

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 8/29/06
Department Name: Social Services
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy Gallagher, Social Services Director
Steven Weiner, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Chair

STAFF Michael Gregory, WIB Executive Director
CONTACT: x4446

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act Local Plan Modification Update

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Approve submission of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Five-Year Plan modification update for 2006-2007 as required by State Directive.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No 4: A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Santa Barbara County is required to submit a Local Plan Modification of the existing Five-Year Plan for its Local Workforce Investment Area by State Directive WIAD05-19. The State of California's office of Workforce Investment has established an October 1, 2006 deadline for submission of this compliance document. This program continually requires partnerships among public agencies and community based organizations to meet local workforce development needs for employers and job seekers alike.

These modifications to our Five-Year Plan include: (i) The procurement of subsequent workforce development studies examining the economic vitality of the county affecting workers, (ii) the additional and on-going recruitment of private sector Board Members whose organizations have an invested and strategic stake in the community including the development of a new Board of Directors website conveying our purpose, existence and strategic plans for the coming years (iii) the intent to establish special collaboratives with educational institutions and economic development organizations to promote WIA programs (iv) a directed strategy to establish new media relationships leveraging resources in the promotion of WIA events to the community, and (v) establishment of new year-end reports and customer surveys to address concerns of performance and accountability.

The original plan approved by the County Board of Supervisors has been posted on the County's website and has been available since March of 2000.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Submission of this modification and update plan is mandated for all Workforce Investment Areas in the state.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Upon execution by the chair, please return one (1) originally signed agreement to Michael Gregory, WIB Executive Director, Department of Social Services, 234 Camino del Remedio and one (1) copy of the minute order, attention: Paula Haines.

Concurrences:

N/A

Attachments: Original MOU between the Santa Barbara County Workforce Investment Board and the Workforce Resource Consortium.