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MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE STIMULUS PLAN AND QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRAM FUNDING

The purpose of this memo is twofold, the first is to provide an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Los Angeles County Workforce Stimulus Plan, also known as the 10,000 Jobs Initiative. The June 9, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe instructs the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to report back on a monthly basis as to the progress in implementing the Plan. This status update includes specific information on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth grant awarded to the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board which is managed by the Department of Community and Senior Services.

Secondly, this memo addresses the June 23, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, which instructs the CEO and DPSS to report to the Board on a quarterly basis with information on the TANF ECF program's use of funding and to examine how community colleges can be used to advance or enhance the prospects of the program.

The 10,000 Jobs Initiative is on target and moving forward towards our goal. To date, 7,130 individuals are enrolled in the programs.

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TANF ECF Update

From April 27, 2009 to September 16, 2009, 1,729 participants have been enrolled in the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Program administered by DPSS, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), and their subcontracted WorkSource Centers. There are 358 participants placed in County departments. Those departments (and County affiliates) are:

- Community and Senior Services
- Mental Health
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Social Services
- Probation
- Beaches and Harbor
- Sheriff
- Consumer Affairs
- Los Angeles Superior Court
- Los Angeles County Office of Education

In addition, the SBWIB has partnered with several local cities on the TSE program. Participating cities include:

- Carson
- Duarte
- Gardena
- Glendale
- Hawthorne
- Inglewood
- Palmdale
- Redondo Beach

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released by the SBWIB on July 9, 2009 and closed on July 30, 2009. The RFQ invited service providers to submit their qualifications to function in the same capacity as a Worksource Center with a focus on specific populations and the private for-profit sector. The SBWIB received 16 submissions; of those, six contracts were awarded. The newly contracted agencies are:

- South Bay Center for Counseling
- Transportation Foundation
- Kelly Services
- Volt Workforce Solutions
- Gang Alternatives Program
- First AME

WIA Youth Grant – Summer Youth Employment Program

From May 1, 2009 to September 21, 2009, the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board WIA/ARRA Youth contractors have placed 5,401 youth in work experience placements. Of that number, 384 are current or former foster youth, 1,395 reside in a CalWORKs household and 441 are Probation youth. As younger youth have

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returned to school, the program will now shift to focus on the 1,411 19-24 year olds and transitioning some of them into the year-round WIA Youth program.

TANF ECF Program Funding

The June 23, 2009 Board motion allowed the City of Hawthorne to receive advance payment to cover operational/administrative costs, estimated at one-twelfth of the total contract amount, or \$13.3 million. Given that implementation of the program required a ramp-up period, it was determined that the amount advanced to the City of Hawthorne could be lower than originally projected. As a result, on July 20, 2009, the City of Hawthorne was provided with an advance payment of \$3,004,036.

Community College Involvement

There are 21 community colleges located throughout the County of Los Angeles and there are a significant number of DPSS participants actively enrolled in the community colleges making them a vital part of the subsidized employment effort. The community colleges have traditionally engaged students in subsidized employment through their Work Study program. DPSS and the community colleges have actively worked together over the years to develop the Work Study in Public Agencies (WSPA) program.

With the availability of the stimulus monies, DPSS and the community colleges have continued to work together to increase the number of community college students participating in subsidized employment. DPSS participates in the monthly Los Angeles County Community College Consortium meetings to address issues related to subsidized employment and expand it's utilization in the schools.

As of this writing, there are 314 CalWORKs participants enrolled in community college participating in WSPA.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know or your staff may contact Jenny Serrano at (213) 974-0801, or via e-mail at jserrano@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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