

Partners Meeting Notes and Resources March 8th, 2024

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Meeting Summary Notes

The meeting aimed to discuss various aspects of the ongoing initiatives, including updates on the Subregional Table application process, progress on research reports, discussions on industry clusters, stakeholder analysis, and upcoming meetings and events.

Subregional Table Lead (SRTL) Application Process:

- The application deadline for subregional table leads was emphasized, with a total of 139 applications received, exceeding expectations.
- Affinity hubs were acknowledged for their efforts in reaching out to their networks and communities to promote the opportunity.
- Questions were raised regarding the selection process, which would be discussed further in the presentation.

SRTL Selection Process:

- Process handled by the SRTL Subcommittee. Plans for the selection process would be discussed post-meeting, considering the input from recent meetings with relevant stakeholders.
- Clarifications were made regarding eligibility criteria and the prohibition of double-dipping for steering committee members applying for multiple roles.

Research Reports:

- Updates were provided on the progress of three research reports commissioned from Civil Economics and Beacon Economics.
- Reports include a regional summary, industry cluster analysis, and SWOT analysis, with a focus on aligning findings with the program's objectives.

Discussion on Industry Clusters:

- Concerns were raised regarding the reliance on historical data and the need to identify future high-growth sectors.
- Suggestions were made to incorporate emerging sectors and consider future growth potential aligned with state strategies.

Affinity Hub Activities:

- Affinity hub leads conducted planning sessions and training, with labor and business hubs initiating convenings.
- Expectations were set for steering committee members to attend hub meetings to support the process.

Stakeholder Analysis:

• Updates on stakeholder engagement showed significant growth in the number of engaged members, with efforts to ensure full onboarding.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

• Future meetings and events, including committee meetings and affinity hub convenings, were highlighted for participation.

The meeting concluded with a reminder of upcoming deadlines, ongoing efforts to advance the program's objectives, and gratitude expressed for the collective dedication toward securing funding for Los Angeles County. Participants were encouraged to continue their engagement, seek assistance as needed, and stay informed about future developments and activities.

Meeting Transcript

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Good morning, Los Angeles HRTC. We're going to be getting started in another minute or so. Glad to have you all here. And like I said, I'll give another minute or so and we'll get started. Okay? Good morning. Thank you all for being here, especially all of our new partners. We also have some returning partners and some pending partners. I like to start off by having anyone new to the call. We try to keep this very brief because I have a feeling we may have more than usual with the new micro grantee applications coming in. But if you'd like to talk about your organization just for about 1015 seconds, I'll give you the floor to do so, starting now. Feel free. Don't be shy.

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Hi, everybody. My name is Christina. I'm associate director for homeless outreach program, Integrated care System. We are the lead homeless agency in spa six and we provide a variety of services. Permanent housing, interim housing, mental health, substance use and employment services.

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Thank you very much. I probably should start by introducing myself. I'm Charles Johnson, program director for California Jobs. First, I apologize for the background. Teams is misbehaving and just threw everything off the way it used to be. But anyway, so I'm seeing by hands that are up. Alessandro, I hope I pronounced your name correctly. You have the floor. Yes. Hi. Good morning, everybody.

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Alessandro, director of strategic initiatives at alliance for a better community. We are a latino advocacy organization in La county.

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Thank you very much. Glad to have you here. I am seeing Alice Hayes.

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Hello, everybody. I am the co founder of Workbey. Workbey is a workforce development platform and initiative in different locations across the US. I got invited to this to kind of listen in and learn more. Thank you.

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Very polite of you. Thank you for being here. Appreciate it. Is there anyone else who would like to introduce themselves? I see a hand up Lucius Davis. Man, what a cool name.

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Hi, I'm Lucius Davis. I'm founder and CEO of four elite training academy. We provide mentorship as well as physical education for elementary schools.

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Oh, that's great. You can take my daughter and help her get off the tablet and do some physical work. Let's see. Thank you for being here. Anyone else like to introduce themselves?

