

Region 1 Meeting Agenda
Regional Workforce Development Board/Chief Elected Officials Board
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Minutes for January 28, 2020

"Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8 the meeting will be held via teleconference because it is impractical to hold a meeting with all persons present in person; all participants are able to hear one another."

Workforce Development Board Present: Les, Askelson, Lisa Curtin, Ron Axtell, Marla Loecke, Craig Allen and Josh Pope

Present Via Zoom/Phone: Jamie Phipps, Jeanne Helling, Donna Boss, Jayme Kluesner, Gissella Aitken-Shadle, Larry Leliefeld and Dan White

RWDB Absent: Candance Drahm, Kathy Gunderson, Caroline Scheidel, Michael Myers, Jennalee Pedretti, Joan Funke, James Vermazen, Tanya Tysland and Rhonda Kendrick

Chief Elected Officials Board Present: John Beard, Dave Baker, and Mary Stanbrough

Present Via Zoom/Phone: David Tilkes, Jeff Madlom, Dan Byrnes, and Jerry Steven

CEO Board Absent: Steve Doeppke and Roy Buol

Others Present: Windy Mihm-Herold and Sue Larson

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome/Introductions – RWDB Chair, Les Askelson, called the joint meeting of the RWDB/CEO Board to order at 4:30 p.m. Les welcomed all. A voice roll call was taken, and it was noted that a quorum was present for both boards.

RWDB/CEO BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Consider Approval of Agenda – Les/John

Motion Donna Boss, RWDB member, seconded Jamie Kluesner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Dave Tilkes, CEO member, seconded Dave Baker. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of RWDB/CEO Minutes of July 23, 2019 – Les/John

Approval of RWDB/CEO Minutes of October 22, 2019 – Les/John

Approval of RWDB/CEO Minutes of December 4, 2019 – Les/John

Motion Craig Allen, RWDB member, seconded Donna Boss. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Jeff Madlom, CEO member, seconded Dave Tilkes. All ayes. Motion carried.

RWDB Member Recruitment – John/Les

Motion Dan White, to accept Dave Gaylor's letter of resignation, seconded Josh Pope. All ayes. Motion carried.

Also noted that Tanya Tysland from Gundersen Health Systems in West Union is no longer employed there.

Approval of RWDB/CEO Board Expenditures - Les/John

Motion Jamie Kluesner, RWDB member, seconded Donna Boss. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Jeff Madlom, CEO member, seconded Dave Tilkes. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Workforce Regional Realignment/System Transformation Update – CEO Board

There will be a meeting on January 30 in Des Moines so hopefully, we will know more after that. There is a possibility the state will keep 15 regions as long as those regions do what is necessary to get into alignment and meet requirements of

WIOA. Therefore, we would have resources and requirements of WIOA. Dave Baker has graciously offered to be the CLEO. Two waivers that we will need to choose will be an administrative board support person to send out agendas, meeting times, etc. and secure a fiscal agent. UERPC can no longer be the fiscal agent. There is not a lot of money involved and the fiscal agent needs to be separate and distinct. It could be hard to find a fiscal agent with very few transactions. At this time, we do not know what all is involved and will need clarification on this roll and dollar amounts. Cooperation between regions and sharing resources will be needed. Deadline would be July 1, but we should be ready to roll this out in May. Local Service Plan and MOU Partner Agreement both expire on June 30. Competitive bidding for service providers will need to be done every four years. Biggest concern will be who are the service providers for Title 1. Bylaws and rules of procedure to follow will need to be developed. The board may be reestablished. Appointments will be required and will be the responsibility of the CEO to decide, who will best serve the new board. This will be a short time frame to get established.

Open Discussion of Board Members on Regional Workforce Needs – RWDB/CEO Board

Unsure at this time, if the current board is going to be realigned and what the areas/districts will look like. Need to wait until after the January 30 meeting in Des Moines. It would be more feasible if we were allowed to stay in our current alignment. Not sure if this region can afford to operate with new positions. Lisa Curtin will have an email forwarded from Michelle regarding dislocated workers on Wednesday.

Disability Access Committee Update – Jamie/Jeanne

Shared highlights on what they have been doing. Round tables across the state, working more with the deaf and hard of hearing. Learned a lot about different needs across the state. Gathering information to learn how to improve services to this population. More to come on that. Explained what was done for Disability Awareness in October. Shared a video link from Jason Rubel.

Jamie mentioned transition services she is working on to increase programs in schools. Collaborating with Vocational Rehab. Summer camp planning is underway for students to participate in. The 4+ work program that goes beyond high school and working on high school credits in order for students to graduate or individual plans. This is a great program for students in need and the IDB will be adding that service. New one-week training called SELF will be available to help adult clients. Marriot staff tours and college visits. Presentations done. Also, included some success stories that were submitted by clients in her handout.

Youth Standing Committee Update – Lisa/Ron

Ron co-chairs this committee with Lisa Curtin. Meetings are quarterly. Steve Lieberherr did a presentation for the group. Basically, round robin sharing of agencies to collaborate and work together in the region. Will meet again in April and another agency will present at that meeting.

WIOA Core Partner Reports

a. WIOA Titles 1 & 3- IowaWORKS Report – Lisa, Marla, & Ron

Ron sent out the Iowa Works report with the agenda and lots of good information in there. Success stories were shared and what has been happening in the region. Please look over and give us a call if you have questions. Marla will share the Postville Metrics in an email tomorrow with board members. This has been working great, it is a melting pot of cultures. Victor has done a great job.

b. WIOA Title 2 - NICC HSED Update – Gisella

We have been fortunate to have 40 students graduate. Those numbers should go up to 75 by June 30. College and career readiness class in Dubuque is a four-period class. Partnering up with IWD. Brush up on skills and talk about placement. Change their mind set, reading skills and technology. Working with organizations in the Postville area to increase our numbers. Interested in partnership to provide more services for immigrant community with different nationalities, also the Dubuque area, too.

c. WIOA Title 4

• Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) Update – Jeanne

See Disability Access Committee Update above.

• Iowa Department. for the Blind (IDB) Update – Jamie

See Disability Access Committee Update above.

FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE

Wendy Mihm-Herold would like to let the board know that NICC is willing to help with realignment of a new board if the state realigns us. John Beard said, he would appreciate NICC helping advise us on the formation of a new board.

Wendy Mihm-Herold also noted that child-care is a barrier for continuing education in our area. Looking at potentially paying for child-care for Career Pathways in the certificate program. Dave Baker met with Dr. Wee and Lyons and looking at \$80,000 for Dubuque County and leverage another \$50,000. Innovative grant funding through Future Ready Iowa. Will be able to use for child-care but looking at barriers, like transportation. Career Pathway certificates are great for this year. Will meet goal by June 30. Looking at new co-hort to meet family goals. Making progress, but it takes time. Child-care program only for Dubuque, not up north.

Next Meeting – April 28, 2020

Adjournment

5:42 p.m. Motion Josh Pope, seconded Craig Allen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sue Larson
Keystone AEA