

Veterans' Development Committee Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2019

Veterans Foundation, Room 112

3500 Coffee Road, Suite #15, Modesto, CA 95355

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Wardee Bruce
Margarita Cabalbag
Richard Hagerty

Kris Helton
Ryan Kegley
Cecil Russell

Staff in attendance:

Jeanette Fontana
Doris Foster
Bruce Merchant

Angelique Prendez
Michelle Rando

1 Additional guest was present.

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Richard Hagerty, Veterans' Development Committee (VDC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., thanked everyone for attending and invited those present to introduce themselves.
- II. Conflict of Interest
Chairman Hagerty outlined the Conflict of Interest Policy.
- III. Public Comment Period
Chairman Hagerty gave information on the Public Comment Period. There were no public comments on non-agenda items.
- IV. Director's Report
Workforce Development Director, Doris Foster reported the Department applied for a Veterans Grant since the existing one has since expired. Workforce Development has continued to serve our veterans with the current funding. 38 veterans enrolled in services. 1 went through training. 6 in truck driving, and 17 placed in follow-up services in a variety of occupations.
Director, Foster is waiting to hear if the Department received the Veterans Services Grant, which will allow for one dedicated salary position to focus on Veterans Services. The Workforce Development Board will be notified if received.
A Veterans Resource Guide is being developed for the Committee, which will include a full-scope list of resources available in Stanislaus County. The Committee will provide input and offer recommendations.
Director, Foster informed the Committee that Workforce Development is interested in

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Thursday, April 18, 2019

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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Margarita Cabalbag
Richard Hagerty

Kris Helton
Ryan Kegley
Cecil Russell

Staff in attendance:

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3 Additional guests were present.

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- IV. Department Report
 - A. Veterans Overview
Workforce Development Director, Doris Foster welcomed and thanked all for attending. Staff were introduced and an overview of their departmental roles were provided.
Workforce Development Workforce Analyst, Michelle Rando provided labor market information on the Stanislaus County Veteran Workforce. Data was provided from the U.S. Census, American Community Survey 5 year estimates (2013-2017), Civilian population 18 years and older. Workforce Development Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Jeanette Fontana gave an update on the Veterans Job Fair that will be held at the Martin Peterson Center located at 720 12th Street, Modesto, CA on May 30, 2019. The Department is partnering with EDD and this event

is open to the public. Congressman Josh Harder is also involved and will be at the event to connect with the public. There will be over 30 vendors with 60 open positions. Veterans will receive priority entrance and registration. American Legion will open the job fair with a presentation of colors ceremony. Committee members will receive the job fair agenda and flier once finalized. The flier will be marketed and distributed for circulation.

Chairman Hagerty acknowledged Marine Veteran, Bob Taylor who passed last week. Bob Taylor was the Principle at Davis High School.

V. Discussion and Action Items

There were no public comments on the Discussion and Action Items.

A. Approved and Adapted the Veterans' Development Committee Mission and Vision Statement

Chairman Hagerty / W. Bruce unan. Motion Passed

Committee members discussed the options and chose to accept the Mission Statement to read: "**Maximize opportunities to promote and support a workforce system in Stanislaus County dedicated to economic prosperity for veterans by providing priority training, education and opportunities for successful employment.**", and to adopt the Workforce Development Board's vision statement: "**To foster a demand-driven, skilled workforce that enables upward mobility for veterans through the alignment and integration of private and public partnerships.**"

B. Approved and Direction Provided on a Veterans' Resource Guide of Organizations that Serve Veterans' in Stanislaus County

W. Bruce / K. Helton unan. Motion Passed

The Veterans' Resource Guide of Organizations that Serve Veterans' in Stanislaus County will be led by Congressman Harder's subcommittee team. Workforce Development will continue to lead the workforce development piece and will house up to date information on its website. An update on the resource guide will be provided at the next committee meeting.

C. Approved and Adopted of the Veterans' Development Committee Meetings for 2019 Future Dates, Chairman R. Hagerty / K. Helton unan. Motion Passed

VI. Adjournment

Richard Hagerty, Committee Chair, Adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Next Meeting:	Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2019
	Location:	Veterans Foundation, Room 127A 3500 Coffee Road, Suite #15, Modesto, CA 95355
	Time:	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Date:	Thursday, September 19, 2019
	Location:	Veterans Foundation, Room 127A 3500 Coffee Road, Suite #15, Modesto, CA 95355
	Time:	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

September 19, 2019

Veterans' Development Committee Agenda Item

TO: Veterans' Development Committee

FROM: Doris Foster, Director

I. SUBJECT:

Approval and Direction of a Veterans Job Fair

II. ITEM NUMBER: VI-A

III. ITEM TYPE: Discussion and Action

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the option for Stanislaus County Workforce Development to host or partner in an annual Veterans job fair with other interested partner organizations targeted to local Veterans.

V. DISCUSSION:

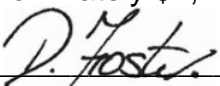
Workforce Development co-hosted the Stanislaus County Veterans Job Fair on May 30, 2019 in partnership with Representative Josh Harder's office, Employment Development Department, and the Stanislaus County Office of Education. The event was successful and immediate feedback from employers has been positive.

Approximately sixty employers were represented, each with available positions for which they were looking for qualified candidates. Veterans were given priority entry into the job fair. The Modesto American Legion Post 64 opened the job fair with the Presentation of Colors ceremony, and Representative Harder gave opening comments and encouragement to job fair attendees. A few Workforce Development Board members were also in attendance.

Workforce Development hosted on-site workshops for Veterans and jobseekers, provided computer access for CalJOBS registration and on-line resume development and submission. Seven vocational schools and apprenticeship programs were in attendance providing Veterans information on skills upgrading or skills development. There were approximately 133 job seekers in attendance of which 41 were veterans.

Workforce Development staff understand the importance of such an event, and recommend that an annual Veterans job fair be scheduled annually as a vital service to the Veteran community.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET IMPACT: The Veterans Job Fair costed approximately \$1,120.00.



Doris Foster, Director