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Yes, my name is Matthew Otasue from Olive Support services here in Antelope Valley.

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Thank you for being here. Antelope Valley you guys are representing. Appreciate that again. Okay. Whatever it was, I guess it was a non issue. Thank you for being here. I appreciate it. Okay. Was there anyone else who'd like to introduce themselves briefly?

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I think you had a few people in your chat. And I think Alice Hayes, also Alice Hayes.

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She did introduce herself verbally already. Okay. Well, rather than me reading, we're all here. We know how to read. Feel free to go in, chat and look for the get familiar with the people who are just joining. So we all appreciate you being there. Ariel, if you don't mind going to the next slide. Okay, so just a quick rundown of the agenda. We're going to have the update from our fiscal agent, which is California Community foundation or CCF. I'll give a little summary of what happened at the state winter convening a couple of weeks back. We'll have Armand, our research analyst, talk about the timeline for the deliverables as well as the research updates. And we'll give a little summary about what's going on with the micrograntees or subregional table leads.

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And we'll discuss the affinity hub lead convenings, what's going to be happening with that, and then our usual updates with Ariel of the stakeholder analysis and the upcoming meetings. Next slide, please. I believe Jose Nahera from CCF is on the call. Phil, you have the floor. Thank you, Charles.

09:27

Good morning, everybody. A couple of announcements from our side. One is very happy to report that we have hired a contracts manager that's going to be assisting and helping and leading with this program. So super excited about that. His name is Paul Morades, and he will be starting on Monday. So just wanted to give that shout out and announcement to everyone. A second announcement is regarding the monitoring review update. So just to catch everybody up, for those of you that don't know, we did get a notice of monitoring review that's going to be conducted at CCF in June 3 through the 7th. So we're excited about that. The EDD and the auditors were able to send out some information and a questionnaire and a request for documents, which we're currently working on. Due date is next Tuesday.

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So we're compiling and putting all that things together. And this is part of my report out. I promised that I would be transparent and I would keep everybody abreast as to how that's going. So I'll keep you guys all posted as things continue to develop. And that's it for me. Charles, if there's any questions, please let me know. If not, that's my report out. Thank you, everyone.

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Thank you, Jose. Appreciate the update. We may have, may refer back to you for a couple other things going forward. So if you have time, please stick around. But we appreciate the update so far. Go to next slide, please. So from February 20, 21st and 22nd, the state Gobiz and OPR had a winter convenient in Sacramento. I went Armand Coolion, who's California jobs first research analyst, attended, Kevin harbor, who is the chair of the steering committee for Los Angeles, California jobs first. Two of our vendors from Beacon, well, actually one from Beacon and one from civil, who are our outsourced vendors to do the research reports, and Jose Naheda, who you just heard spoke, and Maria Garcia from CCF attended for California jobs first Los Angeles.

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And it was, as I mentioned, three days, different workshops to kind of help each of the regions move forward with the California Jobs first program. So a lot of the workshops that we did dealt with helping the affinity hubs and in our case, the sub regional tables move forward a little bit more swiftly using some of the guidelines that will be expected for our final regional report part two. We also had, more importantly, each region, including Los Angeles, had a one one meeting with OPR and Gobiz to discuss the challenges with not only the things within our program, but the issues that they may have seen with the regional report part one. So we did get some feedback from the state on ways to move forward.

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We got some potential solutions for course corrections of how to move forward a little bit more efficiently so we can make sure that we deliver the regional report part two on time, which is September 30 of 2024. And what

else? They extended the deadline for the revision of regional report part one, which was incomplete due to just lack of time from having enough. The industry cluster report that just didn't have enough time to get completed. So there was a lot that we covered up there. The state did take all of the feedback that we gave them to help our jobs. Everyone on this call steering committee affinity hub leads eventually to sub regional tables to make your jobs a lot easier. And last night we received the notes back from the state to kind of help us facilitate moving forward.

