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Region 9 Regional Workforce Development Board/CEO Meeting
Tuesday August 7, 2018, 4:30 to 6pm
West Davenport Center, 2950 N Fairmount, Davenport IA

Welcome	Diana opened the meeting at 4:31 p.m.
Introductions	<p>Attendance:</p> <p>RWDB Members: Diana Gradert, Scott Schneider, Gene Rome, Jeremy Ritchie, Stacy Driscoll, Michelle Waltz, Roberta Rosheim, Paula Arends, Greg Jenkins, Lori Bassow, Joni Dittmer, Jack Willey</p> <p>CEO Members: Tom Detterman, Brinson Kinzer, Jeff Sorenson, Jack Willey</p> <p>RWDB Staff: Whitney Linburg</p>
Approval of the Agenda	<p>CEO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jeff motioned to approve the agenda as submitted 2. Brinson seconded <p>CEO – Motion carried</p> <p>RWDB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg motioned to approve the agenda as submitted 2. Joni seconded <p>RWDB Motion carried</p>
Approval of the June Minutes	<p>CEO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tom motioned to approve the minutes as submitted 2. Brinson seconded <p>CEO Motion carried</p> <p>RWDB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gene motioned to approve the minutes as submitted 2. Michelle seconded <p>RWDB Motion carried</p>
FY Budgets	<p>Paula shared the youth, dislocated worker, and adult budgets for FY19. All programs are down from the FY18 allocations. Altogether this year’s funding took about a \$260,000 cut. Some staff dollars have been saved by moving a full time WIOA counselor to working part time with Ticket to Work. Other staff changes are in the works, but have not been finalized. No lay-off’s are anticipated at this time. Paula’s reliance on Title I funds has decreased as she assumed responsibilities for the Intermediary Network program, and secured an Arconic Foundation grant.</p>
Local Plan Modification	<p>Training program funding for mileage is a concern, given the budget</p>

<p>– Transportation Support</p>	<p>decrease. Suggesting continuing to pay the \$.39/mile state rate and putting on a cap of \$20/day. Currently this would impact possibly two participants out of around 80 in training between the four counties. There was discussion and questions regarding the suggested change.</p> <p>CEO Jack motioned for cap at \$25/day Tom seconded CEO Motion carried</p> <p>RWDB Gene motioned for a \$25 per day cap on transportation Joni seconded RWDB motion carried, with Lori and Roberta opposed to the change.</p>
<p>Title 1 Performance</p>	<p>Paula reviewed the recommended performance levels set by Iowa Workforce Development and the Department of Labor. She explained that the board could accept or request changes.</p> <p>CEO Tom motioned to accept the state levels of performance as presented Jack seconded CEO Motion carried</p> <p>RWDB Roberta motioned to accept the state levels of performance as submitted Gene seconded RWDB Motion carried</p>
<p>Disability Committee Update</p>	<p>Chad was not in attendance to provide update at this time.</p>
<p>Success Story – Vocational Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Scott provided an update on Adult Education. Iowa is a HiSet state as of 2014. The Department of Education sent out a news release last week showing Iowa as the #1 state for HiSET completers with a 93.3% pass rate. The national average is 72%.</p>
<p>Partner Highlights</p>	<p>Paula shared a conversation she had with a HR director from Muscatine regarding hiring challenges, and the possibility of hiring individuals who are ex-offenders. The Muscatine County Team invited the employer, along with other agencies serving ex-offenders to gather and discuss the option, resources, and best practices. They decided to look into providing a series of workshops for employers in Muscatine. In addition, they plan to provide a resource fair for both employers and ex-offenders.</p> <p>Lori expressed concerns with retention of employees after completion of the training program when Olympic Steel participated. Employee retention was about 2 out of 15.</p>

	<p>Stacy talked about how HUSCO has tried a mentor program where some members of management will pick up employees for their shift.</p> <p>Scott reported that EICC has some initiatives coming up with All Steel in Muscatine to hold ESL classes on site. The curriculum is customized to provide communication for employment. The same group is being looked at for Custom Pak in Dewitt.</p> <p>Jeremy reported that Aug 14 IowaWorks is holding a job fair at St. Ambrose. It will be open to veterans and non-veterans alike for the entire time, rather than separate time frames. There will be around 90 employers participating.</p> <p>In September and October there will be Future Ready Iowa Summits in Muscatine and Davenport. Registration is available on Future Ready Iowa website. Future Ready Iowa is the initiative to get at least 70% of Iowans with credentials beyond high school by 2025.</p>
One Stop Stats	Jeremy provided an update on One Stop numbers.
Other – Regional Transition Update	<p>The proposal for re-regionalization was presented to the state board and was denied. The state board requested that the work group re-convene and provide a map to accompany the proposed regions.</p> <p>The state has requested a waiver to allow the one stop operator to live outside of the region.</p> <p>The eligible training provider list will be changing. The initial guide required each program will have to re-apply every two years. A waiver was submitted to adjust the re-application process every four years.</p>
By-Laws - Review	Jack asked to be provided the document and recommendations to be presented to the full board. Discussed changes in attendance and electing. Jack, Paula, and Diana will review then send out a new copy to the full board for voting.
Adjournment	Diana Adjourned 5:57. Next Meeting October 2 nd .