Digest of the Labor Market Information Advisory Meeting

Title	*LMI Advisory Group Meeting*
Date	Thursday, November 2, 2017
Organization	California Employment Development Department (EDD) /Labor Market Information Division (LMID)
Location	750 N Street, Park Complex East – Aspen Room Sacramento, CA 95814
Attendees	Staton, Roy — Employment Development Department (EDD) Ramirez-Faghih, Caroline — California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Gjerde, Thomas — California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) Greene Andrews, Laurel — Employment Development Department (EDD) Manning, Charlene — California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) Merris-Coots, John — California Department of Education (CDE) Reid, Dennis — Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Wahl, Bonita — Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
LMID Staff	Akhtar, Muhammad Gregory, Tammy Moore, Vicki Alejo, Luis Herbert, Nathan Sanders, Brandy Bosley, Liz Hooker, Brandon Shiroi, Ryan Boucher, Michael Huffstutler, Troy Stock, Sheila Dahlberg, Dave Lee, Joyce Stockton, Marc Faulkner, Amy Martinez, Nati Wessen, Paul Felt, Patricia McClellan, Judi Wong, Spencer Flores, Rosendo
Note Takers	Pat Hom and Karen Yuke
Welcome/Introductions	Patti Felt - RASG
Review of Minutes	No Corrections.
Spencer's Update	Spencer Wong, LMID • The LMID will be sending out a LMI Advisory Meeting Survey in the near future to all members. The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback regarding future presentations and/or topics of interest as well as the preferred frequency of the meetings. The survey will help determine when the next LMI Advisory meeting will be held. • Spencer announced that he will be retiring in 2018, his last working day will be April 2018, and his official retirement date is September 2018.
Division Update	**Amy Faulkner, LMID** • The California Policy Lab Project is a joint project between UCLA & UC Berkeley that is seeking to access Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims micro data to conduct research on the effects of minimum wage increases to the UI program and the outcomes of UI recipients transitioning through the workforce system. The contract and recruitment effort of a limited-term Research Analyst and Graduate Student Assistant are in process, both positions will be fully funded by the California Policy Lab. • The Cross-System Analytics and Assessment for Learning and Skills Attainment (CAAL-Skills) Project is a pilot project effort led by the California Workforce Development Board that is seeking to achieve data-sharing across all Workforce

	Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) state partners. The LMID received associated funding for our involvement of this activity. • The CSU 7 Project is a project with Rick Moore (CSU, Northridge), which expands wage matching to evaluate student outcomes with additional California State Universities (5 Los Angeles County, 1 Orange County, and 1 Ventura County). Contract in process.
Supply and Demand Tool	**Michael Boucher and Joyce Lee, LMID** • The Supply and Demand Tool is a web-based interactive tool designed and developed to assist workforce partners, businesses, and educational institutions, by providing data to build and strengthen partnerships in alignment with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. • The tool examines the most recent data available on educational program completers from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) as a workforce supply indicator and looks at online job postings from The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine™ (HWOL) data series and CA long-term employment projections as demand indicators. • Currently, the supply and demand tool is in beta testing mode until the end of the year. • At today's meeting, we are requesting feedback from the audience to gain insight in order to recalibrate and optimize the tool. • This tool was also presented in September 2017 at the California Workforce Association Meeting of the Minds Conference in Monterey, CA.
Projections: New Separations Methodology **Projections: Separations Methodology - What You Need to Know** **Projections: Separations Methodology - FAQ's**	**Ryan Shiroi, LMID** • The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will implement a new methodology to measure occupational separations for 2016-2026 projections. • The new Separations methodology was developed to capture a more accurate picture of the workforce. • Despite the significant increase in the overall job opening numbers, the way individual occupations compare relative to other occupations will not change as drastically as one might think. • The Separations methodology accounts for different types of job changes to ensure the data reflects today's dynamic workforce, such as occupational transfers, or when a worker leaves an occupation to enter a different occupation, in addition to when a worker leaves the labor force entirely • The 2017-2019 California short-term projections (release: 2018-1st quarter) will be the first version of projections that will use the Separations methodology, followed by the 2016-2026 California long-term projections and the sub-state projections that will be released later in 2018.
Economic Update	**Paul Wessen, LMID** • California unemployment condition has improved. The rate fell to a record tying low 4.7 percent in May and June of 2017, rose to 5.1 percent by August 2017, and remained there in September. • Even at 5.1 percent, California's rate is at a level economists associate with "full employment", which is a good place for the labor market to be. • Total nonfarm employment job had a large increase in July (84,500 jobs) and September (52,200 jobs) 2017 and losses April (-17,600 jobs), June (-3,200jobs) and August (-7,700 jobs). • On a three month average basis, California gained 43,000 jobs in September 2017. With this gain, it extended California's streak of consecutive job gains to 84 months (7 years) with little indication that the streak will end any time soon.

	• California nonfarm jobs had a gain of 1.7 percent year over, This was better than the nation's 1.2 percent year-over gain, which was a smaller gain than it would otherwise be because it reflected the effects of recent hurricanes. • According to the American Survey (ACS) Data 2016, California has a larger concentration of foreign-born residents than any other state in the nation.
Wrap Up & Adjourn	**Patti Felt** • Please return badges and fill out the evaluation.
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