

## Message from Dennis Petrie, Deputy Director Workforce Services Branch



### Welcome 2012!

The traditional New Year began, of course, on January 1, 2012 with all the customary acts of resolutions, celebrations and promises of hope and opportunity. However, I am also looking forward to the start of “another” New Year in the workforce community which begins July 1, 2012. Yes, that’s the start of the official State Fiscal Year and the implementation of the California Workforce Services Network, which we expect will produce another round of toasting, cheering and celebration.

Replacing the legacy of the CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup> and JTA system has been a long time in coming and is truly deserving of a first rate California style celebration. For the first time in the history of the WIA in the state, we will finally have the makings of one statewide case management and reporting system that supports the public workforce development contributions of so many important stakeholders and partners critical to our collective economic revitalization efforts.

In the next few months, we are ramping up the CWSN implementation effort, starting with training. CWSN trainers, recruited from each Workforce Services Field Division and local partner staff, will attend the first Training Boot Camp in February. During these sessions, CWSN trainers will get the information needed to develop a functional training plan tailored to their Division or local workforce investment area’s needs. Training Boot Camp Part 2 will take place in March for the same group of CWSN trainers, to prepare them for the next step; vendor hands-on training. In April, the CWSN trainers will receive the vendor training on the system, which will get them ready to spread the newly acquired wealth of knowledge to their offices and local areas.

Preparations are not only limited to new trainers; there are three Management Information System (MIS) Administrator meetings included in the plan. The first two are scheduled for March and will be identical agendas – one in Northern and one in Southern California. The third additional MIS meeting will be in early May. All of these meetings will focus on getting

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## CWSN Project Status Timeline



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*"Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."*

~ John F. Kennedy

## Insider SPOTLIGHT

Each Insider issue will highlight a member from one of the CWSN Project Teams.



Kathryn Fong started with the Employment Development Department several years ago in the Unemployment Insurance Branch. In 2010, Kathryn joined the Workforce Services Branch (WSB) and later joined the California Workforce Services Network's (CWSN) Project Team. She is responsible for the management and review of requirements and specifications for the CWSN system. Kathryn works collaboratively with her team and expressed, "I love how the Project Team is filled with people who genuinely care about WSB's success with the CWSN system. We are all passionate about the programs and goals that the branch shares and we all want to see WSB grow."

As implementation approaches, Kathryn will be working with the Organizational Change Management Team as one of the CWSN Trainers. So far she is enjoying the work and looking forward to the next phase, "Being part of the CWSN Project Team has been an incredible experience!" says Kathryn.

ready for the implementation date of July 2, 2012.

The plan also features training for the MIS Administrators and webinars for the fiscal officers on the new Cash and Expenditures modules. All the training mentioned is just the tip of the iceberg; a full training timeline is included in the OCM article in this issue.

The Public Affairs Branch will be joining the implementation effort to lead a marketing campaign for the jobseekers and employers of California targeting a seamless transition to the new system and the many enhanced features of the system.

The Workforce Services Branch will officially say goodbye to CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup> and JTA, and greet the CWSN when July 2, 2012 comes around. Let us ring in this New Year as we look forward to gaining the latest advanced job connection, real time participant data and a truly integrated state workforce system – the first of its kind for California!

# OCM Corner

## Save the Dates!

The California Workforce Services Network (CWSN) Training schedule has been released. Currently all dates and locations are tentative with confirmation depending upon contract negotiations with each training site. The [EDDCWSNProject@edd.ca.gov](mailto:EDDCWSNProject@edd.ca.gov) will provide more information as each training date nears. As a reminder, the CWSN training is based upon the training for trainers approach: recruited trainers return to their local areas and divisions prepare to begin training their entities. Cash and expenditure webinars will be open to fiscal officers.

Type of Training	Location	Date(s) of Training	Who is Expected to Attend
Trainer Boot Camp Part 1	Orange County	February 7-9, 2012	Recruited CWSN Trainers
MIS User Group Meeting – Southern Only	Ontario	March 1-2, 2012 tentative	Southern MIS Administrators and Division SPOCs*
MIS User Group Meeting – Northern Only	Sacramento (San Jose)	March 5-6, 2012 tentative	Northern MIS Administrators and Division SPOCs*
Trainer Boot Camp Part 2	San Jose	March 7-8, 2012 March 8-9, 2012	Recruited CWSN Trainers
Train the Trainer – Session 1-5	Various	March 26 through April 20, 2012	Recruited CWSN Trainers
State Admin Training	Room 5055, Sacramento	April 23, 2012 and April 24, 2012	WSB – ITPA** Section and Field Division SPOCs*
Local Admin Training	Sacramento	April 25, 2012	MIS LWIA*** Administrators
Local Admin Training	Orange County	April 27, 2012	MIS LWIA*** Administrators
MIS User Group Meeting - All	Sacramento - San Jose	April/May 2012	MIS Administrators and Division SPOCs*
Non-LWIA Training (CBOs and Inter Agency)****	Room 5055, Sacramento	May/June 2012	To Be Determined
Full Cash Module	Room 5055, Sacramento	June 11-14, 2012	EDD Fiscal Management Unit/Fiscal Programs Division Staff
Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN)	Room 5055, Sacramento	June 15, 2012	EDD Central Office State Staff
Cash Draw Training	Webinars	June 18-22, 2012	Fiscal Officers in LWIAs and CBOs****
Expenditure Submittals	Webinars	July 2012	Fiscal Officers in LWIAs and CBOs****

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