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The California jobs team has not had time to go through those notes to really dive into it, to segment exactly what we need to do. One thing is very clear, though, is that there will be a facilitator to help with some of the convenings to help things move forward a little bit more efficiently. How that's going to be rolled out in terms of funding that position. We're still working with CCF on that, and we'll have updates for you all on the next meeting. Hopefully that person will actually already be in place. But as I said, once we get through those notes from the state, we'll know how to proceed going forward if we can go to the next slide. Armand, I'll turn it over to you so we can discuss the timeline.

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Thank you, Charles. And hello, everybody. Welcome to our new partners as well. So here's a timeline. It's a tentative timeline for the California jobs first program. We kind of have three main aspects of our governance structure represented on this timeline. We have the affinity convenings, which are actually taking place already, and they will be taking place until the end of May. We have the table partner leads, which is all the timeline items that are coded, that are shaded green, the font is green. Those are related to the table partner leads. So we've been giving our steering committee time to digest the research. And beginning next week, will we begin with the process and choosing those table partner leads or thematic areas, and then move on to seeding them and hopefully having convening starting sometime in March.

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And then at the very top, you'll see the sub regional table processes. The application review will begin next Monday and will last, that should actually be until the 15th, which is the Friday of next week. We hope to announce the sub regional table awardees on Monday, the 18th, and then the convenings can begin in April. There are a few other things on this timeline that I like to highlight. We have the regional plan part one, which is due on April 30. It seems like maybe that actually didn't come out, but, yeah, that's due on April 30. That's a really important document that we're really trying to focus on. As Charles said, we received the feedback last night. And then we have our regional plan part two, which is more focused on strategies. And that is going to be due.

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Well, actually, all the material that we're going to send to the strategic writer that's going to be helping us write that is going to be due on July 1. And the actual plan itself is ultimately due on August 30. So, yeah, those are kind of the two main deliverables that we have to send to the state, and that's kind of going to be the focus of the program moving forward. We could probably go to the next slide.

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Before you go too far, I just want to also mention, actually, well, you can keep it right here. We're going to have another more focused timeline dealing with the affinity hubs. I'm sorry, not affinity hubs. The subregional Michael grantees. That process, we're working on that because we are working with CCF to make sure that the awardees are receiving their payments. They're aware of when they're receiving their payments, the scope of work that they'll be doing, all of that. We want to make sure that's kind of in the timeline, so you guys can all be aware of that. So please be on the lookout for some type of update in either a newsletter from Scarlett Peralta, who is our manager of communication.

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All right, Kevin, you have your hand up?

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Yeah. So the applications end tonight at 05:00 p.m.? Correct?

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Yes.

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Okay. I think Jessica Quintana wanted to know how many we have to date. And then the only thing I wondered was, or wanted to know, was, in terms of the selection process, who's going to be involved in that?

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So that's obviously great question. Do we have a slide? We can just talk about it right now if you want. But what was the first question you asked.

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Jessica? How many do we have today right now? How many have applied? Do we know?

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Ariel, do you know the number?

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What do you say, Armand? It's 139.

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Okay, so you guys actually rocked, because there was a lot of concern about there not being enough applicants with a tight deadline with a tight timeline, and you've exceeded what we need within a week. So the deadline is at the end today, close of business, 05:00 p.m.. So great job of all the affinity hubs reaching out to their networks to reach the community to inform them about this opportunity. There was another question that you had in there, Kevin. I can't recall.

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Who'S going to be involved in the. How are we going to do.

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Oh, the selection process.

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Correct.

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After this meeting with you, obviously we're going to be going over the options for the selection process. We just had a meeting with CCF again last night, right around 536 o'clock. So we'll share what happened in that meeting so we can come up with options that work best for our region and for the timeline that we have left. Okay. Any other questions regarding that? If not, I'm seeing iPhone seven.

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Who? I'm.

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Hey, Charles, this is Stella. Can you hear me?

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Oh, Stella, how are you? Let me give you a quick intro. Stella is the vice chair of the steering committee for our region.

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Very good.

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Thank you, Charles. I had a couple of folks ask me, can the organizations that have steering. That have been selected to be part of the steering committee, can they also apply for the sub regional table lead role?

