WHAT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY 2020

**Patient Care Assistant (PCA) Recruitment**  
*February 10th, 2020*

On February 10th over 60 applicants attended the Patient Care Assistant Recruitment. Hopeful applicants were provided with presentations breaking down the screening process, intensive 7 week training and PCA duties. Selected candidates were then invited to move forward in the screening process to be considered for the program. Candidates will be trained in a classroom and clinical setting by the Center’s Registered Nurses and Patient Care Assistants. Each candidate will become CPR certified, trained on how to use specialized programs and equipment, and PCA duties throughout each area of the hospital. Upon successful completion of the training, graduates will complete the hiring process with the Human Resources department to secure a position as a new hire as a full-time Patient Care Assistant starting at $17.71 plus benefits.

**Youth Design Team**

Pacific Gateway has commissioned the help of youth partners and local youth in an effort to develop and design an all new Youth Center in Long Beach. This radical new approach will help provide specialized services to local area young adults. Youth feedback has given insight on how to better focus Pacific Gateway’s strategy of providing opportunities that deliver a pathway to self-sufficiency and meaningful work experience.

The monthly sessions focus on various topics of development from services offered, operations and specialized resources to center design and layout. The sessions have allowed Pacific Gateway to focus efforts on a wide variety of matters ranging from incremental details to the broader picture. Sessions will lead up to the eventual opening of the new center later this year.

**CDCR Visit & Tour**  
*February 12th, 2020*

On February 12, Pacific Gateway hosted the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) Division of Adult Parole Operations Team for a tour and meeting. The purpose was to discuss the partnership between CDCR and the local workforce system to serve justice-involved individuals.

Beginning the week of February 17th, CDCR Parole Agents began referring 20 customers per month to Pacific Gateway for employment-related services. The initiative is supported by The Prison of Employment (P2E) grant which was included in the Governor’s 2018 Budget proposal with the purpose of integrated workforce and reentry services in the state’s 14 labor regions. The goal is to improve the process by which formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals reenter society and the labor force.
Success Story

Jeanette entered Pacific Gateway with no stable work experience. Working the occasional small job took a toll on her self-esteem and sense of independence. Upon joining the TSE program, she expressed her desire to be a childcare worker and was matched with the Long Beach Community Improvement League. For 8 months, she assisted with the operations in a busy community education center for young children. Jeanette’s TSE Coordinator provided hands-on personal assistance with job searching even after Jeanette had completed her assignment. After job searching at Pacific Gateway, Jeanette was hired in the childcare industry with the experience and skills she had developed through her TSE assignment. She enjoys her job and plans to continue searching for full-time work.

About TSE and Pacific Gateway services she says: “I give all my success to the TSE program. I learned so much time management, gained independence, and more confidence in myself.”

Did You Know?

Industries Used In Our Training

- **15%** Business: Project Management Human Resource - Marketing

- **8%** Construction: Welding - HVAC

- **24%** Healthcare: CNA - Dental/ Medical Assistant

- **11%** IT Professional: Web Design - CISCO - Network+

- **21%** Logistics: Truck Driving - US Coast Guard STCW

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Next WDB Meeting - May 2nd, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
4811 Airport Plaza Drive, Ste. 120 Long Beach, CA 90815

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