

Regional Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials
July 26th, 2016

The regular meeting of the Regional Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chief Elected Officials (CEO) was held on July 26th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Connections Room at the Burlington Workforce Center.

CALL TO ORDER

Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:03PM.

ATTENDEES

RWDB Members Present: Carolyn Farley, Mike Hickey, Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Michelle Mutchler, Phil Hecht, Ryan Drew, Andy Ferguson, Karen Von Behren, Monica Dyar, Jacob Nye, Sue Frice, and Cara Sanders

RWDB Members Absent: Rebecca Belzer, Dennis Duke, Ann Mellinger, Chad Palmer, and Brian Blake,

CEO Present: Gary See, and Rick Larkin

CEO Absent: Jim Cary and Paula Buckman

Ex-Officio Present: Gary See

Ex-Officio Absent: Jesse Howard

Staff Present: Robert Ryan, Kollin Alfred and Miranda Brown

Guests: Lanae Greene, Disability Employment Initiative (DEI), and Rachel Miller, Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nye made the motion for the RWDB to approve the June minutes, seconded by Fife-LaFrenz, motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS VACANCY

Ryan reported that there are currently 3 vacancies on the board including one from the business sector, city elected official (ex-officio) and one from Adult Education and Literacy (AEL). Ryan stated that SCC is in the process of filling the open AEL Director position.

WIOA LOCAL UPDATE

Greene announced that Region 16 will be part of a pilot program working with Cornell University on creating online learning modules. These modules will educate staff on interacting and serving people with disabilities.

Ryan reported that they have started the process to move into the Keokuk annex and that staff are already working with dislocated workers (DW) from Steel Castings.

BOARD BUDGET

Ryan reported on the final FY 2016 budget. The Dislocated Worker (DW) program expenditures were 100% of available funding. The Adult ended at 82.5%, Youth 85.2% and Admin at 86.0%. Ryan then reported on the WIOA FY 2017 forecast.

IWD UPDATE

Farley stated that all 4 counties unemployment rates had increased. In addition the state as a whole has increased from 5.5% last year to 6.8% currently.

Farley stated that effective starting in October clients would no longer be able to file their weekly unemployment claims over the phone. The board discussed their concerns over this change and the restrictions that this change would put on the clients served. The board will draft a letter to be sent to the state and this letter will be reviewed at the next meeting.

FITNESS CAMP

Tabled until next meeting.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES

The RWDB decided to move the meetings to the 4th Monday of each month at 5PM.

REVIEW OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

No discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Von Behren made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hecht; the meeting was adjourned at 5:53PM.