



Board Agenda Item 37

DATE: September 26, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board

SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Mandated Partner Phase II Memorandum of Understanding Template

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1. Approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Mandated Partner Phase II Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Template.**
- 2. Authorize the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute specific Phase II MOUs as they complete negotiation and are presented to the CAO's office.**

The first recommended action will allow the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to negotiate MOUs with each of the mandated partners, as required by the WIOA. These Phase II MOUs are required to be in place no later than January 1, 2018. The Phase II MOUs will be appended to the Phase I MOUs executed in 2016. The second recommended action will allow the County Administrative Officer to execute Phase II MOUs that do not involve County departments. Phase II MOUs involving County departments will be brought before your Board individually for approvals as directed by your Board on February 2, 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no alternative action. If a Phase II MOU is not executed with each mandated partner by January 1, 2018, Fresno County will be out of compliance with WIOA requirements and could lose funding for WIOA activities that benefit the residents of Fresno County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in net County cost associated with the Recommended Action. The FRWDB is 100% funded by non-County sources. These have their origin primarily with the United States Department of Labor, being supplemented by other federal and State of California grants.

DISCUSSION:

The United States Congress passed the WIOA (the "Act"), as an enhancement to the previous Workforce Investment Act. The Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama on July 22, 2014, and the law took effect on July 1, 2015. The WIOA mandates that certain Federal, State, and local agencies formally partner with local Workforce Development Boards at what is now known as America's Jobs Centers of California (AJCC), in order to refer clients between the partners for specific services to better serve the community and leverage resources from multiple sources, as appropriate.

These mandated partners are to represent the following areas of need:

- State of California Employment Development Department
- Representatives of Community Services Block Grant Act
- Representatives for Older Americans
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Fresno County Department of Social Services
- Representatives of Adult Education/Community Colleges
- Representatives for Native Americans
- Representatives for Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers
- Job Corps

The MOU process was split between Phase I and Phase II, where Phase I established the AJCC system, partnerships and shared services. Phase I MOUs are reviewed and renewed every three (3) years. The Phase I agreements were completed in July 2016.

Phase II establishes the Resource Sharing Agreements (RSAs) between the local board and the co-located partners. The purpose of the RSAs is to share equitably in the infrastructure cost of running the One-Stop System. These RSAs also document the total costs of Career Services provided to the community across all of the Partners. These RSAs are required to be reviewed, renegotiated and renewed every year.

FRWDB staff is in final negotiation with all mandated partners.

By approving this item, the signature process will allow the FRWDB to complete the signatory process with the Chief Local Elected Officials (County of Fresno and City of Fresno) in a timely manner. This will prevent the State of California Workforce Development Board and State of California Employment Development Department from sanctioning the Local Workforce Development Area and a possible loss of critical funding to support the local community.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #16, February 2, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - MOU Template
On file with Clerk - Attachment A
On file with Clerk - Attachment B
On file with Clerk - Attachment C

CAO ANALYST:

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