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MOTION RELATING TO SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT (ITEM NO. 8, AGENDA OF JANUARY 11, 2011)

Item No. 8 on the January 11, 2011 Agenda is a motion offered by Supervisor Knabe to: 1) direct County departments and Legislative Advocates to pursue Federal and State proposals and funding which would expand subsidized employment opportunities for public assistance recipients and former foster youth, and promote collaboration between Workforce Investment Act-funded Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-funded agencies in administering subsidized employment to such persons; 2) send a 5-signature letter to the Governor, urging that he utilize Workforce Investment Act (WIA) discretionary funds to support projects which provide subsidized employment to CalWORKs recipients and former foster youth through collaborations between WIBs and county welfare departments; and 3) send a 5-signature letter to the President and the County Congressional delegation urging their support for proposals and funding which would promote collaboration between WIBs and state and local welfare departments in providing subsidized employment, especially to public assistance recipients and former foster youth.

The County Departments of Public Social Services (DPSS), Community and Senior Services, and this office support this motion's recommendations, which are consistent with policies in the County's Federal Legislative Agenda, including policies supporting subsidized employment; increased flexibility, coordination, and integration of service

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delivery across Federal programs; and promoting the economic self-sufficiency of emancipating foster youth.

As indicated in the motion, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund (TANF ECF), which was established and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, was used to implement a highly successful subsidized employment program. Before TANF ECF expired on September 30, 2010, DPSS, which administers TANF, collaborated with seven WIBs, which administer WIA in the County, to place 28,850 individuals (10,719 adults and 18,131 summer youth) into subsidized jobs – more subsidized jobs than in any state other than California, Illinois, and Texas. Our subsidized employment program has been nationally recognized not only for its size, but also as a model for how TANF and WIA agencies can work together effectively.

The motion recognizes that it is highly unlikely that Congress will extend funding for TANF ECF. A more immediate alternative source of funding for subsidized employment is the up to 15 percent of California's Workforce Investment Act allotments that can be used at the Governor's discretion to fund a wide variety of workforce investment activities, including subsidized employment (paid work experience) and research and demonstration projects. Because Governor Brown just took office, his Administration would not have established priorities for the use of the 15 percent discretionary funds.

At the Federal level, potential options include pursuing existing discretionary funding that potentially could be used to fund demonstration projects relating to subsidized employment as well as pursuing proposals and funding that would require the enactment of legislation. Because both the TANF and WIA programs are up for reauthorization this year, there will be potential legislative vehicles for making statutory changes, which would promote collaborations between WIBs and state and local welfare departments in providing subsidized employment.

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