



Contra Costa County Economic Opportunity Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Economic Opportunity Council General Meeting
Location: 40 Douglas Drive, Martinez



Date: 1-13-11

Time Convened: 6:00 pm

Time Terminated: 7:00 pm Recorder: Michelle Cooper

- Attendees: Kathy Jones (Vice-Chair), Lydia Ned-Jones, Jerome La Torre, John Jewell, James Sullivan, Domingo Delgadillo, Deborah Polk, Melissa Alfaro, Ed Lerman, Caylin Patterson, Michelle Cooper, Mary Withers

Absent: Fred Jackson (Chair), Katherine Punsalang, Florence Weiss, Nimfa Gamez, Delphine Smith

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY
Review Desired Outcomes	Kathy reviewed the desired outcomes and meeting rules.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None
America works Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Matt Ericksen of America Works in Oakland presented an overview of the America Works program via PowerPoint.
Approval of the November Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kathy made a motion to approve the November 2010 meeting minutes; Domingo seconded the motion to approve.
Reviewed Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Going forward, we will review the status of the action items, tasks, or issues that required follow-up from the previous meeting (Next Steps).Caylin submitted the budget change that included the additional Clerical Assistant Trainee slots, and it has been approved.
Chairperson Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None.
Vice-Chairperson Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hoop Games is a gift card program that gives a portion of the money expended on the gift cards to Kennedy High Continuation School's physical education program. For example, if someone spends \$100 at Lucky's grocery store using the card, \$1 will be donated to the program.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy will try to have someone from the program present to the EOC.
Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2011 CSBG allocated budget has increased from about \$672,000 to \$673,000. ● The Contra Costa County Homeless Count needs 110 more volunteers to count the homeless and drive the volunteers. Please inform EOC Staff if you plan to attend. ● Kathy, Caylin, and Ed attended the California Working Families Policy Summit. One of the tracks focused on the barriers of the budget, the structural deficit, and how to advocate to remove barriers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy was impressed by Dave Jones, the CA Insurance Commissioner, and his presentation about universal health care and receiving matching funds from the state. ○ Caylin attended the Asset Development track, and learned about ways to advocate against provisions within programs such as CalWorks that keep families in the cycle of poverty. ○ Ed attended the Childcare track which brought awareness to aggressive budget cuts. ● Fred is currently out of the hospital. Feel free to call him directly to get in contact with him.
Delegate Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Domingo belongs to an organization called Corazon. Every year, Corazon goes down to Mexico to build houses for those in need. The volunteers must receive a formal training before they can begin construction. Corazon is hosting a crab feed fundraiser to cover costs. Domingo is selling tickets for the crab feed.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adjourned at 7:00pm