

Approved
Region 5 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(RWDB)
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS
(CEO'S)
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
4:00 p.m.
IowaWORKS
Three Triton Circle
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

RWDB in attendance:	Bangert, Kyle Miller, Faith	Harrison, Diane Underberg, Abby	Kolbeck, Lori Varangkounh, Molly
RWDB in attendance via phone:	Grau, Tom	McBain, Larry	O'Brion, Alison
RWDB absent:	DeWall, Dan Kruckenberg, Renae O'Hern, Cheryl Webb, Nancy	Dreyer, Lynn Lockner, Sue Perrin, Jon	Kinney, Dan Morgan, Shawn Salvatore, Tom
CEO's in attendance:	Bailey, Doug Siepker, Clarence	Cooper, Mike Thode, Bob	Loney, Sandy
CEO's absent:	Rasmussen, Rick		
Guests in attendance:	Blunk, Shelly, Mason, Kerstan Zimmerman, Ashlee	Hammersland, Michelle Slagle, Ronee	Larson-White, Teresa Vorrie, Melissa

I. Call the Meeting to Order:

RWDB Chairperson Molly Varangkounh called the regular meeting of the Region 5 RWDB/CEO to order on November 6, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m. in the IowaWORKS office, Three Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

II. Roll call for RWDB and CEO, Introduction of Guests: – each person introduced themselves and their position or relationship to the board. Quorum was met for both RWDB and CEOs.

III. Approval of Agenda:

a. RWDB: Kyle Bangert made the motion to approve, Seconded by Diane Harrison. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO: Sandy Loney made the motion to approve, Seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

a. August 13, 2019

i. RWDB: Kyle Bangert made the motion to approve, Seconded by Faith Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. CEO: Clarence Siepker made the motion to approve, Seconded by Bob Thode. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Success Story – Deon Clayton was unable to attend the meeting in person but gave permission for the success story video to be shared. Deon overcame multiple barriers, including criminal background, lack of transportation, lack of funds, etc. Deon received support from each of the core partners to successfully complete the ICCD CDL program and is, today, successfully employed as truck driver.

VI. Open Issues

- a. **Board Membership Update:** See handout – board is 100% full.
- b. **Fiscal Update Adult/DW:** See handout – waiting on further funds to come through but on track for spending.

Fiscal Update Youth: See handout – WEP youth salaries are including in these totals. Currently have two youth in active WEP positions. On track for spending.

VII. New Business:

- a. **Eaton-Belmond Update** – Fort Dodge and Mason City IowaWorks are partnering together to provide support and prepare employees for the layoff and next steps. Weekly meetings are occurring. Approximately 250 people are going to be affected in total. Three different layoff timeframes. 1st step that IowaWorks is focusing on is getting everyone registered in the system.
- b. **Title 1 Performance Review** - See handout – Met goals with the exception of adult credentials. This is due to some glitches with the GEO conversion. The report was sent in with that caveat. Melissa and Kerstan have done data entry and fixed the errors and the next report should show that that goal is being met.
- c. **Realignment Update** – CEOs have met twice with another meeting scheduled. The goal for the new region is July 2020. The proposed meeting place for the new region is Storm Lake. Ronee Slagle is the new contact person. Sandy Loney is the new Vice Chair. There is still no word on the status of the appeal. Iowa is the last state in the nation to move forward with compliance. Now there is no choice but to move forward. In order for Iowa to maintain Title I funding, we have to be in compliance with DOL rules. The partners have been filling the roles of the fiscal agents up to this point but it must change for the future. CEOs will be tasked with developing the new board for the new areas. The new board will be tasked with hiring executive staff who will answer to the board. The board will select the service providers and one-stop providers. The board will develop it's own bylaws and determine the new quorums. The current board still needs to meet to make decisions on actions items until the new board is put into place.

VIII. Board Committee Updates

- a. **Youth Standing Committee:** Funding is down. Two youth are employed in Work Experience Programs. They have created a hygiene corner for youth get job ready. More youth are going to work and school.
- b. **Disability Committee:** Meeting again in December. Deaf Services focus group scheduled for 12/13/19. October was National Disability Awareness Month, Voc. Rehab. Focused on on-line awareness but have a speaker coming in February to focus on different ways to access the workforce.

IX. Core Partner Updates

- a. **Title I – Adult, DW:** Several short term classes currently going on or starting soon. Expecting enrollment to increase with the closing of Eaton.

Youth: Enrollment remains consistent which is good because that means that jobs are hiring. Continuing to partner with HiSet and Promise Jobs to reach out to potential individuals who could benefit from services.

- b. **Title II – Adult Ed:** Working to introduce an Integrated Para-educator type class that will provide students with the skills to be a good para educator, hoping to lead to certification. Served 183 students in HiSet and 187 in ESL.
- c. **Title III – Wagner Peyser:** See handout – enrollment continues to increase with both participants and businesses. Several business tours have happened. HBI region now complete. ADA training completed. Veteran Open House and Registered Apprenticeship Open House coming up.

d. Title IV – Vocational Rehabilitation: Hired new counselor who is also an experienced veteran. Excited for the opportunity and knowledge he brings to the table.

X. County & Additional Partner Update: None

XI. Public Comments: None

XII. Schedule Upcoming Meeting Date: Will be scheduled.

XIII. Adjournment:

RWDB – Kyle Bangert made the motion to approve, Seconded by Faith Miller. Motion passed unanimously

CEO – Sandy Loney made the motion to approve, Seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m.