

Rural Subcommittee Meeting



WELCOME



1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF QUORUM

Randall Kinzie,
Rural Subcommittee Chair



2. ACTIVITY REPORTS

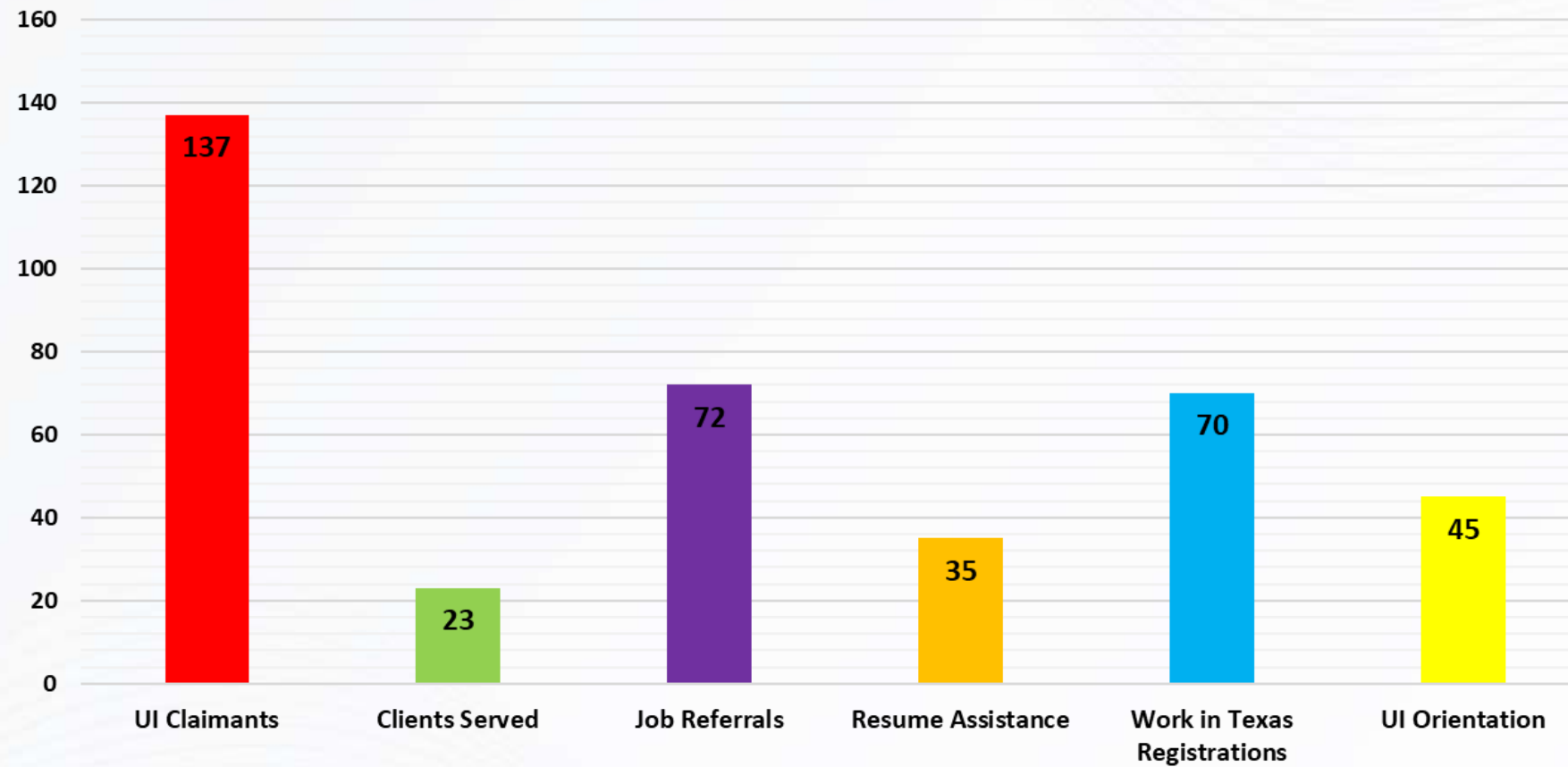
✓ ITEMS NOT POSTED FOR ACTION

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

Denisse Wiley,
Deputy Director, Grant Associates

Unemployment Insurance Update

Rural Services October 2022 – July 2023



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

Denisse Wiley,
Deputy Director, Grant Associates

Job Openings

Rural Job Orders by Zip Code

Zip Code	Number of Job Openings
79734	12
79821	31
79830	109
79831	11
79832	10
79835	631
79836	13
79837	21
79838	31
79839	3
79843	234
79845	13
79849	28
79851	1
79852	50
79855	351



Business Services

Growing Forward

- 23 slots
- 21 placed

New Frontiers JobCon

- Pete Gallegos Center, Sul Ross University
- September 14
- 9am-1pm

C: Update on Rural Activities

Odette Flores-Ruiz,
Interim Rural Development Project Manager

Texas Conference for Employers

- July 27, 2023
- Hotel Paisano – Marfa, Texas
- 92 attendees
 - 46 in-person
 - 46 virtual
- Covered Topics
 - Child Labor Laws
 - Unemployment Claims & Appeals
 - Wage and Hour Laws
 - Workers Compensation



Regional Broadband Meeting Update

- Regional Broadband Meetings
 - El Paso
 - August 7th
 - 60 attendees
 - Alpine
 - August 8th
 - 25 attendees
- Presidio Youth helping with surveys
 - Juan and Natalia
 - 915-887-2925

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Please take the Texas Digital Opportunity Public Survey

qrco.de/txpublicsurvey



Texas Broadband Development Office

Survey Deadline 08/31/2023

Alpine ISD and ACCESS

- Alpine ISD and ACCESS are working together to empower economic independence in every Alpine ISD student.
- ACCESS is a user-friendly, state-of-the-art, cloud-based platform.
- Aligns students' career interests and connects them to local businesses and industries to educate, explore, engage, excel, and empower students to ACCESS resources to pathways for the workforce of Alpine's future!
- Looking for local businesses and industries to partner with us.
 - Like career placement fairs, create internships, job shadowing, and work-based learning opportunities that sharpen students' employability skills.
- Partners
 - Workforce Solutions Borderplex
 - Sul Ross State University, regional philanthropy
 - The Big Bend Regional Hospital District
 - Texas Tech University Health Science Center
 - Big Bend Regional Medical Center
 - Preventative Care Health Services
 - The City of Alpine

D: Discussion and update on rural childcare services

Ivette Alvarado,
Project Specialist II

Child Care Services- Brewster and Presidio County

Alpine Child Development Center – Official opening August 16, 2023

- ✓ **Total Capacity:** 78 – Infant, Toddler, Pre-K
- ✓ **Total Infant Capacity:** 31
- ✓ **Total Enrolled:** 13; 9 attended the first day.
- ✓ **Hours of Operation:** Mon – Fri from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
- ✓ **Director:** Alayna Ramirez

Presidio Outreach Specialist

- ✓ **Voluntary termination:** Morganne Bovee
- ✓ **New hire:** Areli Perez-Carassco – 8/21/2023

4. Discussion on items of interest for next agenda – October 25, 2023

Adjourn