

Executive Director's Note

Moments and Milestones...

I have adopted a new daily practice that I find keeps me centered and celebrating. Each day regarding the work that is taking place at the FWDB, I have to take a moment to center because the implementation of WIOA is fast and furious. Also, I celebrate with staff, partners, board members and other interested parties every milestone we reach. This practice is good for morale because the tasks that were in front of us almost four months ago were slightly overwhelming.

We have pulled it together in many areas but there is much more work to do. As we fondly call it, "the re-org", continues with all of our best intentions at heart. It takes a lot to be high-performing.

Again thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Dianne Russell-Carter
FWDB Interim Executive Director

FWDB Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services/FWDB Local Plan

On May 2nd, FWDB received a letter from the State that the Foothill Workforce Development Board *was authorized* by Governor Brown and the California State Workforce Development Board to provide our own Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services. This was an accomplishment for FWDB as we already provide our own career services, therefore, no extra costs for a contracted provider.

On May 1st, FWDB received a letter from the State congratulating FWDB that its local plan had received *conditional approval* pending re-submission of plan sectors requiring additional information. The State was contacted regarding the conditional approval and received very good news. The State responded that Foothill is one of the better local plans they received and there were not many areas of improvement suggested! In fact, we only have one request; FWDB plan to specifically address the AJCC Operators and Career Service Providers procurement process. The consultants that FWDB procured to work on the plan have provided the information so FWDB expects the local plan to receive *full approval* soon.

City of Altadena and County of Los Angeles WDB

Several of our FETC Policy Board Members, the Foothill Workforce Development Board, City of Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and the community is concerned with our inability to serve residents from Altadena. Altadena is served by the County of Los Angeles WDB. Otto Solorzano, Chief Deputy Director of County of Los Angeles WDB has contacted the City of Pasadena and wants to meet to discuss FWDB servicing Altadena. He would like to see our key business points including what FWDB would do for the Altadena residents and how much it would cost as well as discuss Measure H funds for Workforce Development Boards. The quarter cent sales tax that recently passed will create a dedicated stream of revenue to provide an array of services, including outreach, housing, mental health care and job training, to the 47,000 homeless individuals in L.A. County.

FWDB One Stop Operator RFP

On April 22, 2017, FWDB released its One Stop Operator Request for Proposals as mandated by WIOA. The budget for this proposal is \$40,000 a year. Parties interested in responding were required to submit their response no later than 4:00 pm on May 12, 2017. FWDB received zero responses. The RFP may be viewed at http://www.fwibworks.org/documents/FWDB_One_Stop_Operator_RFP_Final.pdf.

The State has been contacted for technical assistance. The One Stop Operator must be in place by July 1, 2017.

FWDB Executive Director Recruitment

The recruitment for the FWDB Executive Director/ Career Services Administrator closed on Friday, May 5, 2017

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