



Community Collaborative Chronicles

The Veterans Administration—Omeric Welcomes PCN

The P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network (**PCN**), wishes to thank the **Veterans Administration-Omeric** for hosting and coordinating such a fine August 2006 meeting. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the presentations and received some beneficial information in the process.

A special thanks goes to **Pat Lamperallo**, **Phyllis Jasso**, and **Jeanellie Lambrada**. for making time in their schedules to build such a great meeting. Also, we want to congratulate **Ms. Jeanellie M. Lambrada**, as the newly selected Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist with the Veterans Administration.

Ms. Labrada welcomed the **PCN** members and provided an insight on her role to support employment services to veterans. **Ms. Labrada's** direct number is (818) 891-7711, ext. 9940, or email Jeanellie.LabradaColl@va.gov.

Civil Service for Torrance California

The **PCN** was part of a grand presentation on civil service careers, delivered by **Viet Hoang**, Human Resources Analyst for the City of Torrance. **Mr. Hoang** discussed the civil service system from its creation through how to locate, apply and interview for various positions. **Mr. Hoang** gave the **PCN** members some very useful information to use with their respective clients. You may contact **Mr. Hoang** at the job hotline in Torrance at (310) 618-2069, or visit the website, www.tornet.com.

Clearing Criminal Records

Gilda Rodriguez with the Neighborhood Housing and Legal Services, Inc. gave a systematic guide on how to clear an adult criminal record in California. **Ms. Rodriguez** is very familiar and experienced with the necessary steps to correct records and how-to expunge criminal backgrounds. The **PCN** attendees each received a booklet detailing the application and procedures. The **PCN** members want to extend their appreciation to **Ms. Rodriguez** for giving that extra gracious level of networking support. The Neighborhood Legal Services hotline is (800) 433-6251. To contact **Ms. Rodriguez** directly, you may reach her at (818) 834-7539.

Tony Jaramillo Expands Workforce Services

Tony Jaramillo, T&R Recruitment Services gave an excellent update on his new firm's activities. **Mr. Jaramillo** and **Rhonda Rose** have teamed to form a new workforce service firm assisting clients with placement, client development, and other related labor specified requirements. **Mr. Jaramillo** shared a couple of current recruitment programs, one with the Business Communications Institute recruitment for training telecommunications/cabling opportunities. The other is with Great Southwest Mortgage seeking loan officers for the Encino Office. **Mr. Jaramillo** email is tandr.ecruitment@yahoo.com.

Northeast Valley WorkSource Center

Maricela Quevedo of the Northeast Valley WorkSource Center discussed the excellent career and business opportunities in the San Fernando Valley. The center runs a complete array of services from resume preparation to placement and skills identification assistance. To reach **Ms. Quevedo**, feel free to network and share opportunities at (818) 899-1829.

Helping Veterans for Over 15 Years

Deidra Vandiegriff, from New Directions, Inc. gave an eye-opening presentation of the fine work conducted by her organization. The amazing work conducted includes providing veterans in need with mental health services, drug and alcohol intervention, and related resource services in social and professional skills to help ease the challenges occurring with transitioning back to civilian life.

There are a variety ways to contribute to New Directions, and to reach **Ms. Vandiegriff**, her direct number is (310) 914-4045, ext. 208, or email dvandiegriff@newdirections.org

In addition, we want to thank **Starbuck's Coffee Company** for donating the \$40 worth of gift certificates that were shared during the business card drawing portion of the meeting. Sharon Rochelle of DPSS, and Rochelle Oliver of Veterans Employment Services were the lucky recipients of the gift certificates.

The next meeting is set for Monday, September 11, 2006 hosted by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Century Regional Detention Facility, 11705 S. Alameda Blvd., Lynwood, CA 90062.

*Our host is **Mr. Tyrone Horn**, Food Service Manager. **Mr. Horn** has graciously coordinated a tour of the facility beginning at 8:30 AM on the same day preceding our meeting. Anyone wanting to take part in the tour should reserve a space and contact **Mr. Horn** at (213) 893-0815, or **PCN** director **Dean Jones** at (310) 637-7248.*

AUGUST PCN meeting attendees:

Al Detra, Veterans Employment Services
Andy Dominguez, Advantage Sales and Marketing
Anrener Fregoso, Veterans Employment Services
Areltia Jones, LAOIC
Belonda Stringfield, Crystal Stairs
Blanche Octave, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Chrisie Collins, State of California Employment Development Department
David Fierro, State of California Department of Veteran Affairs
Dean Jones, Southland Business Partnership
Deidra Vandiegriff, New Directions
Elnora Ragland, Broad Spectrum
Emoli Mendez, City of Los Angeles CDD/Youth Program
Gastin Herrera, DPSS –GAIN
Gentry Humphrey, State of California Employment Development Department
Gilda Rodriguez, Neighborhood Legal Services
James Jones, Gangsters for Christ
Jeanellie Lambrada, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
Joann Saisan, Veterans Administration
John Adams, Veterans Employment Services
Jonathan Bennett, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)
June Wilson, Social Security Administration
Jutta Usvary, PATH Achieve – Glendale
LaViva Primm, PATH Achieve – Glendale
LaVonte Jackson, Goodwill Serving South Los Angeles County
Louis Lopez, North Valley Development Center
Maricela Quevedo, Northeast Valley San Fernando Worksource Center
Marta Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez Consultants
Mike Wilson, LACOE
Pat Lamperallo, Veterans Administration - Omeric
Phyllis Jasso, Veterans Administration - Omeric
Rhonda Rose, T&R Consulting
Robert Hamm, Los Angeles Unified School District
Rochelle Oliver, Veterans Employment Services
Sharon Rochelle, DPSS – GROW Program
Tony Jaramillo, T&R Consulting
Tyrone Horn, Los Angeles county Sheriff's Department
Viet Hoang, City of Torrance
Wally Aguilar, State of California Employment Training Panel
Wendy Calaycay, Workforce Investment Network – Carson Worksource Center

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