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Let me make sure I understand your question. A steering committee organization that is not an affinity hub, Lee. That has not received funding as an affinity.

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Other. The, you know, somebody that was selected for the affinity hub role. Right. And they were compensated. Can they also have someone from the organization be a subregional table lead?

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No, I don't believe so. Yeah, I believe that would be double dipping. Jose, if you're on the call.

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We had a comment by Sharon Evans in the chat, and it's consistent with my understanding you can only have one paid role, although that's up to us. But bottom line is that's what we've been operating under in the past. So that leaves it open for steering committee members who do not have a paid role to apply for that. Now, if there's going to be a change, then obviously we need to convene on that. But that's where we are. That's my understanding.

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That's always understanding. Is that no double dipping.

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Okay, got it. Thank you.

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Okay. Are there any other questions regarding the subregional tables? Okay, Mr. Armand, now you can go.

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All right, so I actually don't have that many updates. So for our new partners, we are kind of coming towards the end of these research. So there was three research reports that we have outsourced to two research vendors. One is civil economics and the other one is Beacon economics. You'll see Beacon has two of those reports. The first one is a regional summary, and the second one is an industry cluster analysis that will also include a data tool that will be available online. And then the last one is a swot analysis. And so we're actually kind of coming towards the end of these research timelines, and we hope to be getting both the finalized regional summary and industry cluster analysis in the next week or two to give a bit of an update on those reports.

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The regional summary, as I said, they're finalizing the report. Of course, this report will contain an index based on the California jobs first principles of equity, job quality and access, sustainability, economic competitiveness and resilience. And that'll be separated by Spa. Just giving a really comprehensive overview and look into our county and seeing how each area is doing. What is the percentage of disinvested communities? What is the makeup of those disinvested communities? Educational attainment. What are some educational centers in each spa? Just trying to give a really good overview of each part of the county. And then, of course, the industry cluster analysis. This is a very traditional industry cluster analysis, and one of the concerns that's been coming up is, you know, the report, it may just be focusing on what California, or, sorry, what La county is regionally competitive in.

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What about some industries that we're not regionally competitive in, but we want to become regionally competitive in such as clean energy, biofuels, green food, manufacturing, just things that may align with the California jobs first principles that may not be addressed because they're not currently regionally competitive. So we're just going to be adding some more context to those sort of industries, and we're reviewing data for industries which may not show up as a regionally competitive cluster, but ultimately in line with our jobs first objectives. And then on the SWot analysis. Of course, this was submitted to us a while back, so I don't really have any updates at the moment. And. Yeah, that's it for the research, if anybody has any. Yeah. Tony?

25:58

Yeah. I put some questions or comments in the industry cluster analysis that you did, and you broke it down by, you know, yeoman's work there. I mean, thank you so much for doing that. Is that the right place that I should be making those comments, or is there a different place that I should be making those comments?

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That's the right place to make those comments. I'm kind of just seeing your comments right now, and I will respond to those promptly.

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Okay. Because if you had not read them, you're actually going in the same direction that I was thinking was that it would be very important to kind of look at the statute and the solicitation and then see how that crosswalks into a traditional, particularly industry cluster analysis or even the labor market. But we're talking about industry cluster because, as you said, the traditional 1 may not go there, and we are supposed to be a transition strategy. And so there's a question about emerging sectors, that competitiveness may not be scoring high, but we might want to go there. The other issue there is around individuals that have less than a two year informal education post high school. That's a particular criteria to be able to do that crosswalk. So I appreciate your going there, and I'll continue to edit that document.

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Yeah, no, thank you, Tony. Like I said, that's something that we discussed. So the sort of industries that I specifically sent to them was like bioscience, advanced transportation, and clean tech pulling it up right here. Like I said, those food manufacturing with a focus on sustainable practices, environmental sciences, and electric power generation. So these are industries that at the moment, La county is not really regionally competitive in, but they're things that we maybe want to transition to as an outcome of this program. And I think the report does have an emerging cluster section as well. But I'll respond to your comments after this meeting. Thank you, Tony. We can go to the next slide. I think it's also one of, you know, Charles gave some updates on the sub regional table leads.

