

LA County Community College Workforce Collaborative Meeting
October 24, 2014

In Attendance: Lyla Eddington, Project Director, SB1070; Patricia Ramos, Dean of Economic and Workforce Development, Santa Monica College; Sandra Sanchez, Dean of Economic and Workforce Development, LA Harbor College; Jim Lancaster, Dean of Curriculum, Career/Technical and Continuing Education, Citrus College; Richard Verches, Executive Director, LA County WIB; Kevin Anderson, LA County WIB; Priscilla Lopez, Associate Dean, LA Harbor College; Llanet Martín

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Synthesized Community College and WIB 2014-15 Mission/Objectives:

Mission: To foster a trusting Los Angeles County regional collaboration focused on workforce initiatives by partnering and aligning seven Workforce Development Boards and twenty community colleges through a transparent problem-solving approach.

Objectives:

1. **Data** a) Alignment of LA countywide regional workforce initiatives based on common economic development data and b) the identification and implementation of protocols to ensure tracking/sharing of programmatic data, and eliminate duplication in support of shared workforce outcomes.
2. **Sector Initiatives** Regional planning, coordination and alignment of common sector strategies and career pathways initiatives linked to in-demand occupations in high-growth industry clusters.
3. **Workforce Development Board Membership** Inclusion of multiple community college representatives on regional WDBs and standing committees.
4. **Training** Identify and remove barriers to training by and with Community Colleges for WDBs, including challenges related to contract/cohort training and ETPL.
5. **Policy** Develop joint funding/partnering strategies and policy recommendations to local, state and federal stakeholders that facilitate systemic partnerships.

Minutes-Overall discussion:

- Purpose of meeting was to discuss strategic plan for engaging executive level community college leaders to implement WIOA.
- Conversation around identifying specific individuals from each of the community colleges within the county perimeter. Important that these individuals commit fully and attend all meetings for successful implementation.
- Some issues identified: 1) Knowledge, and 2) trust. Current communication is not consistent or uniform, thus foreshadows issues with successful implementation.
 - Reaffirms need to create/coordinate a strong executive level leadership community college + workforce collaborative

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- Group to develop a plan w/ understanding key organizational structures (community colleges and workforce) in order to begin to clarify the knowledge and trust issues.
- Moving forward terms need to be clarified and universally defined.
 - Ex. “out of school youth” includes all youth (high school graduate or not) who are not in school and not employed.
- **Next meeting: November 17th 10-2, location TBD.**

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Lyla,

Yolanda and I made a small modification to the Proposed Mission by moving LA County to later in the statement:

Proposed Mission

To foster a trusting regional collaboration focused on workforce initiatives by partnering and aligning seven Workforce Development Boards and twenty community colleges serving in Los Angeles County through a transparent problem-solving approach.

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