

Regional Workforce Investment Board
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Minutes

RWIB Members in Attendance:

Ann Youngman, Wilson School
Becky Schmitz, Jefferson Co. Board of Supervisors
David Krutzfeldt, Interpower Corporation
Ed Miller
Martha Wick, Indian Hills Community College
Pam Young, Davis County Hospital
Richard Nichols, Community First Bank/Community Insurance

Indian Hills Community College in attendance: Dr. Marlene Sprouse, President, Mick Lawson, Regional Development, Susie Drish, WIA Generalist, Lisa Stek, Administrative Aide and Jennifer Snead, Operations Manager.

Other Agencies in attendance were: Marlys Jones, IWD District Mgr, Christy Roush, Operations Manager, Jamie Swacker, IWD Finances, Todd Spencer, IWD WIA Director, David Mitchell, Vocational Rehabilitation State Board, Dave Humburg, Job Corp and Danny Simonson, Job Corp.

Martha Wick, RWIB Chair called the meeting to order, she asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves since there were some new people in the meeting. After introductions were complete Martha asked for review/approval of the Agenda, Ed Miller moved to approve the Agenda and Becky Schmitz 2nd the approval. Next Martha asked for review/approval of Minutes, the committee suggested that there be some changes to the minutes, amendment to #16 and #11. David Krtuzfeldt moved to approve with the changes and Pam Young 2nd the approval.

Martha Wick introduced Jamie Swacker who is speaking on behalf of the State on Financials for WIOA. Jamie started out that there will be a training session on June 4th and 5th for all service providers from the Department of Labor (DOL) on the new regulations for WIOA. Jamie announced that the State did receive the preliminary regulations for WIOA on April 2nd they will have 60 days to review and submit any changes they want back to the DOL. There are several changes one of these will be the monitoring process will change for the financial monitors and one-stops. There will be a 1-2 day visit with a tool kit being provided prior to their monitoring so the one-stops can have all the information and files ready for their review. Jamie passed out Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 19-14 that explains the changes and processes from WIA to WIOA. One of the big changes is the change in In-Direct costs that the community colleges have with the state, at this time the colleges only charge the state 10% for the operations of the programs. This will change to have to use the actual negotiated costs that are in place with each college and the DOL, of which some cases it could be as much as 30% -40% which is a big increase.

Todd Spencer passed out a packet consisting of Regional Partnership Workforce News, Creating Connections, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WIOA Steering Committee Membership, RWIB Survey for WIOA Understanding and Training and Employment Guidance Letter WIOA No. 23-14. This packet is all the information the state has at the time for the transitioning into the WIOA program July 1, 2015. Todd said that the major change was in the finances for younger youth and older youth, the percentages for WIA were 75% for younger youth and 25% for older youth. With WIOA this is completely reversed, 75% on out-of-school youth and 25% for in-school youth. The intent is to assist the youth that have graduated or dropped out to get them the training they need to get them employed, which could consist of On-the-Job training, Work Experiences or Occupational training. Todd did go over the One-Stop Certification process is almost complete, we are in the 3rd year of integration and it should be complete before the year end. Todd did say that not all states have Promise Jobs integrated into the One-Stops like Iowa does, which is a benefit to the customers who visit our offices. Becky Schmitz asked what are the funding levels going to be in WIOA, at this time Todd said we do not have any information on the funding dollars. Todd said that there will be a year of transitioning to cover any of the younger youth expenses we have enrolled now. Becky also asked about the board composition? There will also be a year of transition from the Governor appointing board members to the Chief Elected Officials appointing the board members and if you would like to have your board grandfathered into WIOA as it is not a requirement for WIOA.

David Mitchell from the Vocational Rehabilitation board introduced himself and explained that under the new WIOA there is a need to work with our partnering agencies so we do not duplicate services on behalf of our participants. For example, if WIOA has a client in an apprenticeship VR does not want to put the client into an activity that will conflict with the apprenticeship, so it will be very important to work together when we are dual enrolling clients.

David Krutzfeldt went over the Finance Committee Report – the only concern David had was we have only spent 47% of our budget as of today and we should be at 57%. Jen Snead passed out a field memo that discussed how funding is distributed after the fiscal year. Any funding that is not spent will be carried over into the 1st qtr of the new fiscal year for the programs and any money that is not used will be redistributed to other regions that are in need of funding.

Martha announced that Jennifer Snead and Christy Roush are the new Operations Managers for the IowaWORKS-Southern Iowa office. Jennifer Snead works for Indian Hills Community College and Christy Roush works for Iowa Workforce Development. Congratulations to them both for their new positions.

Martha introduced Susie Drish, WIA Generalist to give a brief review of the Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) and the Summer Youth Program. Susie stated that the YAC Committee is a very strong committee that brings a lot of resources and information to the table and assists other agencies with issues they have with their youth. We are very happy with the resources they have given us regarding our youth and what type of a summer youth program we should have. We are in the process of working out our summer youth program, the census is to teach them values and work experience all of which we want to incorporate into our program. David Krutzfeldt asked if the summer youth program is only for Wapello count? Susie stated that we offer this program to all ten counties, not just Wapello County.

Mick Lawson went over the Regional Economic Advancement Report - the economy is looking good for 260E and 260F programs we currently have \$231,000 over the ten counties. We also have two businesses in the Incubator Center, a re-furnishing furniture and an on-line marketing business, we still have space open for more businesses.

Jennifer Snead passed out an ECI Event that our office is having on April 24th, which consists of partner agencies and employers to see all the opportunities that are out there for them along with the Iowa Workforce Development partnership newsletter.

Martha asked for adjournment of the meeting, David K. moved for adjournment of meeting and Becky S. 2nd the adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Lisa Stek.