

MENDOCINO WORKS

Employment Resource Centers

Center Council Meeting, Round Valley
Thursday November 20, 2003 (10:30 am – Noon)

Present: MPIC: Mickey Mack, Fred Casella, JA: Bob Brumback, Madelyn McCauley, Ernie Nagy, RV Resource Center: Dane Downing, Redwood Children's Services: Cynthia Hernandez, Teach Project Mendocino College: Sandy Wake, Mendocino County Dept. of Social Services-Public Authority Unit, Evelyn Parsons/Gerardo Martinez and Glenda McFadin, local volunteer.

Introductions & Approval of Prior Minutes

Minutes approved from last meeting.

ROUND VALLEY HEALTH FAIR -Sept. 24, 2003

Mickey Mack, Sharon Rohl, and Chris White attended with information on MPIC services and partners. Made some good contacts and increased awareness of Mendocino Works One-Stop in Round Valley area.

BUILDING REPORT

Everything is currently working. Fred is planning to paint over the stained tiles on the ceiling, maybe schedule a "maintenance day" and take care of all the odds and ends that need fixing throughout the building. Vern, who maintains the building did some, touch up as there was a small leak from the last heavy rain.

ROUND VALLEY RESOURCE CENTER/Dane Downing

Through the U.S. Forest Service Rural Development Grant the thinning project will hopefully take place next spring as liability issue held up project but funding still in place and much interest in seeing this pilot project through from a number of agencies. This timber thinning process is only one of a few throughout the United States and could be utilized worldwide. Along with the forest thinning the wood. Note: Dane stated the E-Center is in need of a Resource Center Coordinator as Yvonne is not able to continue due to health condition. Position is 20hr/wk at approximately \$16-\$17 an hour. Also, the E-Center is looking to hire a resource person to act in a liaison position and work on feasibility report, one of the major components of the business plan. Will assist with ongoing projects and public outreach along with possible grant writing based on skill level. Funding is pending with position up to 10-hour week at \$12.50 per hour.

MENDOCINO COUNTY PUBLIC AUTHORITY/Evelyn Parsons/Gerado Martinez

Discussed their program that which involves recruitment and training of respite workers and home care workers who are now union and are in the process of a wage increase. Training classes are to be happening at Mendocino College and also distance learning classes in the future. Linda Whipple is the project coordinator.

TEACH PROJECT/Sandy Wake

Program introduced with the goal of targeting all Native Americans throughout Mendocino County who maybe interested in pursuing teaching degree. This is a grant through the U.S. Department of Education. A large number of instructional aides have shown interest along with the experience, background and foundation for this career.

This is a model program and could be used throughout the United States.

This tech based learning project is looking at distance learning classes along with the necessary hands on / in the classroom experience. At this time there are 37 students interested and the number appears to be more by each week.

REDWOOD CHILDREN'S SERVICES/Cynthia Hernandez

Cynthia gave update on expanded services for the foster home services, group homes in Lake County, and a new Mental Health grant for their customers.

JOB ALLIANCE/Ernie Nagy

Update given on office hours for Covelo area. Days they will be at the One-Stop will be Mondays and every other Thursday for the rest of year and appears to continue until further notice.

MENDOCINO PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL/Jean Franco

Jean discussed our assessment process and services and how they can be utilized for all partners and stressed we would be happy to give more instruction at future workshops or any of the local one-stops. The TABE, Test of Adult Basic Education, GED preparation and Ukiah/Willits GED education contacts/information and the transferable skills assessment were the main focal point. MPIC also stressed the need with all present partners to contact all dislocated workers and youth for our services as we have funds to assist them in both training and employment goals.

We also invited all parties to future meetings in the North County area and gave directions to our one stop in Laytonville.

Note: Future update of scheduled meetings was discussed and partners instructed it would be on our web site by first of the year.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: Date TBA (10:30 to Noon)