

## Executive Director's Note

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Last week, FWDB Chair, Tony Tartaglia and I attended a half day meeting at Pasadena City College entitled *Partnerships that Unlock Social Mobility*. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the California Workforce Association, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, and the California Workforce Development Board sponsored the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our systems' capacity to provide services to our shared customers and to come together as a community of service providers, solidify our partnerships, and expand our efforts and capacity to serve our customers. The Community College's Career Technical Education is a mandatory WIOA partner. FWDB already works closely with Pasadena City College and Citrus College. There was much discussion about being able to keep up with employer skill demands regarding certifications and curriculum. FWDB suggested that we find a way to market the benefits of education and workforce development as a partnership. The community colleges will be meeting more on these issues in the future and FWDB has committed to working with them to develop a strong workforce platform.



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## FWDB Local Plan Ready for Public Comment

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On February 7, 2017, Foothill Workforce Development Board released its Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The Local Plan operationalizes and provides details FWDB and its local workforce development area intends to implement to meet the workforce needs of local businesses, job seekers, and individuals with barriers to employment. All comments must be submitted by Wednesday March 7, 2017.

The plan can be viewed at <http://www.fwdbworks.org/newsroom.php>.

## Foothill Workforce Development Board Application to Provide Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services

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The FWDB is preparing an application to be approved by the Governor to allow FWDB to provide Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services. The role of the Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider includes the following: 1) Providing basic career services including but not limited to participant intake, orientations, initial assessments, employment services, and referrals to other partners and services. 2) Providing individualized career services including but not limited to comprehensive and specialized assessments, case management, individual employment plans, career planning, and vocational counseling. 3) Managing the daily operations in coordination with local fiscal agents for the lease, utilities, and other property activities in support of AJCC premises. 4) Managing the hours of operation for AJCCs.

The application requires the local CEO and Local Board chair signature to certify that the application submission was reviewed and demonstrates that the Local Board or administrative entity will meet all the requirements as an Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider under WIOA law and regulations.

On February 15, the FWDB Executive Committee and Policy Board Members, City of South Pasadena Council Member, Robert Joe and City of Pasadena Council Member, Tyron Hampton met with FWDB staff to review a draft application for approval. Overall the application appears successful but there are a few comment and inserts to be added before final approval and submission. The application is due in Sacramento on March 1, 2017.

### **FWDB State Monitoring**

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The FWDB is preparing for a State of California EDD WIOA 85% PY 16-17 Program Monitoring Review which will be held on Feb 27 through Mar 3, 2017. The purpose of this visit is to assess the current status of the Local Workforce Development Area's transition to WIOA Implementation and to review FWDB compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations and policies related to WIOA. The visit will consist of case reviews, policy and procedure reviews and participant interviews for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth, and rapid response program operations. FWDB staff is currently preparing for the visit.

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### **Next Weekly Update**

Due to the 2/20 holiday, multiple deadlines and the impending monitoring review. The next weekly update will not be issued until the week of March 6th. Thank you very much for your continued support.

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