



## Verdugo School To Career Coalition

A G E N D A  
October 28, 2020

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 26, 2020
- 9:50 am           **Standing agenda items** (*report as needed*)  
*Career Pathway Programs*
- Glendale Community College – Freddy Saucedo and Jan Swinton
  - Unified School Districts
    - GUSD – Narineh Makijan
    - BUSD – Sharon Cuseo, Diana Dysthe, Peggy Flynn
    - LCUSD – Gayle Nicholls-Ali
  - Burbank Adult School – Emilio Urioste
  - Employment Development Department – Nona Yegiazaryan
  - City of Burbank & Workforce Connection – Brady Griffin
  - 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
  - LAP3—Judith Velasco and Karine Grigoryan
  - VWDB and VJC—Judith Velasco and Melissa Younesian
- 10:20 am           **Public Comments, Other Business & Announcements**
- Partner Acknowledgement
- 10:30 am           **Adjourn**

**Verdugo School To Career Coalition**  
**VSTCC MINUTES**  
**August 26, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Diana Dysthe (BUSD), Breanna Dulay and Emma Sanchez (GCC), Eliza Dzhanyan (GYA), Julie Eby-McKenzie (SCDD), Guillermo Garcia (Library)

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**VSTCC STAFF PRESENT** Judith Velasco and Diana Antonio (VWDB), Melissa Younesian (VJC)

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. via conference call by VJC Manager Melissa Younesian.

**AGENDA** The agenda was approved as presented.

**MINUTES** The April 22, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion to approve Emma Sanchez and seconded by Eliza Dzhanyan.

**I. Introductions**

- A. Chair Chris Lenz was not present for the meeting.
- B. Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) Manager Melissa Younesian commenced the meeting and expressed appreciation for those attending.

**II. Standing Agenda Items**

- A. **Glendale Community College (GCC)** – Emma Sanchez reported that the college will commence classes remotely on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Engineering Instructor Nareh Manooki and her team have been producing face shields utilizing GCC’s 3D printers and laser cutting equipment. These face shields are being distributed to the local hospitals. Judith Velasco gave a Labor Market Information report to CTE staff and counselors; she has been asked to give another presentation in September to the entire faculty. Students have access to a counselor on campus, Breanna Dulay is an available counselor; the Career Education web page contains all the counselor contact information. She reported that panels were different industry sectors will be highlighted. In September they have Visual Performing Arts.
- B. **Burbank Unified School District (BUSD)** – Diana Dysthe mentioned that BUSD is conducting classes virtually. Students are being encouraged to enroll in dual enrollment; a partnership with Los Angeles Valley College exists for dual enrollment, as well as with GCC for ARM 101 and 102. Due to CTE budget cuts, retail marketing and animal care programs were eliminated. Due to COVID-19, it is uncertain if CTE Day will be held. An articulation agreement is in the works with Los Angeles Valley College and GCC to continue the partnership.
- C. **State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)** – Julie Eby-McKenzie mentioned that SCDD is heavily engaged in distributing out PPE to organizations. A main focus is on identifying people with intellectual disabilities /developmental disabilities and assist applying for state job leads.
- D. **Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA)** – Eliza Dzhanyan shared that GYA is recruiting youth with disabilities ages 16 – 21 for the Summer Training and Employment Program

(STEPS). GYA will begin recruiting for the In-School and Out-of-School youth programs in the upcoming week.

- E. **Verdugo Workforce Development Board** – Judith Velasco mentioned that the VWDB continues to virtually meet on schedule. The One-Stop Operator is working on executing the Phase II MOU Second Amendment by obtaining signatures. The America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) doors continue to be closed to the public. Layoffs continue in the region and distress is noted in the community because the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) expired on the end of July.
- F. **Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC)** – Melissa Younesian reported that the VJC has three grants to assist individuals affected by COVID-19. The funding is for training, skills upgrade, job placement services, and reimbursement for supportive services. Over four hundred clients have been approved and are in the process of having their documentation reviewed. Funds are still available to assist adults with disabilities for On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Paid Work Experience (PWEX).
- G. **Library** – Guillermo Garcia announced that the Library is offering contactless curbside pickup services. The Glendale Library Arts and Culture website has a list of various databases that are available online. These include Homework Help Now, JobNow, LearningExpress Library, and more.

### **III. Announcements**

- A. Emma Sanchez announced that Breanna is working with the of The Valley Economic Alliance in promoting a virtual job fair which will be held on Wednesday, September 16.

### **IV. Adjournment: 10:41 a.m.**