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FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Chairperson Paul Von Berg
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
Held Tele-Conference

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Paul Von Berg called the meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Present: Paul Von Berg, Larry Hopkins and DAS Chief Eric Rood

Absent: Chip Martin, Christopher Christophersen Sr., Louis Ontiveros and Kaitlin Conrad

A quorum was not met.

II. Review/approve previous Minutes

February and April 2021 minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum. There is not a quorum today in order to approve.

III. Discussions and suggestions on future Forum topics.

- Paul Von Berg stated that Chief Eric Rood plans to present as our forum speaker for tomorrow on Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages a new Department that was being created.
- DAS Chief Eric Rood discussed the new agency was being developed Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages. The Governor's budget for 2021-22 proposes to consolidate state workforce programs under a new Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages. This did not pass on the budget and this new department will not

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take place this year. There were lots of concerns that came up. This Department is still in discussion but we will probably be taking a look at it next year. The Legislative Analyst department stated that there were concerns that the this realignment was going to cause to much disruption on the Employment Development Department and that about 1800 positions that would be from this new department a majority of the positions about 1500, would come from there. There biggest concern is taking away staff or redirecting staff that are taking care of this backlog for benefits that is coming out of EDD. EDD has been in the news almost daily.

Chief Rood stated that there were concerns on the assembly side regarding the new department. Eric stated that he would go in more details about this tomorrow at the CAC.

- Paul stated because we have not been meeting in person it has been a challenge to have a forum speaker. He stated that the lack of networking has been a issue. He also stated that there has been less interest with getting a speaker to present virtually.
- Paul asked if anyone had any ideas regarding forum speakers or topics for our next CAC meetings that are scheduled for October 27-28, 2021.
 - Suggested topic of Quality and Diversity in business, with active models that are working. Milwaukie Tool was suggested.
- Suicide and suicide prevention in the trades. In 2017, nearly 38,000 persons of working age (16–64 years) in the United States died by suicide, which represents

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a 40% rate increase in less than 2 decades. Suicide rates were significantly higher in five major industry groups with Construction being one of them.

- Invite someone from the Workforce Development Board.
- Review/approve previous Minutes

After further review, a quorum was met for today's meeting. Two commissioners are currently listed as alternates.

A motion and a second for approval of the February 4, 2021 and April 2021 meeting minutes. All approved. The motion carried.

DAS Deputy Chief Glen Forman gave an update regarding reappointments of CAC commissioners. He stated that currently the Governor has reappointed five commissioners and later on Jun 10, 2021 we got three new commissioners appointed. Sheri Learmonth, Jason Rafter and Earl Restine.

- Discussed how to reach out, promote or explore recruitment strategies in apprenticeship of young adults 16-24 year olds. Discussed possibly creating an AdHoc or subcommittee group to work on this challenge.

IV. Other Items of Interest

- None

V. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 12:09 a.m.