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And like we said earlier, the application deadline is today at 05:00 p.m. We currently have 139 applications. The subcommittee has finalized the grading rubric and the waiting for the grading, and the review process is set to begin next week. It looks like scroll.

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Yes.

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Let's hold 1 second. There you go.

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I can continue?

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Yes. I'm sorry, Scarlett, I was saying, hope for you. Go ahead.

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Oh, no worries. So, yes, our Affinity hub lead committing. So last week, last Thursday, our twelve Affinity hub leads actually did have a planning meeting with our internal team. And so were able to provide a training planning session for them to give us feedback in order for us to provide them the resources and instructions to begin their convening that will be kicking off this month. And so they did execute their training and planning session and their convenings. I believe we did have one group already, our labor Affinity group begin their convenings, and I believe we have business and employers beginning their convening in the incoming week. And we are still working with the rest of our Affinity hub leads as far as locking in their dates. We will be promoting internally through our newsletters as well as our website, these convenings.

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And so if you do fall within some of these thematic areas through the work that you're doing within your communities, this would be a great opportunity to tune in and be supportive of the work that they're doing. That concludes this slide. If there are any questions, I can go ahead and take them.

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Okay, before we move forward, I see a comment from Brady Collins of Kiwa. Brady, if you would like to come off mute and speak on this just so our mind can address it, that would be great. It's important that I think that the group would love to hear from you guys because you guys are an affinity hub who actually met already. So if you would like to come off mute and speak on what you wrote in the chat, I'd love to. I think it would be greatly

appreciated. All right, maybe not. So, Brady Collins, he was the affinity lead for labor, and in the chat he wrote. We discussed the initial report from Beacon economics at our labor Affinity hub meeting. We believe there are a lot of flaws and gaps in this initial analysis.

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We will make recommendations for important missing data and provide additional analyses on key industries that this group should be focusing on. Armand, did you want to do some type of reply to that verbally?

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Yeah, definitely. Well, one of the key outcomes that we're looking for from this first affinity hub meeting was to identify key growth industries. And I would say make it pretty clear on the slides that we provide that there's a lot of other considerations to take besides just the data that's given. I mean, that data is based off of employment, wages and average wages. So there's such a large variation across an industry and wages from the ceos to the other employees, that could be making a lot less money. So there is a lot of considerations that should be taken. And educational attainment. Are these jobs even accessible? Are they wanted by community? And so I'm very happy to hear that this conversation was mean.

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I look forward to hearing what specific industries Brady is referring to, and that'll be something I'm sure we get in the notes that we're asking. The affinity hub leads to send. I see that two people have their hands up. It looks like Sharon was first. I'm sorry, Jessica. Jessica was first. Okay.

33.01

Hi, everybody. Good morning. Happy International Women's Day, everyone. Could you just give a brief kind of overview of the application? Just how many slots do we have that's going to be granted? And then if anybody needs any technical assistance, who could they call? And then just also the other caveat that they need to be an HRTC member, so they might need some technical assistance with that.

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I'm going to defer to maybe Scarlett understands the application better than me. Yeah.

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Yes. Thank you, Jessica. If I could respond to some of your questions. So we do have Chioma, who is our community engagement manager, as well as the team in general. Throughout the whole week, we have been answering questions and phone calls when it comes to any type of application, onboarding concerns that have arised. So if you reach out to our surf@leedc.org email, that is something that we've been working through as far as answering questions, concerns, and if folks need an additional phone call to go through the application or any questions, we're also available for that. So in the chat box, there is that surf@leedc.org email. We have until 05:00 p.m. Today for the applications to close. So if you haven't gotten yours in, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

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We are all working together as far as answering these questions and concerns. And I believe you said the first part of your question was in regards to. I'm not sure if you can repeat that, but I think, yeah, how many applications are going to be reviewed? So I believe there's a number. Right. For the region is there was 90 applications.

