



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board

Meeting Summary January 19, 2006

Present: Joe Hilke, Larry Harkness, Liz Mahloch, Heidi Schaible, Mike Troyer,
Karen Besiada-Hansen, Pat Nagle, Ann Franz, Jim Golembeski

Members reviewed the new WIA Planning Guidelines recently issued by the Department of Workforce Development. Our Local Plan is due at DWD by March 31, 2006. The new planning guidelines set a very high standard for the local One-Stop system, and will challenge us to change significantly in the months ahead. In particular, the "Criteria for Certifying Comprehensive Job Centers" have requirements such as the services of a "credentialed employment counselor who works with all job seeker customers," non-traditional hours of operation, a formal liaison to the K-12 schools, and a coordinated Business Services Team.

Mr. Hilke asked for input on Section I of the plan in regard to the WDB's vision and goals. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting after the members have time to read through the planning guide more thoroughly. Members did agree on three priority areas that required the committee's focus:

1. Increasing the level and quality of access to services via the Internet;
2. Connecting effectively to the K-12 school system;
3. Making sure the economic successes of the urban areas carried over into our rural communities.

It was also recognized that the Bay Area WDB would need to play an even stronger role in connecting the many efforts that are going on all over our ten counties in various employment and training efforts, including school-to-work programs. The recent contract for a regional Business Services Manager is a good example of such a role. Even with diminishing resources in many programs, there are significant resources for workforce development efforts, but they are not coordinated, and in some cases even unaware of each other.

The vision of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board is that job skills and educational levels are increased, quality of life for all individuals is enhanced, while employers' needs are met.