

# MENDOCINO WORKS

Fort Bragg Center Council  
MINUTES

Thursday April 30, 2009

## PRESENT

Cindi Hood – MPIC, Jan Kurtyka – HHSA, Jessica Newell – Parents and Friends Life on the Coast, Waldi Helma – Redwood Coast Seniors, Aimee Swearingin – Dept of Rehab, Tanner Silva – DSLC, Eugene Connell – Parents and Friends, Job Connection

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**Facilitator:**

**Notetaker:**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mendocino Private Industry Council (MPIC)** – Cindi discussed that MPIC has funds to spend and continues to seek customers. Organizations looking for volunteers should register with 1-800-volunteer.org. Summer youth program looks likely but we do not yet have confirmation of funding.

**Career and Technical Education (CTE)** – No report

**West Company** – No report.

**Health and Human Services (HHSA)** – Jan reports that the County is still waiting to hear what is happening with their budget. There will be a presentation before the Board of Supervisors in May. They are seeing a lot more first time applicants for financial assistance. They continue to have a hiring freeze.

**Disability Services and Legal Center (DSLCL)** – Malinda has been hired and either she or Tanner will be in the Fort Bragg office the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month for appointments. The second Wednesday of each month they are in Willits. Drop in clinic in Ukiah is from 1-3 on the second Thursday of each month for disability related questions. Malinda has put together a workshop to assist with housing and independent living skills. May 28 Sande Smith will present a workshop on benefits planning.

**Safe Passage** – No report

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)** – James Petrella will be doing job development for those DOR customers with "pervasive mental illness and receiving assistance through GA" They are currently serving about 30 customer on the coast.

**Employment Development Department (EDD)** - No report

**Redwood Coast Seniors** – Waldi reports their Caregiver Support group meets on the first Friday from 10-11 AM. Home delivery meals to those 60 and over only. Disability is not a consideration if under 60. The center is working on a Café for senior to gather. Cognitive impairment group meets Monday – Thursday from 8AM – 2 PM. The focus for the center is on baby boomers turning 60. They will be hosting a Mothers Day dinner on May 9. They are looking for lunch time volunteers to help with kitchen duties and serving.

**Parents and Friends** – Hoity Toity fashion show on May 16 at 1:30PM. Job Connection is starting the landscape crew back up. Jessica is now with Life on the Coast and Eugene is the new coordinator for Job Connection. The Regional Center is also struggling with funding and is uncertain if they will survive this fiscal year financially.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

## FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

**Next Meeting:** July 30, 2009 at 1:30PM Facilitator : undetermined, Notetaker: Cindi Hood