

Verdugo Workforce Development Board

Serving Burbank, Glendale, and La Cañada Flintridge

Verdugo School To Career Coalition

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Verdugo Jobs Center

October 30, 2019

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M.

RSVP to: Diana Antonio @ (818) 937-8081, dantonio@glendaleca.gov

- 9:30 am **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:45 am **Approval of Minutes**
- August 28, 2019
- 9:50 am **Standing agenda items** (*report as needed*)
Career Pathway Programs
- Unified School Districts
 - GUSD – Narineh Makijan
 - BUSD – Sharon Cuseo, Diana Dysthe, Peggy Flynn
 - LCUSD – Gayle Nicholls-Ali
 - Glendale Community College – Freddy Saucedo, Emma Sanchez
 - Burbank Adult School – Emilio Urioste
 - Employment Development Department – Nona Yegiazaryan
 - City of Burbank & Workforce Connection – Adriana Garcia
 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Christofer Arroyo
 - Glendale Youth Alliance – Karine Grigoryan
 - Workability (GUSD) –Rick Saunders
 - Workability Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee (BUSD)—Linda Lindley
 - Department of Rehabilitation—Louis Melendez
 - VCTC—Narineh Makijan
 - LAP3—Judith Velasco and Karine Grigoryan
 - VWDB and VJC—Judith Velasco and Melissa Younesian
- 10:20 am **Public Comments, Other Business & Announcements**
- 10:30 am **Adjourn**

Verdugo School To Career Coalition
VSTCC MINUTES
August 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lucy Alexan (BAS); Christofer Arroyo (SCDD); Diana Dysthe (BUSD), Eliza Dzhanyan (GYA), Adriana Garcia (BWC), Karine Grigoryan (GYA), Chris Lenz (VWDB) Narineh Makijan (GUSD/VCTC); Isaac Pedraza (GCC), Karla Ramos (LA Conservation Corps), Emma Sanchez (GCC), Rick Saunders (Foothill SELPA), Joylene Wagner (Communitas), Melissa Younesian (VJC),

VSTCC STAFF PRESENT: Judith Velasco (VWDB), Diana Antonio (VWDB)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. at the Verdugo Jobs Center by Chris Lenz.

AGENDA The agenda was approved to reflect the addition of Los Angeles Conservation Corps representation.

MINUTES The August 28, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

I. Presentations

- A. Chris Lenz recognized Joylene Wagner for the amazing work with VSTCC, as well as the work she has done in serving the community.
- B. **LA Conservation Corps.** Karla Ramos provided a history and an overview of the programs and services that the LA Conservation Corps provides. LA Conservation Corps provides workforce development services to youth between the ages of 18-24. The services LA Conservation Corps provides to businesses include: tree planting, graffiti removal, solar panel installation, fire cleanup, and event support.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- A. **Verdugo Creative Technologies Consortium (VCTC) and Glendale Unified school District (GUSD).** Narineh Makijan reported that some of the VCTC activities will continue, and due to it being the last year of the grant, VCTC will no longer be meeting, but the partnerships will continue. GUSD's annual College and Career Fair will be held on September 11; businesses are welcome to participate to provide career information to students. The partnership with GCC has allowed for sixteen dual enrollment courses to be held on high school campuses after regular school hours. The Roosevelt STEAM Academy Magnet will be launched next year; in the meantime the campus is preparing to provide computer science and coding classes.
- B. **Burbank Unified School District (BUSD).** Diana Dysthe, sharing on behalf of Sharon Cuseo, announced that BUSD has received a K-12 Strong Workforce grant to build dual enrollment and college pathway with GCC and LAVC. Sharon Cuseo attended the SkillsUSA 55th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville Kentucky. The group of BUSD students won a bronze medal in customer service.
- C. **Glendale Community College (GCC).** Emma Sanchez shared that GCC hosted Camp Reel, a beginner filmmaking boot camp for 12-18 year old girls. On September 19 a presentation titled "Building your Brand through LinkedIn" will be presented to faculty. Nepris is a virtual platform for industry engagement. Teachers can ask industry people for industry information. Isaac Pedraza provided a summary of the welding pilot program that's composed of formerly incarcerated students. Ten formerly incarcerated students are in a six week course that introduces them to welding. At the end of the course they submitted their work for certification

through a third party. This program was possible with the assistance of the Department of Corrections and Department of Rehabilitation.

- D. **Burbank Adult School (BAS).** Lucy Alexan shared the list of Career Technical Education (CTE) class available at BAS this fall semester. The Adult School Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4.
- E. **Burbank Workforce Connection (BWC).** Adriana Garcia said that BWC is preparing for the college fair season. In October youth will have the opportunity to be paired with City of Burbank employees for a one day job shadowing.
- F. **State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD).** Christofer Arroyo summarized the movie *Bottom Dollars*, a Rooted in Rights documentary. The film company is geared towards helping youth with disabilities to transition into adulthood. The regional centers offer a paid internship program in which the regional center pays up to \$12,000 of the participant's salary. This is at no cost to the employer, but it is difficult to find employers that are willing to accept a free paid internship.
- G. **Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA).** Karine Grigoryan reported that about 200 youth were placed in three different programs: Summer Training and Employment Program for Students (STEPS), LA County Youth Jobs program, and the Summer Brush program. GYA is currently accepting applications for fall program for youth that are not in school, as well as accepting applications for the TEAM program for youth in school. GYA is also accepting applications for its youth supervisor positions.
- H. **SELPA.** Rick Saunders reported that the WorkAbility program is up and running. The Foothill SELPA and GCC college night for parents and students is scheduled for January 23 at 7:00 pm. This annual event helps high school parents come to GCC to understand the challenges and unique things the students will encounter.
- I. **Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC).** Melissa Younesian shared that the VJC received funding for a third year to continue the RIISE program. The Tech Job Fair will occur on Wednesday, September 18 at Glendale Central Library. A manufacturing company in Burbank is looking for an eager and passionate candidate who is willing to learn. Referrals should be forwarded to Melissa.
- J. **Verdugo Workforce Development Board (VWDB).** Judith Velasco reported that the Music Mentorship Program had concluded. The participants had the opportunity to play their instruments in front of the mentors and receive feedback, as well as attend a live recording session at Fox Studios for an upcoming animation film.
- K. **Communitas.** Joylene Wagner shared that she is interested in working on setting up training for volunteers, starting with Sunday lunch meals.

III. Announcements

- A. The Glendale Education Foundation's State of the Schools breakfast is scheduled for October 3.
- B. The next meeting of the Verdugo School-to-Career Coalition is set for Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m. at the Verdugo Jobs Center.

IV. Adjournment: 10:45 a.m.

Verdugo School-to-Career Coalition

2020 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Location: Verdugo Jobs Center, 1255 S. Central Ave., Glendale 91204

January 29, 2020	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	VSTCC
April 22, 2020	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	VSTCC
August 26, 2020	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	VSTCC
October 28, 2020	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	VSTCC