

Notes from Employment Committee/Prop 63 Planning
March 4th, 2005

The following are listed in order of top priority as voted by this group:

1. **Supported Employment**. This includes preparatory classes like resume writing, practice job interviewing, job searching and actual supported job experience as in the newly created Community Connection Dinosaur Deli. Supported employment is viewed as a time limited work experience where in the participant is provided a work experience with close supervision and support. This is experience both for a resume as well as on the job assessment and training to observe skills and work on areas that need development for future competitive employment. Average length of time in supported employment jobs should be no longer than 6 months.
2. **College Connection**: This is currently under staffed at Cabrillo College and is non-existent on the South County Cabrillo Campus. It is seen as vital for employment pursuits. The college connection provides re-entry classes at Cabrillo which are authorized by Cabrillo to count as college course work with units.
3. **South County pre-employment**, Currently there are no classes being offered in South County to support the exploration of employment readiness and pursuit.
4. **Employment Specialist on each team**: this would allow for a full time employment specialist be hired to work on each mental health Team (the issue of meds only clients and how to staff this was raised)
5. **Business Manager and Marketing Specialist** (tied for 5th place) A *Business manager* would run the Deli and Work Crews, providing business expertise as well as real life expectations in the supported employment arena. The *Marketing Specialist* would provide full time Job Development/outreach to the community to expand our placement options.