Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2019

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:
☒ Regular ☐ Timed ☐ Consent

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
APPROVING PARTY: Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation by the Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. on business and job seeker services provided to Sierra County for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: ☐ Memo ☐ Resolution ☒ Agreement ☐ Other

See attached briefing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: $ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED? ☐ Yes, -- -- ☒ No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? ☐ Yes ☒ No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? ☐ Yes ☒ No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK’S USE

BOARD ACTION:
☐ Approved
☐ Approved as amended
☐ Adopted
☐ Adopted as amended
☐ Denied
☐ Other
☐ No Action Taken

☐ Set public hearing
  For: ______________________
☐ Direction to: ______________
☐ Referred to: ______________
☐ Continued to: ______________
☐ Authorization given to: ____________

Resolution 2019- ____________
Agreement 2019- ____________
Ordinance ____________

Vote: 
  Ayes:
  Noes:
  Abstain:
  Absent:
  ☐ By Consensus

COMMENTS:

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CLERK TO THE BOARD  DATE
Sierra County Board of Supervisors – August 20, 2019

Discussion Paper:
Briefing on the Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. operations in Sierra County

1. Purpose: It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity to update you on the activities at the Sierra County Employment Centers, your local America’s Job Centers of California (AJCC). Our mission is to serve as a common point of access for job seekers, employers and community members for the purpose of education, training, employment, referral and other supportive services. AFWD delivers federal and state Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth of Sierra County.

2. Discussion: AFWD is one of four service providers for the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) providing various workforce development programs in six of NoRTEC’s 11 counties, Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas and Sierra counties. Supervisor Roen represents Sierra County on the NoRTEC Governing Board. AFWD’s purpose is to create an atmosphere for both the job seeker and the employer – A place where they can succeed in all endeavors by using the services available to them. We continue to put an emphasis on our “business first” philosophy, as embraced by NoRTEC and also by the new legislation, which increases the focus on business outreach and requiring that businesses be in the forefront of our service delivery models.

In July 2018 NoRTEC launched NoRTECJobs.org, providing a valuable search engine to connect job seekers with jobs in our local communities. This site provides easy access to employer’s job positions in a user-friendly program across the 11-county consortium.

- Sierra County’s unemployment rate for June of 2019 stood at 5.1%. This is 3/10th of a percent lower than this time last year, when Sierra County’s unemployment rate stood at 5.4%.

- Customers July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019: A total of 223 individuals utilized the many services available through the Sierra Business and Career Network.

- Businesses Services: AFWD has been able to assist the Sierra County employer community with an array of business services, such as providing human resource information, employee training and assistance with job recruitments.
3. **Program Highlights:**

**California Workforce Association (CWA)-Charlie Brown Award:** In May 2019 the California Workforce Association present the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) and AFWD with the 2019 Charlie Brown Award for the significant work contributed to Camp Fire survivors. History was made not only by the devastation of the disaster, but this was the first time CWA recognized an entire organization.

**Training-Classroom, Internships and On-the-Job:** AFWD Career Center Advisors support individuals through various client assessments and career exploration processes, to assist them in attending classroom training and internships. For reporting period of July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019, $15,919.00 has been expended in Sierra County.

**Sierra County Social Services:** AFWD continues to provide weekly onsite one-on-one job development appointments within the Sierra County Social Services offices in Loyalton and Downieville. Participants are provided with information on local resources available to assist with education, training, job search, etc.

**Conclusion:** AFWD is pleased to continue offering Workforce Development services in Sierra County. Our team continues to partner with local resources and businesses, to create opportunities for local job seekers towards their *Pathway to Success* and promote a business climate that thrives. Successful AJCC’s recognize the value of partnerships with other service agencies, job seekers, employers, and the community they serve. All efforts are tied to enhancing the workforce, economic vitality, and a *stable and prosperous business community* throughout Sierra County. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 283-1606.

For more information about AFWD activities, please visit our website, [www.afwd.org](http://www.afwd.org) and click on CC Reports. Here you will find quarterly reports for each of AFWD’s county operations.

Thank you for your time.

Valerie Bourque  
Business Service Representative