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To: Board of Supervisors  
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## 1. County Administrator's Update on Contracts

The County Administrator signed the following contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues update.

- Department of Information Technology, a revenue contract with the Solano Transportation Authority (effective March 22, 2011 through December 31, 2011) to provide the STA various GIS mapping services, \$45,000.

## 2. Juvenile Detention Facility Receives Medical Accreditation

The health services offered at the Solano County Juvenile Detention Facility has received a two-year accreditation from the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) Corrections and Detentions Health Care Committee (CDHCC), effective March 9, 2011. This is the second time the Juvenile facility has received this accreditation. The award of IMQ accreditation certifies that the facility meets the community standards of correctional health care, and demonstrates that the facility and county personnel are working beyond minimum requirements to ensure high quality care.

The mission of the accreditation program is to improve health services in correctional institutions by providing a source of education and guidance, and a mechanism to verify compliance. Organizations participating in the IMQ Corrections and Detentions Health Care Accreditation Program are striving for quality health care and desiring the confidence and protection afforded by IMQ Accreditation.

- Contact: Richard Watson, Juvenile Detention Facility Superintendent, 784-6575

## 3. County Contracts for Public Health Laboratory Director Position

The County has contracted with Ms. Lynn Murrin to be the director of the Napa-Solano County Public Health Laboratory through January 2012. She will continue to serve as the Public Health Laboratory Director for Marin County.

Ms. Murrin brings a wealth of experience to Solano County, with over 30 years of clinical and public health laboratory service and strong relationships with many laboratory organizations. She is the president-elect of the California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors, the Northern California liaison for the national Laboratory Response Network, and coordinates

the statewide Public Health Microbiology Training program for the California Department of Public Health Laboratories.

- Bela Matyas, H&SS Deputy Director for Public Health, 784-8600.

#### **4. House Proposal Zeroes Out Workforce Investment Board Funding**

The House of Representatives HR 1 budget proposal recommends zeroing out the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which would eliminate \$3.8 billion in WIA funding through rescissions and zeroing-out of new funds. No new funding would be available as of July 1, 2011; the WIA-funded system would then close-out with what small amount of carry-over funds may remain. Services for jobseekers and employers would cease some time in Summer 2011. The issue of continued funding for the WIA system is not yet settled. The Senate majority and White House firmly support the WIA program. The President's Program Year 2012 budget proposes a slight 5% reduction for WIA programs. An overall budget compromise will be needed.

A national campaign is under way for local elected officials, WIB members, businesses, One Stop system partner agencies, and others to voice their concerns to Congress. The local WIB is actively engaged in this effort. Those supporters of the WIA program are gradually convincing the House/Senate appropriators to continue funding for WIA, but possibly with some deep cuts.

The WIA funding supports the Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) activities for Adults, Dislocated Workers, Youth and a number of special programs serving veterans, the disabled, and ex-offenders. In Solano County the WIB serves approximately 10,000 jobseekers per year, with about 75,000 "service visits" to the two One Stop Career center offices in Vallejo and Fairfield. Of this number about 1,300 jobseekers receive more intensive services that focus on vocational skills training and job-preparedness activities. A solid core of about 400 local employers receives dedicated personnel assistance from the WIB. Staff makes approximately 17,000 outreach contacts to employers and processes over 37,000 job recruitment announcements from local employers. This wide array of services would cease if the House budget proposal was to be approved. No alternative delivery system is being proposed. This action would take place at a time when there are 4.5 jobseekers for every job vacancy in this nation and 15 million unemployed (with approximately 25,000 unemployed in Solano County).

- Contact: Robert Bloom, Workforce Investment Board, 863-3501.

#### **5. Succession Planning Update: Future Leaders Program**

In FY2010/11, two cohorts representing 50 managers from 15 departments have come together to complete their formal leadership development by attending five workshops, one group coaching session and one group mentoring session. This final phase of development will prepare the managers to support the leadership pipeline for years to come and assist in the development of upcoming managers. The fourth and fifth classes in the seven-class series were held on March 16. The two-hour workshop entitled, *Ethical Issues for Leaders*, focused on the six pillars of character, the ways unethical decisions are rationalized, and the five principles of public service ethics. The second two-hour workshop, *Motivational Issues with Difficult Staff*, addressed seven strategies to try before moving to discipline and how to deal with low motivation. On April 13, the managers will participate in a Group Mentoring session at the County Events Center.

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