Digest of the Labor Market Information Advisory Meeting

Title	***LMI Advisory Group Meeting***
Date	Thursday, November 3, 2016
Time	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Organization	California Employment Development Department (EDD) Labor Market Information Division (LMID)
Location	750 N Street, Park Complex East - Aspen Room Sacramento, CA 95814
Meeting called by	Spencer Wong, Division Chief, LMID
Facilitator	Regional Analysis and Support Group (RASG)
Attendees	Aliferis-Gjerde, Maria — California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Bader, Martha — California Labor Federation (CLF) Castillo, Victor — Southwestern College Cordova, John — College of the Canyons DiCaro, Gino — California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA) Fuller, Ryan — California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Haglund, Rick — Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Herzfeld, Shari — Rio Hondo College Hodge, Paula — College of the Canyons Holden, Richard — Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Linthicum, Steven — Sierra College Madrigal, Maria — Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Manning, Charlene — California Department of Human Resources (CALHR) Merris-Coots, John — California Department of Education (CDE) Obel-Jorgensen, Ruth — California School Age Consortium (CalSAC) Reid, Dennis — Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Reid, Yvonne — San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Sangha, Gurminder — College of the Sequoias (COS) Sette, Josie — Ohlone College Snell, Mike — California Teaching Fellows Foundation (CTFF) Zorn, Linda — Butte College
EDD	Akhtar, Muhammad Barrios, Juan Caluza, Ron Dahlberg, Dave Davidson, Bradley Disharoon, Diane Faulkner, Amy Felt, Patti Gonzales, Margo Gregory, Tammy Hooker, Brandon Martinez, Nati Moore, Vicki Morado, Adrian Perez, Ryan Saephanh, Nancy Sanders, Brandy Stock, Sheila Stockton, Marc Takechi, Mindy Vang, Vicky
Note Takers	Patti Felt and Vicky Vang
Welcome/Housekeeping	Margo Gonzales - RASG
Review of Minutes	No corrections
Division Update	**Muhammad Akhtar, Deputy Division Chief** • The EDD Data library is now available online and can be accessed through the LIMD web page or the EDD's website link. It provides access to view and download data and information related to California industries, occupations, employment projections, wages, labor force, and unemployment insurance claims data. The LMID is working with the Disability Insurance Branch to add disability insurance claims data to the library. • Staff are creating infographics to transform data and information into graphics that are easy to read and visually appealing. • Infographics for middle-skilled occupations by regional planning units were recently created and published for the 2016 Labor Day Campaign and received excellent feedback. Infographics will also be featured in the 2016 Veterans Day Campaign

	highlighting veteran occupations. • Staff are continuing to work on the State Workforce and Education Alignment Project (SWEAP). The project is designed to support policy and decision making by providing data on the workforce supply and demand through an indicator tool which measures skills gaps. It compares educational program completers to the average annual job openings to determine if there is an oversupply or undersupply of credentialed workers to fill the projected demand of an occupation. Amy Faulkner will present the tool in Chicago, November 16-17, 2016, at the final SWEAP forum. • Spencer Wong received the Vladimir Chavrid Memorial Award at the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) for his contribution to Labor Market Information. • Angel Rodriguez has accepted a position with the Department of Health Care Services as of November 1, 2016.
California Expanded Learning Workforce Advisory Group **Handouts**	**Ruth Obel-Jorgensen, California School-Age Consortium and Mike Snell, California Teaching Fellows Foundation** • The purpose of The California Expanded Learning Workforce Advisory Group (WAG) is to address after school learning, create strong connections, partner with other departments and agencies, both public and private, and to engage students in meaningful learning opportunities that support their success in school and life. • The focus is to improve the development of students in academic, social, emotional, and physical needs through after school program learning. It increases Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning, promotes nutrition, and healthy living. • There are two main funding sources: federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) and state funded After School Education and Safety (ASES) program. • In 2012, The Afterschool Program Survey was conducted by EDD/LMID in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE) to gather information that can be used to support CDE's workforce initiatives for ASES and 21ST CLCC programs and their respective personnel. The primary goals were to address the current and anticipate the future occupational needs of after school programs and support the career development goals of program personnel. The survey findings demonstrated that the expanded learning workforce is young, dedicated, and well-educated and are developing relevant skills that are projected to add jobs while working in the programs. • The California Teaching Fellows Foundation works with more than eight colleges in the Central Valley and partners with 50 districts to staff programs at more than 300 K-12 school locations throughout Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Tulare counties. Their mission is to prepare the next generation of teachers by creating career pathways and a platform for apprenticeships.
Workforce Services Branch (WSB) Veterans Program Unit	**Adrian Morado, Ryan Perez, and Bradley Davidson, EDD/WSB Veterans Program Unit** • The Veterans' Program is a grant-funded program within the EDD's Workforce Services Branch and provides employment services to veterans and qualified spouses of veterans. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Labor-Veterans' Employment and Training Service. • Two classifications, Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER), are funded through the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant (JVSG). • DVOP specialists provide one–on-one service with the veteran. They motivate, educate, and help the veteran become employable. The DVOPs provide the veteran with labor market information, assist with resume writing and interview skills, and create an individual employment plan, as well as job posting referrals available through CalJOBS. • LVERs are advocates for the veterans. Their primary role is to find out what the employers need. They create a bridge between the veteran and the employer.

Economic Update	**Brandon Hooker, LMID** • California's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in September 2016 while the nation's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent. The economy is in a recovery as over 2 million jobs have been recovered since the start of California's economic expansion (February 2010). • According to the Consumer Confidence Index (CCI), the economy is doing well. The report noted that consumers are feeling better about jobs and the overall spending. The latest reading is at 103.5 for September 2016. • California's percent share of the long term unemployed (27 weeks or more) is on the decline. March 2011 reported 46.8 percent unemployed in comparison to September 2016 at 26 percent. The number of discouraged workers has dramatically gone down from 151,300 in September 2011 to 67,800 in September 2016. A discouraged worker is one that is eligible for employment, but chooses to voluntarily be unemployed and not actively seek work. • The Labor Force Participation (LFP) rates of California and the nation are in a decline. California's LFP rate of 62.6 percent and the U.S. LFP rate of 62.9 percent are stagnating due to three major factors: discouraged workers are still not actively looking for work, the number of disabled workers, and the retirement of baby boomers between the ages of 46 and 64. • The California Total Nonfarm Employment has been producing jobs at a consistent pace over the last five years reporting a net job change of 2,065,400 jobs between September 2011 and September 2016. California added 30,000 jobs in September 2016.
Roundtable	• **Charlene Manning:** CALHR is participating in a national survey comparing California's major occupations with those in different states. • **Maria Aliferis-Gjerde:** The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is participating in a retooling committee in regards to the structure of WIOA.
Wrap Up/Evaluation/ Adjourn	**RASG** • Please return badges and fill out the evaluation form.
Upcoming LMI Advisory Group Meeting Dates	**LMI Advisory Group – 2017 Meeting Schedule** • TBD