Job Seekers: WIOA ensures that unemployed and other job seekers have access to high-quality workforce services.

- WIA service categories of core and intensive services are collapsed into “career services” and there is no required sequence of services, enabling job seekers to access training immediately.
- Local areas have flexibility to serve job seekers with greatest need by transferring up to 100 percent of funds between the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.
- Job seekers who are basic skills deficient, in addition to those who are low-income individuals, have a priority for services from the Adult program.
- Unemployment insurance claimants can receive eligibility assessments and referrals to an array of training and education resources through the Wagner-Peyser Employment Service program.