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FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Chairperson Paul Von Berg
Wednesday, April 28, 2021

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Paul Von Berg was not able to attend. The meeting was called to order by Jack Buckhorn at 10:34 a.m.

Present: Jack Buckhorn, Derrick Kualapai, Larry Hopkins, and DAS Chief Eric Rood

Absent: Paul Von Berg, Christopher Christophersen, Chip Martin, Nick Esquivel, and Susan Anderson

A quorum was not met.

DAS Chief Eric Rood gave a update regarding reappointments of CAC commissioners.

He stated that currently the Governor has reappointed five commissioner and we currently have three vacancies that need to be filled. He stated that we have had three resignations over the last three months, which include Susan Anderson, Dick Zampa and Jim Hussey. Their terms are set to expire January 2023.

II. Review/approve previous Minutes

April 2021 minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum.

III. Discussions and suggestions on future Forum topics.

- DAS Chief Eric Rood discussed the new agency that is being developed Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages. The Governor's budget for

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2021-22 proposes to consolidate state workforce programs under a new Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages. Specifically, the Governor proposes to consolidate employment, training, and data collection services currently conducted at various entities—workforce services at the Employment Development Department (EDD), workforce training at the California Workforce Development Board, apprenticeship programs at the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations, and employer-sponsored training programs at the Employment Training Panel. Currently, these entities all reside within the state’s Labor and Workforce Development Agency, which integrates policy to align the state’s workforce programs.

- Jack Buckhorn stated that we do not have a forum speaker for tomorrow’s CAC meeting.
- Discussed the Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages as a possible topic for next quarter. Chief Rood stated that he would give additional details during his Chiefs Report tomorrow.
- 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. Additional concerns was the “why”. There has been additional discussions with the labor agency. 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.

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IV. Other Items of Interest

- None

V. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 a.m.