

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS/REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2019
IowaWORKS OFFICE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

CEO Board Members Present: Bruce Adams, Jon Bell, Joe Oswald, Bob Yoder

RWDB Board Members Present: Jasmine Almoayyed, Kim Becicka, Debbie Craig, Ashley Ferguson (by teleconference), Wayne Frauenholtz, Cyd Hanson, Joe Linn, Kristy Lyman (by teleconference), Holly Mateer, Scott Mather, Steve Olson, Julie Perez, Stefanie Rupert, Mark Schneider, Steve Shriver, Susie Weinacht

RWDB Board Members Absent: Rhonda Griffin, Chris Hummer, Patrick Loeffler, Patty Manuel, Michelle Mexcur, Kory Schreiner

RWDB Ex-Officio Members: Carmen Heck

STAFF: Carla Andorf, Rachel Daily, Kate Pine, Terry Rhinehart, Carlos Vega

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Yoder at 10:06 am. Both CEO and RWDB boards met quorum.

Bob Yoder asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Bob Yoder asked for a motion to approve the agenda. M/S/C, Steve Olson, Stefanie Rupert, agenda approved.

Bob Yoder asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. M/S/C, Julie Perez, Susie Weinacht, motion approved.

Bob Yoder asked if there was any correspondence to share. Steve Olson shared the Gazette's article on the spotlight on apprenticeships.

Bob Yoder asked if there were any member announcements. He shared that Washington County will be transitioning to a county run ambulance system and is also upgrading their 911 system. Bruce Adams stated that Iowa County has a county run ambulance and are very happy with that system. Carmen Heck announced that Goodwill will be providing support services for clients in Cedar County.

Carla Andorf reviewed the 2020 meeting schedule. Bob Yoder asked for a motion to approve the 2020 meeting schedule. M/S/C, Steve Shriver, Mark Schneider, motion approved.

Carla Andorf reviewed the WIOA Training Provider applications for the following organizations and their respective programs:

- Kirkwood Community College
 - Diagnostic Assistant
- University of Iowa
 - Enterprise Leadership BA

If approved, this will allow clients to receive WIOA funding for this program. Bob Yoder asked for a motion to approve the WIOA Training Provider applications. M/S/C, Steve Olson, Stefanie Ruprecht, motion approved. Carla also shared that the Board will no longer approve these applications. Training providers will input their program in an online system and they will be approved by Iowa Workforce Development. Concerns were raised on the turnaround time and our local input. The turnaround time should be shorter as they have told us they plan to approve these in 2-3 days. There will be an escalation process that will be developed to help with issues. We will keep this on our agenda to let the Board know what new programs have been approved.

Carla Andorf and Bob Yoder gave an update on the Realignment progress. The Department of Labor has made no decision on the appeals that were submitted for the six-region map. The State Workforce Board did training for all CEO Board members. The next steps include scheduling a session for local workforce board members, getting other stakeholder comments, holding a CEO meeting to share feedback and for them to make a recommendation to the state Workforce Board (if they choose). Bob discussed the trainings that he attended; no matter how you split the state in to regions, someone will be disappointed. No consensus was reached at this point on going to more or less regions.

Carla Andorf gave an update on the Strategic Plan and Regional Workforce Goals progress. We are working on outreach, intake and business engagement and identifying team members to work on these initiatives. Also working on an evaluation of career services and holding a focus group to gain in-depth feedback.

Kim Becicka reviewed the Grants Report. The financials and enrollments were reviewed for the GAP and KPACE programs. We are promoting Learn and Earn and Apprenticeship programs to support short-term training.

Rachel Daily reviewed the WIOA enrollment and financial reports. These reports show our performance measures for enrollment and financial goals.

Scott Mather reviewed the Region 10 Iowa Workforce Development report for September and October. This report reviewed the unemployment rates for our counties. Also highlighted were the recruiting events, business services and rapid response activities. Scott also shared the experience of visiting the Iowa Department for the Blind's Orientation Center in Des Moines. Upcoming events focus on youth and re-entry programs.

Cyd Hanson reviewed the Adult Education/Literacy report. Performance metrics for the program were shared.

Holly Mateer shared the Vocational-Rehabilitation report. They had 303 successful closures in

last fiscal year. The caseloads currently are 1180 for Cedar Rapids and 918 for Iowa City offices. She shared information on zSpace which is virtual/artificial reality technology which she hopes to share with the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Carla Andorf gave a presentation on the WIOA Partnership Team training that was held on October 14. Topics covered included the changing face of Iowa and unconscious bias training.

Bob Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. M/S/C, Susie Weinacht, Stefanie Ruprecht, motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Upcoming Meeting: January 30, 2020; 10-11:30 am; IowaWORKS