

Region 1 Regional Workforce Development Board (RWDB)
Chief Elected Officials (CEO) Board
Minutes for July 25, 2017
Orientation Meeting
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RWDB Chair, Les Askelson, called the Orientation meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. The 29 members present made introductions as there were new members present. Askelson introduced Ben Humphrey, IWD Attorney to address the board.

Humphrey shared several handouts with the board members present and discussed the history/background of the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014) and the transition from WIA (Workforce Investment Act of 1998). He noted that the Federal Legislators found common ground regarding WIOA with a vote of 415-6 in the House, and 95-3 in the Senate. All Iowa legislators voted “Yea.”

Ben touched on the Purposes of WIOA (see handout). He discussed the Core Programs/Partners: Title I—Youth, Adult, & Dislocated Worker. Local Board procures service providers-IWD; Title II—Adult Education & Literacy (ABE). Department of Education procures services providers-NICC; Title III—Wagner Peyser-IWD administers; Title IV—Vocational Rehabilitation. Iowa has separate vocational rehab programs so it is administered by the IVRS and the Iowa Department for the Blind.

Ben discussed Iowa’s Unified State Plan Goals:

Goal I: Iowa’s employers will have access to advanced, skilled, diverse and Future Ready workers.

Goal II: All Iowans will be provided access to a continuum of high quality education, training, and career opportunities in the nation.

Goal III: Iowa’s workforce delivery system will align all programs and services in an accessible, seamless and integrated manner.

Humphrey discussed at length the Vision for Local Boards, the Purpose for Local Boards and Local Board Duties. (see handout) He also talked about Standing Committees. Ben informed members about the new system IWD is implementing for ease of registering and assisting potential job seekers.

Ben shared drafts of Conflict of Interest Policy Draft and Guidance: Potential Conflicts of Interest and asked the board to read through them. He also gave the board members Conflict of Interest Discloser and Conflict of Interest Affirmation forms.

Ben talked about a One-Stop Certification Under WIOA (see handout). This certification ensures that all one-stop centers are accessible to all with physical disabilities/ELL/hearing impairments/dyslexia/time constraints, and anything else that would impair them from receiving services. There is a July 31, 2017, deadline to have this criteria/procedure done.

The last subject of discussion was Sunshine Requirements (Open Meetings Act). Specifics of what is or is not a meeting, posting requirements, accessibility, notice of time/location and content of meeting, emergency situations and closed sessions (avoid if possible), electronic meetings, meeting minutes and handouts were discussed.

The orientation meeting concluded at 4:30.