



Employment First Committee Meeting Minutes June 19, 2023

Attending Members

Julie Gaona (SA)
Michael Luna (DDS)
Nick Wavrin (CDE)
Larry Yin (USC)
Christine T. Moody (UCLA)
Cathay Liu (FA)
Nancy Wentling (DOR)

Members Absent

Robert Loeun (DOR)
Sarah Issacs (DRC)
Steve Ruder (UCD)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Tania Morawiec
Bridget Kolakosky
Robin Maitino-Erben
Veronica Bravo
Carol Asch (DOR)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Julie Gaona (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

5. **APPROVE 2022 EMPLOYMENT FIRST REPORT**

SCDD staff Robin Maitino-Erben and Veronica Bravo led members in a discussion about final edits to the 2022 Employment First Report. Members had a number of revisions to the report and were concerned that they would not have a chance to review the report to ensure that those revisions were implemented correctly before the report was submitted to the legislature. Staff suggested that instead of adopting the report as revised during the meeting, that the committee could vote not to adopt, and the final document would be reviewed and approved at the July 13, 2023, EFC meeting. The committee made the following motions:

It was moved and seconded to approve the report as revised (Gaona/Yin). The motion failed. (Michael Luna, Larry Yin and Nick Wavrin voted no, Julie Gaona and Cathay Liu abstained).

It was moved and seconded (Gaona/Luna) and carried to adopt the revisions made by the committee members. (Motion passed unanimously, edits are summarized below).

- Steve Ruder's edits are available to view at https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2023/06/Steve.Ruder_Edits_.pdf
- The DDS section of CIE Updates will return to the language originally written by Michael Luna.
- CDE section of CIE Updates and "Alternative Pathway to a High School Diploma" section will be returned to the language originally submitted by Nick Wavrin. Also requested a new section title "shortage of Work Experience Opportunities."
- DOR section of CIE Updates edited to state "87 individuals with ID/DD participated in an OJT, SIP, or work experience through DOR, and 875 individuals with ID/DD participated in a DDS PIP."
- P. 44 change from January 2022 to January 2023
- EFC Recommendation Interagency Collaboration paragraph be changed to Interagency Data Collaboration
- P. 21 remove the first sentence and delete last paragraph in this section and change the title to "Data Collaboration."
- P. 32 PIP Section: from 6 months to 1040 hours.
- P. 18 "Referrals to CIE" section, change header to "Referrals to Employment," condense paragraphs and change language to "Educators in the K-12 system as well as and Regional Center staff are likely contributing to this challenge, perhaps due to a lack of awareness of other options, low capacity for employment services, or persistence of low expectations for young people with ID/DD."
- P.19 Referrals to Employment section, change 3% to 25%.
- P. 24 remove the sentence "There are 66,000 California transition-age students with intellectual disabilities that are currently waiting for inclusive post-secondary opportunities because there are not enough programs."
- Add an updated link to the Employment Data Dashboard

6. **2023 MEETING DATES AND ADJOURNMENT**

Remaining 2023 meetings are July 13th and October 12th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.