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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Partners with
South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and PATH
(People Assisting the Homeless) to Initiate Pilot Program to Assist Homeless**

HAWTHORNE – A pilot program that will provide regional coordination to better facilitate the delivery of housing support services, employment training and job placement assistance for homeless individuals has been initiated by the South Bay Workforce Invest Board (SBWIB), the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH).

The SBWIB will host PATH case workers at its Inglewood One-Stop Business & Career Center to work with homeless applicants seeking housing and other basic assistance. The SBWIB will provide employment placement assistance, job preparedness and pre-employment workshops, and classroom training to the homeless. The organizations will work together to deliver the basics needs with the assistance necessary to gain employment and a steady income.

In a later phase of the program, PATH personnel will provide SBWIB staff members with information on the best practices for providing support to the homeless with coordination assistance for accessing additional homeless services through referrals. The SBWIB staff will also formulate strategies for working with clients who are in crisis and may have mental health issues. The goal of the SBCCOG lead alliance is to maximize and leverage resources, both internally and externally between service agencies that includes applying for additional funding from federal, state and local agencies.

“We are really excited about this new partnership. We want to do as much as we can to help these individuals find employment and a home,” said Jan Vogel, Executive Director for SBWIB.

For more than 30 years, the SBWIB has been an innovator in developing programs for underserved communities including homeless veterans, transitioning military veterans and their families, and former incarcerated men and women seeking employment and career training. Many other no coast educational, career development and business services are provided throughout the SBWIB’s four One-Stop Business & Career Centers serving 11 South Bay communities at no cost to the public.

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