

REGION 7
Regional Workforce Investment Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 22, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.
IowaWORKS
3420 University Ave.
Waterloo, IA

Workforce Investment Board

Present

Reid Koenig
Linda Laylin
Lisa Lorenzen
Ken Kammeyer
Craig White
Janis Cramer
Quentin Hart
Deb Collette

Representing

Business
Business
Labor
County Elected
Labor
Labor
City Elected
Business

Absent

Casey McLaughlin
Natalie Kracht
Donita Dettmer
Josh Schmidt

Community College
Business
Labor
Business

State Staff

Doug Keast
Bob Loter

Program Coordinator
Program Coordinator

Workforce Partners

Mike Howell
Jeanie Wright
Michele Clark
Patti Mohling

Vocational Rehabilitation
IowaWORKS Hawkeye Community College
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Craig White, Chair commenced the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

- Reid Koenig moved to approve the agenda, Linda Laylin seconded. Motion approved

Approval of RWIB Minutes

- Janis Cramer moved to approve the May and July minutes, Deb Collett seconded. Motion approved.

Barriers to Employment Panel discussion

- Guest panel members Marsha Watters (Waterloo Community Schools), Kathy Martin (UNI Center for Urban Education) and Laura Kann (Boys and Girls Club of the Cedar Valley) spoke about the need for academic support and dropout prevention.

New Business

- RWIB members Lisa Lorenzen and Quentin Hart were sworn in by Chair Craig White
- Region 7's RWIB remains under "Conditional Certification".
 - Currently one application has been submitted for the School Board representative and one application for the Labor position.
 - Program Coordinator Doug Keast will be requesting an extension of the conditional certification while the Board seeks second applications for both positions.
- At the July meeting, Jeanie Wright passed out IowaWORKS year-end statistics showing the number of job seekers utilizing the one-stops. The Board requested additional information showing where the job seekers lived. Wright provided that information to the Board.
- Occupational outlook information was shared showing high growth careers, declining occupation and STEM job projections.
- Wright provided year-end statistics showing Promise Job performance metrics. Region 7 met all performance requirements.
- Ticket to Work funds:
 - Historically Iowa Workforce Development had a contract with Hawkeye Community College to administer the Ticket to Work funds. The RWIB can select the entity to receive & disburse the funding without a contract.
 - Linda Laylin moved to have HCC receive the TtW Funds. Reid Koenig seconded, motion approved.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan Goals:
 - Wright explained to the group that the next meeting will include "Barriers to Employment" part 2 panel discussion. The topic is broad enough, that transportation, child care and soft skills will be addressed in December.
- The November meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day. The Board decided to reschedule the meeting to Thursday, December 4, 2014

Announcements

- Quentin Hart informed the Board of Diversity in STEM Conference to take place at Hawkeye Community College on 10/17/14. He will forward the information to Jeanie Wright who will share it with the Board.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 5:45 by Linda Laylin, seconded by Koenig. Motion approved. .