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STATUS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE STIMULUS PLAN

The purpose of this memo is to provide a response to the June 9, 2009, motion by Supervisor Knabe related to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for the Los Angeles County Workforce Stimulus Plan, also known as the 10,000 Jobs Initiative. The motion instructs the Chief Executive Officer (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 Funds (ECF) to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds for Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Workers to Community and Senior Services (CSS).

The 10,000 Jobs Initiative is on target and moving forward towards our goal. To date, 3,068 individuals are enrolled and engaged in the programs.

TANF ECF Update

Since initiating a soft launch to test the program on April 27, 2009, 850 referrals have been made from DPSS offices to the WorkSource Centers subcontracted with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), the primary contractor, to enroll participants in the Transitional Subsidized Employment program (TSE). To date, 768 participants have been enrolled and are currently in work site placements. It should be noted that SBWIB was limited to 500 TSE enrollments through June 30, 2009. County departments, as participating placement sites, have been a critical part of planning for

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this initiative. To date, the following County departments have made commitments to host TSE participants as work sites:

- Beaches and Harbors – 52
- Consumer Affairs – 10
- Mental Health – 31
- Parks and Recreation – 47
- Community and Senior Services – 39
- Treasurer-Tax Collector – 1
- Public Social Services – 300

The collective number of County commitments to date is 480. There are currently 60 TSE participants hosted by County departments. Most of these placements are with Los Angeles Superior Court, who has been a work site since 2003 and who conducts their own livescanning. DPSS has hosted several orientations for County departments and other public agencies to detail the program, expectations, matching fund calculations, etc.

The SBWIB has approved an additional 135 work sites since April 27, 2009, for a total of 328 work sites, with stated commitments of between one to several hundred participants per site. Additionally, Worksource Centers/One Stops are required to recruit additional work sites. Contracts for new work sites are being received by the SBWIB daily.

Finally, the SBWIB released a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) on July 9, 2009, inviting service providers to function in the same capacity as a Worksource Center/One Stop with a focus on specific populations and the private for profit sector. This will be via a subcontract with the SBWIB in addition to the 30 Worksource Centers/One Stops with formal commitments to participate in TSE. The RFQ may be downloaded at www.employmentstimulus.org. This website is used for attracting and providing contractual information to potential work sites for the TSE program.

WIA Adult, Youth and Dislocated Worker

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

As of this writing, the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board WIA/ARRA youth contractors have reported 6,956 applications have been completed and submitted by youth. Currently, there are 2,300 youth in work experience placements. This is

consistent with previous year's performance, and CSS is on track toward reaching the goal of employing 5,000 youth in the SYEP by September 30, 2009.

As of this writing, several County departments and affiliated agencies have committed to being worksites for youth. They are at different stages from 'in process' to 'fully engaged' as work sites. The Department of Parks and Recreation has 90 youth currently participating in SYEP.

Participating Departments and Affiliated Agencies:

- Community and Senior Services
- Consumer Affairs
- Sheriff
- Los Angeles County Arts Commission
- Children and Family Services
- Public Social Services
- Child Support Services
- Beaches and Harbor
- Auditor-Controller
- Mental Health
- Fire
- Parks and Recreation
- Register Recorder/County Clerk
- Community Development Commission
- Employment Development Department
- Los Angeles County Office of Education

Adult and Dislocated Worker

On June 30, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved contracts for ten of 12 areas. For the Compton and West San Gabriel Valley areas, they approved month-to-month contracts while the Auditor-Controller reviews CSS's procurement and appeal process. On July 1, 2009, CSS officially kicked off the WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. On July 15, 2009, CSS held their first quarterly WIA/ARRA Adult and Dislocated Worker program contractors meeting. Additional presenters/collaborators at this meeting were the Employment Development Department (EDD) and Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department (CSSD).

Tracking

At the July 20, 2009 meeting of the Los Angeles County Workforce Stimulus group, Board Deputies requested additional data be provided in the monthly reports to the Board. These requests will be incorporated in future reports. The requests include:

- Tracking of work sites by sector (public, private and nonprofit)
This can be done, however the system being used by the SBWIB captures this information electronically from May 13, 2009, forward. The work sites that pre-date the automated change will have to be manually reviewed and tabulated
- Tracking the number of participants in each Supervisorial District
This can be done by analyzing zip code data from the DPSS Regional offices, and zip code information from where participants reside.
- Number of worksites in each Supervisorial District
The SBWIB will analyze zip codes data of worksites to provide the requested information.

Regional collaboration between the Los Angeles County WIB and the other six WIAs in the County is underway. The seven WIBs have agreed to develop a regional data management system to capture the impact of ARRA on a regional basis (includes WIA and other federal Department of Labor grants). The collaborative anticipates producing their first report in August.

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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