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Oh, you mean how many awardees will there be?

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Yeah. The concept is that 90 would be awarded and it would be ten per spa. We have eight spas, but we have six a and six b. It was split up through our initiative. So we do have 90 organizations, and it is Spa based, and it is based on their theme. And so that is kind of how the breakdown is at the moment. We are hoping that we do have applicants within each spa service planning area and within each theme. As the window closes today, we will be analyzing how the applications fall within those categories to then review and reassess how we move forward with them. Wonderful. Thank you, Scarlett. That's exactly the. Yes. Yeah, absolutely.

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Sharon, you have your hand up.

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I do. Thank you. I apologize. I don't have much of a voice this morning. My question was in terms of the actual industry clusters. It seems that we're using historical data as our framework, as you said, wages, historical wages and growth data. How much effort, or how are you gleaning the future high growth sectors? I appreciate that you did mention renewable and clean tech, because that is one of our high growth sectors. How are you gleaning and identifying that for discussion or consideration?

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Yeah, that's probably coming more from a qualitative side, like reviewing state documents and just general investments that are being made at a federal and state level. So that's kind of where we're getting those from. And then also some of those industries that were identified in the seds document that the county uses, the county economic development summary. So that's kind of where those industries came from. Okay.

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I sat on, said. So anyway, that's discussion we may want to bring back to the steering committee so that we know we're focused on high growth potential, because there's been some pretty significant awards in California that will drive growth across the.

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I mean, definitely this is the kind of discussion we want to be having related to those table partner leads as well. So thank you, Sagel.

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Yeah, thank you, everybody. So I just, again, want to reiterate the process that everyone's been talking about, summarize it a bit. So the 13 of us affinity hub leads are going to be holding at least a few meetings from March through May to talk about the industry cluster data. And so what Brady had mentioned in the chat is exactly what we want. Right. He held his first one. We want to get this type of feedback about the industry cluster data. If we've missed anything, if there are errors, if anything needs to be also included, because we know. Right. That's just data that's out there, but we have the place based understanding of what is included, of what needs to be included.

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So when we're LAdc, Scarlett is going to be able to compile on the website and she'll send it out all the dates that the affinity hub leads are going to be providing meetings. And it is strongly recommended, or maybe even required, that steering committee members do go to these meetings to support the work year. This is part of being on the steering committee. These meetings are going to be open to anybody. But really, there is a big expectation that steering committee members are supporting this effort. Thanks.

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Yeah, no, thank you a lot, Sagela. It's a very good point. These affinity hub meetings, that's what the first one is all about, is identifying those targeted industries. And then there's some other things that we want to address within those industries, such as increasing economic equity, increasing economic diversification, responding to economic shocks, increasing health and environmental equity, and just generally aligning with state strategies. So very much appreciated. Thank you, Sejal. I'm going to pass it on now.

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Okay, so that should conclude this portion of the presentation. And now Ariel will go through the stakeholder analysis.

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Thank you, Scarlett. So, for the stakeholder analysis for this month, just to give you a quick overview, the total number of stakeholder engaged is the number of applicants that we have in the entire program, which is 687, which was a huge jump from last month that we only had 543. So we have 144 new members. And the number of stakeholder official onboarded are the members that have not only filled out the form, but also completed the onboarding process by providing their collective partnership agreement. And that's 563, which is also good because that means that most of the members that were recently added, they're all fully on boarded. So that's very important because that means that they're engaged. And then the number of stakeholders holders not fully onboarded, that are the ones that have submitted the application, but have not completed the collective partnership agreement.

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It's 124. So, of course, what we want is to have these numbers match, have everyone fully onboarded. But from last month to this month, we had a huge jump. So that's good. And on this graph, we can see how they are divided by entity type. So we'll try to be very inclusive. So ideally, this graph should be at least around basically a straight line. So this is where we find areas of opportunity to convene peoples from different entity types to apply. So we can have a more linear graph here. And here we have the same data, but divided into spas so they can see. Spa far is the one that has more applicants, which 120. We have N Spa 8108, Spa 669, sorry, six a 55, spa 351, spa 542, spa two also 42, spa 140, and it's about 733.

