**California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (CCEPD)**

**Employment and Training Subcommittee**

**MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Friday October 8, 2021

Meeting held through Zoom

**Subcommittee Members:** Brandon Anderson, Ashley Anglesey, Michael Clay, and Anita Wright

**CCEPD Staff:** Maria Aliferis-Gjerde, Margaret Balistreri, and Zachariah Ford

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Chair Wright began the meeting at 10:12 a.m. and quorum was not established.

**2) Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes were deferred because there was no quorum.

**3) High Road Training Partnerships (HRTP) Presentation**

Sandra Hammameh of the California Workforce Development Board provided a brief overview of HRTP partnerships. There are over two dozen projects in California in various sectors, including building and construction trades. The HRTPs draw on the expertise of each partner along with businesses.

Tonya Burke, California Workforce Development Board, shared her HRTP work in the Inland Empire. Discussion centered on how to include people with disabilities. At the local level, underrepresented communities do not always include people with disabilities. Many entities are unfamiliar with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). More engagement is needed with DOR and Regional Centers, and strategies are needed to include people with disabilities. More education is needed for hidden disabilities.

Discussion included the following:

* Workforce Accelerator Fund grant information will be released in next week.
* Ease of creating partnerships. It depends on the industry and relationships in the community. Some need more training and education, and others develop problem-solving within the partnership. Businesses participate because they feel like a true partnership.

Executive Officer Aliferis-Gjerde offered to reach out to DOR contacts for inclusion in follow-up discussions on HRTPS and other disability related advisory boards.

Member Clay will also assist with this through Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint partnerships. Discussion ensued of possibly inviting them to the next meeting to explore policy recommendations.

**4) Update on Equity Statements**

Aliferis-Gjerde provided an update on the equity statements. Statements were submitted toLead Departments on September 17. She’s preparing to discuss further on why we created and what the next steps are.

**5) Update on California State Plan for Career Technical Education**

Staff Member Ford provided on update on the State Plan for Career Technical Education. The CCEPD submitted comments to California Department of Education (CDE) on the Perkins portion of the plan. Now, CDE is developing a state plan, which will be drafted between November and May of 2022. Focus groups have been held and the first study session was held last week focusing on trends. The second study session will take place in November. CCEPD staff requested a meeting with the staff.

**6) Update on Green Jobs**

Ford provided an update on Green Jobs and how it is connected to Climate Action Scoping Plan and Just Transition, an initiative by the Newsom Administration.

Sherry Mung, California Workforce Development Board, added that the Just Transition Roadmap will be released soon and there will be a public review and comment period shortly after for about 30 days. She suggested that staff contact the Project Manager Mary Collins from the Office of Planning and Research for more information.

Members were interested in providing comments when the framework is released.

**7) Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Members asked for the following agenda items be included:

* Follow up session on High Road Training Partnership
* Just Transition Roadmap
* Connecting with DOR on potential funding
* WIOA updates on regional and local plans

**8) Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**9) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.