

# Rural Subcommittee Meeting



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## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF QUORUM

Randall Kinzie,  
Rural Subcommittee Chair



## 2. ACTIVITY REPORTS



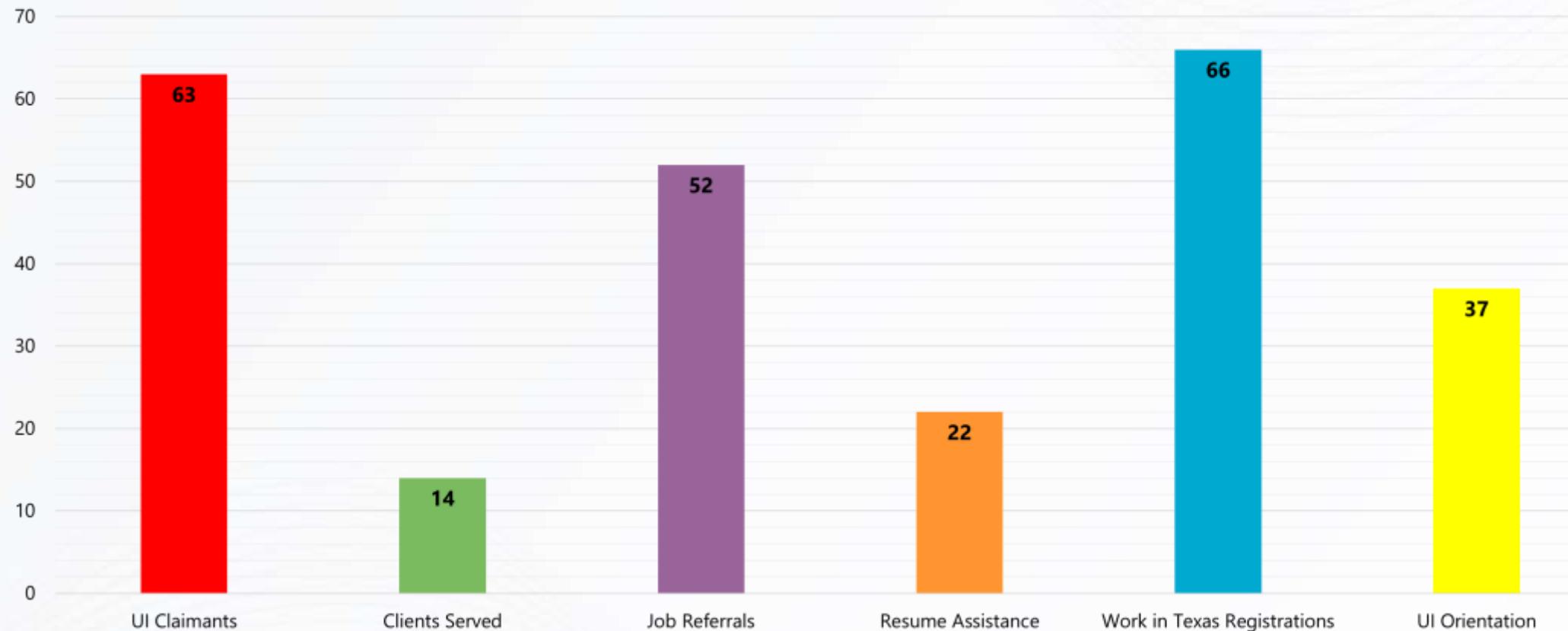
ITEMS NOT POSTED FOR ACTION

# A: Report and update on Unemployment Insurance metrics in the rural areas

**Denisse Arrieta,**  
Deputy Director, Grant Associates

# Unemployment Insurance Update

Rural Services October 2022 – May 2023



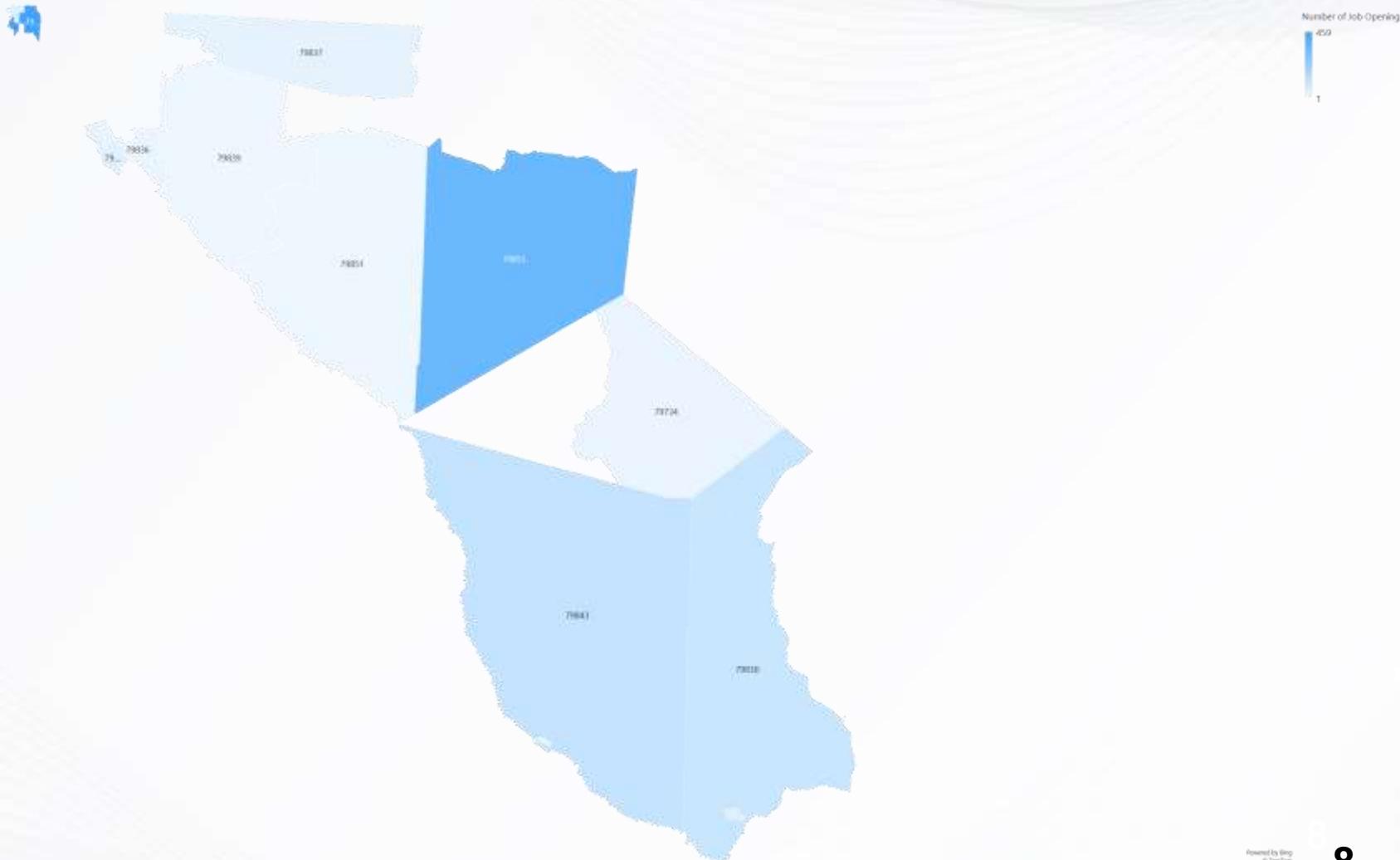
# **B: Discussion and update on Business Services Unit activities in the rural areas**

**Denisse Arrieta,**  
Deputy Director, Grant Associates

# Job Openings

Zip Code	Number of Job Openings
79734	12
79821	36
79830	97
79831	11
79832	10
79835	459
79836	12
79837	21
79838	32
79839	2
79843	114
79845	8
79849	26
79851	1
79852	35
79855	345

Rural Job Orders by Zip Code



# Business Services

## Anthony High School CCMR (College, Career, Military Readiness) Event

### Growing Forward Initiative

- 21 slots allocated
- 9 have started, 12 in pipeline

### Participating Employers

- Big Buddha Bakery, Presidio County Judge, Marfa RenTools, Pink Flamingo, Presidio Coffee Shop, City of Presidio, Terlingua ISD, Summit at Big Bend, Marfa Food Pantry, Anthony Housing

### New Frontiers JobCon

- Rescheduled for September
