

REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2018
IowaWORKS OFFICE
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RWDB Board Members Present: Kim Becicka, Ashley Ferguson, Wayne Frauenholtz, Rhonda Griffin, Jerry Hobart, Chris Hummer, Marcel Kielkucki, Joe Linn, Holly Mateer, Scott Mather, Steve Olson (by teleconference), Stefanie Rupert, Kory Schreiner

RWDB Board Members Absent: Patrick Loeffler, Kristy Lyman, Patty Manuel, Michelle Mexcur, Shelley Parbs, Julie Perez, Mark Schneider, Steve Shriver, Susie Weinacht

RWDB Ex-Officio Members: Carmen Heck, Laurie Worden (by teleconference)

STAFF: Carla Andorf, Angela James, Monica Brockway, Kochell Weber-Ricklefs

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chair Marcel Kielkucki at 10:04 am. The RWDB board met quorum.

Marcel Kielkucki asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Marcel Kielkucki asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Conducting the Oath of Office. M/S/C, Jerry Hobart, Joe Linn, agenda approved.

The Oath of Office was conducted for Kory Schreiner.

Marcel Kielkucki asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. M/S/C, Stefanie Rupert, Jerry Hobart, motion approved.

Marcel Kielkucki asked if there was any correspondence to share. There was none.

Marcel Kielkucki asked if there were any member announcements. Carla Andorf shared information on two upcoming conferences; the AIWP conference will be held in Des Moines on April 18-20 and the WIOA Conference will be held in Des Moines on May 21. If you are interested in attending one of these conferences, please let Carla know. Stefanie Rupert shared that Collins Community Credit Union is sponsoring a Women's Leadership Summit in Cedar Rapids on April 25. Kim Becicka shared that Kirkwood is sensing that workforce challenges are even tightening more and we are working on several projects to assist in meeting those challenges. Marcel Kielkucki was awarded the WIOA Leadership Award for his work with the core partners.

Carla Andorf reviewed the realignment process to date. The State Workforce Board subcommittee is making recommendations to change the number of workforce regions in the

state. Currently there are 15 regions but the subcommittee's recommendation is to reduce that number to two. Carla shared the examples that the subcommittee has developed of different options for the regions. There is a public comment period open now through May 4, 2018. There has been a committee formed, led by the community colleges, to study their proposal and determine how many regions are realistic to have in Iowa. The regions must be aligned with the laborsheds in the state. The state Iowa Workforce Development Director has said that the number of one-stop centers will not be affected by the number of regions. Regardless of the final number of regions, our board composition will shift.

Carla Andorf gave an update on the Strategic Plan and Regional Workforce Goals progress. We are still planning to hold the board training orientation; there will be a webinar on May 22 or face-to-face training before our meeting on May 31.

Kim Becicka reviewed the Grants Report. The financials and enrollments were reviewed for the GAP and KPACE programs. We are in a good position and will spend all of our funds.

Angela James and Carla Andorf reviewed the WIA enrollment and financial reports. These reports show our performance measures for enrollment and financial goals.

Scott Mather reviewed the Region 10 Iowa Workforce Development report for January and February. This report reviewed registrations, job listings and unemployment insurance. Also highlighted were the recruiting events and Rapid Response activities assisted by the Employer Services team. His team is seeing more interest from schools and their recent Youth Job Fair was a success.

Marcel Kielkucki reviewed the Adult Education/Literacy report. Performance metrics for the program were shared. He also discussed the leadership change in his department and how the state is rebidding the high school diplomacy test.

Holly Mateer reviewed the Vocational-Rehabilitation report. She shared that they have had 31 successful job closures in Iowa City and 28 in Cedar Rapids since our last meeting. They are working on summer experience opportunities for their clients.

Kochell Weber-Ricklefs from the Iowa Department for the Blind gave a presentation on "Serving Participants with Disabilities."

Marcel Kielkucki asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. M/S/C, Jerry Hobart, Stefanie Rupert, motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Upcoming Meeting:

CEO/RWDB; May 31, 2018; 10am-Noon; IowaWORKS