

# **MENDOCINO WORKS**

## **Employment Resource Centers**

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Resource Center Council Meeting Minutes – Ft. Bragg ERC  
310 East Redwood Avenue, Ft. Bragg, CA  
January 24, 2003 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Present: MPIC: Peggy Priddy, Christine Mullis, Jean Franco; Goodwill Industries: Amy Wood; EDD: Mark Molina; Job Alliance: Marjorie Zakula

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### ***Introductions & Approval of Prior Minutes***

Minutes approved from last meeting.

### **Groundfish Disaster Project**

Fort Bragg has enrolled their first applicant into a training program – a truck driving school in Fortuna which he'll finish in February. A few others are also approaching training. There are a total of 15 applications, and some are willing to pay for their own training. Peggy was able to get a blurb in the Chamber newsletter on the program - no additional marketing needed at this time.

### **Fort Bragg Open House**

Fairly successful Open House – especially considering the time of year. Several people had never heard of the Resource Center before and were brought in because of the press release in the paper. Patty Campbell came and received a tour.

Discovered that the "First Fridays" in Fort Bragg are better attended in the late summer/Fall months so this would be a better time to have the next Open House.

Peggy also to check with Chamber and see if we can get on the list to host a Chamber Mixer sometime in the summer.

### **Chamber "Occupational Outlook" Committee**

Peggy attended the recent lunch-time "Occupational Outlook" chamber sponsored event at the Brewery which attracted some 30/40 employers. Peggy will try to go to the next one to see if this type of attendance keeps up – and maybe in the future ask if Mendocino Works can be a presenter.

## **Georgia Pacific update**

Christine and Mark reported on the last Rapid Response visit on 10/29/02 which covered the closure of the nursery, affecting 9 employees. Peggy discussed the general status of the dislocated worker clients we're working with - one woman client is in truck driving school. Darla may have some success stories in the future to provide Christine for GP coverage.

Great news! GP was just found eligible for NAFTA benefits - which may be able to bring in the training dollars MPIC currently does not have for the dislocated workers.

## **Agency Sharing**

- MPIC: Jean reported that MPIC has served an incredible amount of people and are currently over-extended in all funding streams. Funds we had expected to receive have not been disbursed and we don't know at the present time if they will *ever* be disbursed. Therefore, MPIC is under a work furlough program, but continues to serve clients - with the understanding that no training funds are available.

Reported on the K-Mart situation in Ukiah and the layoffs at Rite Aid in Fort Bragg (just seven people).

- JA: undergoing a restructuring throughout the Department of Social Services. Where before there was a Program Manager for the entire county, they're breaking them down into three regions: Fort Bragg, Willits, and Ukiah -- with a Program Manger to cover each area. Not sure yet how the restructuring will affect services and/or staff but will keep us posted. JA continues close collaboration with the MPIC assessment center and workshops.

## ***Agenda for next meeting: 4/25/03***

- Introductions/Approval of Minutes
- GP / Fort Bragg community updates
- Groundfish Disaster Stipend Project update
- Chamber Mixer / Occupational Outlook update
- Agency Reports / Sharing