

Digest of the Labor Market Information Advisory Meeting

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Date	Thursday, February 4, 2016																																																																				
Time	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM																																																																				
Organization	California Employment Development Department (EDD), Labor Market Information Division (LMID)																																																																				
Location	750 N Street, Aspen Room Sacramento, California 95814																																																																				
Meeting called by	Spencer Wong, Division Chief, LMID																																																																				
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Note Takers	Patti Felt, Vicky Vang, Andreana Yribe																																																																				
Welcome/Introductions	Angel Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All attendees made introductions. 																																																																				
Review of Minutes	No corrections																																																																				
Division Update	Spencer Wong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMID staffing levels have been decreasing since 2013; the current number is less than 150 employees. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a priority; therefore, the division will shift its focus to activities that support the WIOA. The division continues to address programs for adult, youth, and dislocated workers at the sub-state level. Next year's state activities include: wage matching, exploring and developing research on supply and demand, as well as, updating and streamlining the occupational guides. 																																																																				
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<p><u>Maps of County Commute Patterns</u></p>	<p>Ron Caluza, LMID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first set of County Commute Pattern Maps was produced about 10 years ago. They were updated November 2015 and are now available on the LMID website. The data associated with the maps are “estimates,” not official counts since they are based on survey data. • The Geographic Information System (GIS) Unit produces two types of commute maps. County-to-county commute maps are the more popular product and provide more accurate information. The maps, based on American Community Survey (ACS) data, show the patterns going from county-to-county. Statewide County commute maps display the total number of commuters (statewide) commuting into each county, but have higher margins of error than the county-to county-maps. • To evaluate the quality of the data, the California Department of Finance recommends calculating the “relative margin of error” by dividing the estimate by the margin of error. When the relative margin of error is below 33 percent, the estimate can be considered reliable. However, it is up to the user to determine if the estimates are suitable to their needs. • When viewing county-to-county commuting maps, the surrounding counties tend to have better estimates than counties that are farther away from the focus county. • Statewide county commute maps show the number of commuters coming into and out of California counties. • Commute maps can be accessed on the LMID website.
<p><u>State Workforce and Education Alignment Project (SWEAP)</u></p>	<p>Joyce Lee and Matthew Shiroy, LMID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Workforce and Education Alignment Project (SWEAP) is an initiative of the National Skills Coalition. The goal is to improve education and workforce outcomes, particularly in the middle-skill occupations. • The LMID’s role is to create the supply and demand tool. • The LMID’s tool was based upon Washington’s supply and demand model. The usability, format, and structure are similar to Washington’s supply and demand model; however, data sources differ. • The supply indicator tool is reliable and valid using program completer’s data from the California Community College Chancellors Office (CCCCO). • The demand indicator tool for the short term uses the Help Wanted Online™ (HWOL) data series. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Employment Projections 2012-2022 data is used for the long term total projected job openings. • The State Workforce and Education Alignment Project is currently in the BETA version and the LMID will continue to expand and increase its robustness as more data becomes available.
<p><u>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): What it means for LMID</u></p>	<p>Justin Wehner, LMID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014. The law is transforming federally funded job training programs across the country to ensure that job seekers acquire the necessary skills and training they need to enter the middle class. • The WIOA will invest more than \$72 billion per fiscal year for job training programs until 2020. • The act will improve the system in California by consolidating how funds are being distributed and eliminating excess programs. • WIOA is important because it will have (and has had) a significant impact on the operations of the Employment Development Department (EDD), Workforce Services Branch (WSB), and Labor Market Information Division (LMID). The WIOA specifically encourages increased labor market information application. • The division will work effectively and be responsive to the changing economic conditions and workforce needs of the state. With the new act in place, the LMID will face challenges on how to better support the goals and requirements outlined in WIOA.

<p><u>Economic Update</u></p>	<p>Paul Wessen, LMID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The U.S. and California economies had a remarkable four-year run of growth. California's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in December 2015, the lowest since September 2007. • Labor force participation (LFP) rates are declining in the nation and California. California's LFP rate of 62.0 percent and the U.S. LFP rate at 62.6 percent in December 2015 were the lowest historically since 1976. • Demographic changes play a large role in labor force participation. Half of the labor force is age 20, and three-fourths are at age 25. The LFP rate remains steady until age 54 and then begins to drop at age 57. The long-term effect of demographic factors on the California LFP rate shows a downward trend. • U.S. Total Nonfarm Payrolls strengthened in the second half of 2015 adding 292,000 nonfarm jobs, while California gained 60,400 nonfarm jobs in December, which shows no signs of slowing down. • The economy's future appears to remain strong as the real U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) has grown in 24 of the last 26 quarters. Consumers continue to spend and there seems to be no signs of a recession.
<p>Wrap Up/Evaluation/ Adjourn</p>	<p>Angel Rodriguez, LMID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return badges to note takers, Angel Rodriguez, or Amy Faulkner. • Attendees participated in the first group meeting evaluation via smart devices.
<p>Upcoming LMI Advisory Group Meeting Dates</p>	<p>LMI Advisory Group – 2016 Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5, 2016 • August 4, 2016 • November 3, 2016

