



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Employment Connection Center – 4025 West Noble, Visalia

MINUTES

August 17, 2023

Employment Connection Committee (ECC) Members Present:

Robert Kleyn-Chair, Jennie Bautista, Carla Calhoun, John Werner, Aleyda Montenegro, Darlene Tyndal, Lori Morton, Tami Olson, Jonna, Schengel, Victoria Guzman, Saul Palomares, Larriann Torrez

Employment Connection Committee (ECC) Members Absent:

Christina Garza, Misty Bond, Teri Dobson, Michelle Miller-Galaz, Michelle Engle-Silva, Melissa Abby, Jose Gonzalez

1) CALL TO ORDER: Robert Kleyn-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Robert Kleyn introduced new partner, Ivet Soria, Supervising Social Services Manager, from Root & Rebound

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS: Robert Kleyn-Chair called for public comments: there were no public comments.

3) CONSENT ITEMS:

- i. Approve February 16, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes
- ii. Approve May 18, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Saul Palomares, seconded by Jonna Schengel to approve the Consent Items; carried by unanimous vote.

4) REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Employment Connection Partner Handbook – Edith Hernandez
Approve the Employment Connection Partner Handbook for Employment Connection System staff and collocated partners at the comprehensive Employment Connection Centers in Visalia and Porterville.

Motion by Larrianna Torrez, seconded by Ivet Soria to approve the Regular Items; carried by unanimous vote.

5) ONE-STOP OPERATOR (OSO) ITEMS

- a. PY2023-24 Infrastructure Funding Agreement with Employment Connection Partners at the Employment Connection Centers in Porterville and Visalia
- b. Cross-Training Sessions Outcomes
Training range from April – June 2023
22 Partner Program Presentations
217 System Staff in attendance
- c. Employment Connection Open House & Ribbon Cutting
September 12, 2023 @ 4025 W. Noble Ave., Suite B., Visalia
Ribbon Cutting 1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
Open House 1:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.

6) PARTNER PRESENTATION

- a. Root & Rebound
Ivet Soria, Employment Coach for Root & Rebound, provided an overview of Root & Rebounds resources and the Breaking Barriers Programs available in our region.
Handout Presented

7) DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. WIB Executive Director Report
Adam Peck discussed the Senate’s Stance and House Proposal Impact. Adam reported on Tulare County’s recent unemployment rate, labor force, employment levels of jobs, economy, FICO score states.
- b. New Talent Pool Initiative Discussion – Jennie Bautista
The Talent Pool Initiative was established with a primary goal of aiding workers in acquiring the necessary skills to secure high-quality employment opportunities. Under this initiative, Employment Connection customers are guided to achieve various milestones that play a vital role in assisting them reach their employment and educational objectives. Jennie Bautista, Deputy Director of Operations, will provide an overview of the Talent Pool and engage committee members in discussion to explore strategies for braiding resources to support the shared customer base.
Handouts presented:
 - My Action Plan (MAP)
 - Employment Connection Talent Pool Checklist

c. Business Services Updates – John Gonzalez

i. Recruitment Assistance – Job Connect

72 Recruitments	295 Businesses
4,240 Job Seekers	469 Job Offers

ii. Rapid Response

56 Businesses	2,598 Affected Employees
786 Employees Assisted	37 Referrals

LMI REPORTS

134 Reports	61 Requests
83 Businesses	46 Partners

SAVE THE DATE:

Tulare County 2023 Job Fair
October 4th at Convention Center
9 AM – 12 PM

d. Employment Connection Center and OSO Reports

None presented – Handouts distributed to ECC Members

If you have any information, please email that to Edith Hernandez

8) ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - None presented

9) ECC Meeting Dates – 2023 – November 16, 2023

10) Good of the Order/Adjourn:

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Robert Kleyn-chair at 11:00 a.m.