**Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (HSPSPC)**

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**Friday, June 19th, 2015, 12-2:15pm\*\***

**COG Board Room, 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002**

**Meeting Focus: *Workforce Development in the Metropolitan Washington Region***

Please RSVP toKim Boddie, kboddie@mwcog.org or (202)962-3272

**\*\*Lunch and networking begin at 11:30am; Business meeting begins at 12 noon\*\***

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1. **Call to Order and Introductions 12-12:05pm**

*Chair Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board*

1. **Approval of April 17, 2015 Meeting Summary and Announcements 12:05-12:10pm**
* Final distribution of WRAP report “How Safe Are Our Streets?”
1. **2014 Annual Report On Crime and Crime Control 12:10-12:25pm**

*Chief Alan Goldberg, Takoma Park Police, Chair, COG Police Chiefs Committee*

*Amy Phillips, Metro Transit Police, Chair, Police Policy & Planning Subcommittee*

The report provides statistics on crime incidents against person and property, arrests, and calls for service during 2014 in the COG region. The report also highlights regional trends, public safety campaigns, and community engagement initiatives.

***Recommended Action:*** Receive report briefing and approve report for presentation to the Board of Directors.

1. **COG Economic Competitiveness and Workforce Initiatives 12:25-12:40pm**

*Paul DesJardin, Department of Community Planning and Services*

Mr. DesJardin will highlight emerging initiatives in workforce development, including:

* Plans to enhance COG’s Cooperative Forecast by incorporating new industry and occupational data to help jurisdictions better prepare for future workforce needs;
* A technical assistance opportunity provided by Economic Development Agency and Aspen Institute for regional workforce development partnerships; and
* Proposed development of a “Prosperity Partnership” to enhance key industry clusters, such as cybersecurity and biotech, through stronger federal-private sector connections and links to venture capital.

***Discussion:*** Potential actions for consideration by COG Leadership Retreat and future action by COG Board of Directors:

* Endorse plan to enhance COG’s Cooperative Forecast.
* Develop a “Prosperity Partnership” concept to support innovation in key regional industries, e.g. cybersecurity and biotech.
1. **Regional Workforce Development Systems and Resources Landscape 12:40-1:25pm**

 *David Hunn, The SkillSource Group, Inc.*

 *Barbara Kaufmann, Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board*

 *David Remick, Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Investment Board*

 *Andrew Rogers, DC Workforce Investment Council*

 A number of local and state Workforce Investment Councils and Boards (WICs and WIBs) serve the region. Representatives of four of these agencies will discuss the jobseekers they serve and resources they provide, key challenges, and ways they do, or could, collaborate regionally.

 ***Discussion:*** Potential actions for consideration by COG Leadership Retreat and future action by COG Board of Directors:

* Convene local community colleges and representatives from key regional industries to assess strengths and gaps in workforce offerings to meet core skill needs.
* Seek grant funding to convene WICs and WIBs for joint regional skill development efforts.
1. **Workforce Development Through Infrastructure 1:25-1:50pm**

*Karen Pallansch, CEO of Alexandria Renew Enterprises*

Infrastructure offers a big opportunity for workforce development, particularly for low- and middle-skill workers. Ms. Pallansch will share the factors driving significant job growth in this sector, and highlight how water utilities are addressing their training and hiring needs. Ms. Pallansch will also discuss how workforce practices in the water sector might also be used to address similar challenges and core job skills in the areas of transportation and energy infrastructure. 15-minute presentation will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion by the committee.

 ***Discussion:*** Potential actions for consideration by COG Leadership Retreat and future action by COG Board of Directors:

* Building on the 2015 *State of the Region: Infrastructure Report*, surveying utilities and members on their workforce needs to develop an assessment of needs for each infrastructure sector.
* Developing a pilot project with local utilities across sectors to address core skills assessments for workers in infrastructure construction, maintenance, and monitoring.
* Facilitating adoption of new credentials for stormwater management workers in the region.
1. **Roundtable Discussion 1:50-2:05pm**

Select Committee members will briefly highlight successes and/or persistent challenges experienced in their jurisdictions related to workforce development.

**VIII. Summary of Outcomes/Preview of September 18th Meeting and Adjournment 2:05-2:15pm**

*Chairman Tejada*

**Next Meeting September 18th, 2015, 12 noon-2pm**