

REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2020
IowaWORKS OFFICE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

CEO Members: Jon Bell, Gary Bierschenk, Ben Rogers

RWDB Board Members Present: Kim Becicka, Debbie Craig, Cyd Hanson, Joe Linn, Patty Manuel, Stefanie Rupert, Mark Schneider

RWDB Board Members Absent: Jasmine Almoayed, Ashley Ferguson, Wayne Frauenholtz, Rhonda Griffin, Patrick Loeffler, Kristy Lyman, Holly Mateer, Scott Mather, Steve Olson, Julie Perez

RWDB Ex-Officio Members: Carmen Heck

STAFF: Carla Andorf, Carlos Vega, Jennifer Perkins, Heather Garcia

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patty Manuel at 10:05 am. The CEO/RWDB boards did not meet quorum.

Patty Manuel asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Patty Manuel asked if there was any correspondence to share. There was none.

Patty Manuel asked if there were any member announcements. Carla Andorf shared that GoDaddy has announced that they are closing their facility in Hiawatha. Carmen Heck discussed the free ServSafe class that Goodwill will offer July 6-17. Kim Becicka shared that Kirkwood will offer free digital skills upgrading sessions. Heather Garcia discussed that our board currently has many vacancies and would like nominations from our outlying counties that represent small businesses.

Carla Andorf shared information on the PY20 & PY21 Negotiated Levels of Performance.

Carla Andorf shared information on the Q3 WIOA Title I & Title III Performance.

Carla Andorf gave an update on the Strategic Plan and Regional Workforce Goals progress. Due to the pandemic, we are behind in our goals but plan to have them done by December 2020.

Kim Becicka reviewed the Grants Report. The financials and enrollments were reviewed for the GAP and KPACE programs. We will have carryover funds this year; with COVID-19 disrupting so many of our classes, we were not able to spend our funds. Face-to-face classes resume July 3.

Jennifer Perkins reviewed the WIOA financial report which shows our performance measures for our financial goals.

Carlos Vega shared the Region 10 Iowa Workforce Development. It highlighted the unemployment insurance claims for our region. Overall, his staff has become much more knowledgeable regarding unemployment and has gained 2-3 subject matter experts.

Cyd Hanson reviewed the Adult Education/Literacy report. We have currently remote tested over 100 students. Their programs resume on July 20.

The IVRS presentation will be rescheduled to September.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Upcoming Meeting:

RWDB, September 24; 10-11:30 am; IowaWORKS