

Executive Director's Note

We are moving at a “rabbit’s pace” trying to keep up with the many simultaneous projects and deliverables that are scheduled for this month. I am happy to have brought on one part-time staff, Career Services Division Coordinator, Robert Mejia, to help with several projects. Robert has an extensive background in workforce development and grant writing. He is a welcomed asset. Robert will handle some areas that were the responsibility of retiree, Steve Chase.

The next FWDB meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. You will receive a separate email reminder for this new date. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Executive Director.


Dianne Russell-Carter

FWDB Local Plan Ready for Public Comment

On February 7, 2017, Foothill Workforce Development Board will release its Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The plan reflects input gathered over the course of the past several months from reviewing the new WIOA law, discussing our ideas and goals with our Workforce Development Board, Policy Board and partners. The Local Plan operationalizes and provides details FWDB and its local workforce development area intends to implement to meet the workforce needs of local businesses, job seekers, and individuals with barriers to employment. As a part of FWDB’s ongoing efforts to ensure community input and review, Foothill is seeking the public’s input. All comments must be submitted by Wednesday March 7, 2017. There will also be a public comment forum scheduled. Stay tuned to your email for additional information.

FWDB Slingshot Update

Slingshot is the State Initiative under the California Workforce Development Board which has approved \$1 million dollars to fund the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties Regional Care Coordination Initiative. It is a 3 year implementation grant. FWDB is at the table and has brought into the project both Huntington Hospital and Pacific Clinics. The goal is to identify and create a Healthcare Care Coordination Career Pathway to assist in meeting an in-demand occupation need as well as provide a pathway to middle skilled jobs. A recent survey conducted to support the need for the project revealed Hospital Health Systems and Community Centers and Clinics in LA county projected hiring between 115 - 285 new care coordination staff over the next 12 - 18 with the need increasing over the next 24 months. With approximately \$900K left in the grant, FWDB will sit on the budgeting committee to best determine how to utilize the funding. Suggestions include customized training, marketing, investing in online, training and assistance with business/employer relationships.

Foothill Employment and Training Connection AJCC

Staff continues to see customers who are interested in training and those who would just like assistance with job search. To date, over 100 individuals have entered training since 7/1/2016. In addition, there will be some changes on the EDD side of the FETC AJCC equation. EDD is closing an office and locating at least 8 of its division staff to FETC. The division staff will be primarily managers and promise not to disrupt operations in any fashion. FWDB will keep all of its current cubicles and shared EDD space. FWDB just signed a six year lease in July 2016.

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