

Region 1 Regional Workforce Development Board (RWDB)
Chief Elected Officials (CEO) Board
Minutes for January 30, 2018
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The Chair noted that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8 the meeting was offered via teleconference (ZOOM) because it is impractical to hold a meeting with all persons present in person; all participants were able to hear one another.

Workforce Development Board Present: Les Askelson, Craig Allen, Fern Rissman, Ron Axtell, Marla Loecke, Larry Liliefeld, Josh Pope, Tanya Tysland,
Present Via ZOOM/Phone: Jim Vermazen, Dan White, David Gaylor, Kathy Gunderson, Jayme Kluesner, Jeanne Helling, Gissella Aitken-Shadle, Michael Myers, Jennalee Pedretti, Rhonda Kendrick, and Joan Funke
RWDB Absent: Ron Koppes, Candace Drahn, Donna Boss, Jaime Phipps, and Carolyn Scheidel
Chief Elected Officials Board Present: Darrel Dolf, John Beard, Ray Peterson, and Pat Murray
Present Via ZOOM/Phone: Dan Byrnes, and Dave Tilkes
CEO Board Absent: Dave Baker, Jeff Madlom, and Roy Buol
Others Present: Ronee Slagle

CALL TO ORDER

RWDB Chair, Les Askelson, called the joint meeting of the RWDB/CEO Board to order at 4:35 p.m. Les welcomed new board member Craig Allen. Introductions were made and a voice roll call was taken. It was noted that a quorum was present for both boards.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

Consider Approval of Agenda: RWDB-Motion White, seconded Liliefeld, to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Beard, seconded Peterson, to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of RWDB/CEO Board Minutes for October 24, 2017: RWDB- Motion White, seconded Vermazen, to approve minutes from 10/24/2017. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Murray, seconded Peterson, to approve minutes from 10/24/2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of resignation: Rev Lonning retired from the Allamakee County Sheriff's office and therefore submitted her resignation to the RWDB/CEO boards. RWDB- Motion Liliefeld, seconded Myers, to approve Lonning resignation. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Beard, seconded Murray, to approve Lonning resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of RWDB Board Expenditures: Expenditures of \$1,204.05 with a balance of \$2,392.94 of RWDB Fiscal Agents were reviewed and discussed. RWDB- Motion White, seconded Liliefeld, to approve the expenditures/balance. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Beard, seconded Murray, to approve the expenditures/balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Modification of Local Service Plan: Discussion followed regarding the modification of the local service plan with wording for Priority of Service for Veterans so it would be the same statewide. RWDB- Motion Liliefeld, seconded Pope, to approve the modification as presented. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Peterson, seconded Beard, to approve the modification as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Realignment Update: Les, Ron, and Fern discussed the realignment of the Iowa Workforce Regions. Fifteen regions were originally aligned with Community College boundaries. Based on a DOL Monitoring Report for Iowa from last fall, IWD is currently looking at significantly reducing the number of regions according to labor market areas, economic development areas, and/or commuting patterns. Realignment Committee members and plan information was shared with the board. Input from the board is welcomed. The next meeting will be February 9. Liliefeld questioned why the realignment. Thoughts included perhaps not enough funding for administration of 15 regions and the changes with WIOA. Concerns were voiced regarding rural areas not getting services and urban areas taking all the funding. Possibly have more answers by April meeting.

Open Discussion: The boards engaged in an open discussion with member Tysland voicing concerns regarding seeing a shortage of nursing and lab techs in the area. NICC does not have an accredited program and they need accreditation for hiring. Aitken-Shadle stated that she would check into the matter.

Disability Access Committee Updates: Helling updated the board on the disability access committee. Looking to the state level for guidance on moving forward.

Youth Standing Committee update: YSC met on January 19. Discussed at the meeting was how to expand the committee and who should be on it after changing for the Youth Advisory Council. It was suggested to possibly have presenters from some youth services such as 4-H, etc. A survey had been sent out and results were discussed. The possibility of creating an electronic directory so it would be easier to find services will be explored.

WIOA Title 1 & 3 – IowaWORKS update: Fern, Ron, and Marla discussed the report that included information regarding dislocated workers, center updates, expanded services, veterans service and other statistics. (See handout) Larger numbers of members are noticed in October, November, and December due to seasonal unemployment. Career/Job fairs were listed in the upcoming events. Board members are encouraged to get involved if interested.

WIOA Title 2 – NICC HSED update: Aitken-Shadle reported on number of students involved in managed enrollment classes. Students now have to attend classes as well as work on their own. HSED offers workforce training, working on soft skills, and computer skills.

WIOA Title 4 – Voc Rehab and Dept. of Blind: Helling reported that Steve Faulkner had been promoted and Mary Ott would be taking his place in the Decorah area. Jeanne also discussed people being served in Dubuque, Delaware, and Clayton counties - 495 candidates potentially eligible in high school with transition being a busy time of year.

FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE

Next Meeting: Next meeting of the RWDB/CEO Boards was set for April 24, 2018, in person, 4:30 p.m., at Keystone AEA. ZOOM/Teleconference will also be available.

Adjournment: With no further business actions to come before this board, there was a motion by Peterson, second by Liefeld, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Penny Ingles at Keystone Area Education Agency at 563-245-1480 or pingles@aea1.k12.ia.us. The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any corrections or omissions.

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