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And then here also we have huge area opportunity when we're trying to find to have every spouse as much as they can, to have everyone almost on the same line, like I was mentioning also in the graph before. So, yeah, that's for the stakeholder analysis. If anyone has any questions. And for our future meetings, we have the same committee meeting coming this March 14 at 01:00 p.m. The LasHRTC monthly partners meeting will be next month on the twelveth, which is always on the second. Kermit, if I know. It's the second Friday of each month, correct? Yes. Okay, so it's going to be the second Friday of every month. The next one will be April twelveth. And the employers in business affinity have lit. Convenience is going to be. I think it's the second convenience that we're having on March 11 at 11:00 a.m..

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Yeah, that is the employers in business. It's being led by their affinity. Hub lead is Bisfet Institute, and that's on March. Don't know if. Charles, are you on the call still?

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I am, yes, I'm here.

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Okay, sounds good. Is there one more slide? Yes.

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Okay, our next steps, we're starting to get into the meat and potatoes of what the program is about. We're slightly behind, but we still have enough time and bandwidth to move forward, make sure that we get some really compelling data into the regional report, part two, so La can be highlighted very well and get our fair share of funding for the region. So the next steps, the affinity hub lead convenings will begin. As Armand mentioned earlier, they've already been trained by side porch, our capacity development vendor, given toolkits to help them move forward effectively and efficiently. And that includes having a process of recording and delivering, recording, summarizing, and resharing that information of what happened in those convenings, in their meetings and the subregional table micrograntee awardee announcements.

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We're still working on that whole selection process, and eventually the announcement of the 90 micro grantees. Shortly thereafter, I mean, very shortly thereafter, the table partner thematic areas will be chosen and as well as the process and selection for who will be in those seats. Before I move forward, I see Mr. Harbor with his hand up.

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No, I just wanted to say that we met with side porch and we have tested, seems to, which is going to be a pretty good tool that will, once the recording takes place, it feeds into AI and produces a pretty amazing summary for those of us with limited time and competing responsibilities, it's going to be a tool that is definitely going to be handy for us. So I just want to thank those over at side porch for bringing that in, and those of you that are inclined encourage you to use it.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah, so Scarlett Peralta, our manager of communications, she actually brought that tool to my attention a while back, and as were trying to figure out an efficient method for the affinity hubs to take that information, what happens in their meetings and share it back with the group that was the one that was identified. I think Nasai porch was very familiar with it. So in a nutshell, the tool is one of the outer AI, I believe is the one that Kevin harbor was speaking about. It will record the meeting, it will give a transcription of the

meeting, then it will give a summary of the transcription. And being that AI is not perfect, it will be up to the affinity leads to make sure that the summary is a true reflection of what happened in the meeting.

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So it may require some, a little bit of tweaking on their part. The feedback that I've gotten from Mr. Harbor on the testing was that it was pretty darn close. I don't know what percentage, but it didn't seem anything less than 80%. So this will be a nice, efficient tool for you guys to. Once, whatever happens in those meetings, you will be getting full reports based on that. Of course, using that tool, you also be able to go back and look at that transcription if there's something that's ambiguous and you need better context. So what time we got here? We have twelve minutes, probably eleven and a half minutes. If there is anything that you guys would like to discuss, feel free to raise your hand and let's talk it through right now.

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Okay, well, I may give you guys eleven minutes of your day back. The next meeting is in one month, I believe. Is that right, Armand?

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Yeah, it's off.

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Okay. All right, so today is Friday. Please enjoy yourselves and we have a lot of work to do and we'll keep you guys updated on it. And we appreciate your involvement. And just know that this California jobs team, the affinity hub, we are working our tails off to make sure that we get Los Angeles its fair share of funding. Happy Friday to all.

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Thank you, everyone.