

'That Just Happened'

Recap of the Partnership Board Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2017

- Co-Deputy Chair Luisa Medina of Central California Legal Services chaired the 2nd Quarter 2017 meeting of the board of directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley in the Golden Eagle Arena of West Hills Community College in Lemoore, thanks to the generous sponsorship of West Hills Community College District.
- An update on the SlingShot Initiative was presented by Stuart Van Horn, Vice Chancellor at West Hills Community College District, and Blake Konczal, Executive Director at Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board. SlingShot is a collaborative effort between the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Development Boards, the community colleges, the California State Universities and employers, to develop and fine-tune training curriculum to provide the needed skilled workforce.

SlingShot Initiative Presentation

- Mike Dozier introduced a panel consisting of Mike Betts from Betts Company, Gurminder Sangha of the California Community Colleges, Deb Nankivell from Fresno Business Council and Lori Morton, Fresno County Office of Education. The panel presented information to the board on the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, the E3 Network and Pathways organizations.

Betts Presentation

Sangha Presentation

Nankivell Presentation

Morton Presentation

- A detailed labor market study of the San Joaquin Valley was presented by Doug Svensson from Applied Development Economics. Mr. Svensson reported on economic trends and job growth, labor force characteristics and matching job opportunities to labor skills.

Svensson Presentation

- The board heard reports on Farmworkers and Workforce Development from Jennifer Hernandez, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and Gary Beaudette, Valley Occupational and Learning Institute (VOLT). The Partnership board took action by passing a motion to direct staff to develop a letter of support for immigration reform.

Hernandez Presentation

VOLT Presentation

- For the Partnership's strategic effort on San Joaquin Valley rail service, Dan Leavitt of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority updated the board on Senate Bill 1 and the impacts on the San Joaquins and Ace services.

Leavitt Presentation

- Genoveva Islas introduced a panel to discuss health equity and access to care as part of the Partnership's strategic effort on health. On the panel were James Crowder with PolicyLink who reported on health equity; Paulo Soares from Camarena Health who delivered a report on innovative and emerging practices in delivering quality primary care; and Andrew Mendoza of Kaiser Permanente who presented on technology in health care.

Crowder Presentation
Soares Presentation
Mendoza Presentation

- The updated Partnership website was showcased in a PPT at Friday's meeting; it has now been launched. Check it out! New website, same address: www.sjvpartnership.org
- **A final note. Board members, staff and guests bid Mike Dozier farewell. For more than eight years, Mike has been lead executive for the Partnership and executive director of OCED. He was honored for his years of service to the San Joaquin Valley and his many accomplishments with the Partnership and beyond.**
- The next Partnership board meeting is scheduled for Sept 15, 2017.