- Location: Pending

# C: Update on Rural Activities

**Odette Flores-Ruiz,**  
Interim Rural Development Project Manager

# Texas Rural Broadband Office Updates

- Texas Digital Opportunity Public Survey
  - This is our opportunity to communicate with the BDO to let them know our needs.
- Broadband Regional Meetings
  - August 7th in El Paso
  - August 8th in Alpine



# Hospitality Training

- For existing Hotel/ Resort Staff
- Improve Front Staff Customer Service Skills
- We are looking for interested hotels

# Rural Health Expos

## Dell City & Sierra Blanca



## Other Rural Updates

- Brewster County Court Intern
- Jeff Davis County Visit
- Presidio, Texas Visit

# D: Discussion and update on rural childcare services

**Ivette Alvarado,**  
Project Specialist II

# Child Care Services- Brewster and Presidio County

- Alpine ISD has begun the process to move towards being licensed. Material and equipment set-up by mid July. Target date to operate is August 1, 2023.
- WSB applying for Childcare Investment Partnership (CCIP) to obtain additional funding with TWC for worker wage supplementation or stipends. \$500k total with match.
- One-time private fund to hire Presidio Outreach Specialist through RIOCOG, part-time until December 2023.

## 4. Discussion on items of interest for next agenda – August 28, 2023

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