

Regional Workforce Development Board  
Chief Elected Officials  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The regular meeting of the Region 16 Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chief Elected Officials (CEO) was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at IowaWORKS.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

**RWDB Members Present:** Joyce Stimpson, Carolyn Farley, Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Dennis Fraise, Mike Hickey, Dick Beaird, Rachel Miller, Cynthia Whalen, Carla McNamee, Deb Mulch, and Michelle Mutchler

**RWDB Members Absent:** Candice Becker, Cara Sanders, Chad Palmer, Jacob Nye, Wood Stortzum, Andrew Ferguson, Monica Dyar, Dennis Duke, and Ryan Drew

**CEO Present:** Brad Quigley, Gary See, Rick Larkin, and Jim Cary

**Ex-Officio Present:** Hans Trousil

**Staff Present:** Robert Ryan (WIOA), and Miranda Brown (RWDB Secretary)

**Quorum**

A quorum was established for both RWDB and CEOs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Fraise made the motion to approve the September 2018 minutes, seconded by Fife-LaFrenz, motion carried.

**CEO NEW APPLICATIONS**

CEO Larkin made a motion to accept Amber Moat's application to fill the Labor vacancy, seconded by CEO Cary, motion carried.

**VACANCIES AND EXPIRATIONS**

Brown reported that currently all positions on the board are filled.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Brown summarized the responsibilities of the youth committee and discussed their role in providing support and assistance to Title 1 youth staff. A brief discussion was held on how to move forward with forming the committee and the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

**TITLE 1 WIOA UPDATE**

Ryan reported that all expenditures were on track for all programs. Also, he stated that to date the van utilized for the Burlington Correctional Facility had delivered approximately 900 rides for clients to travel to and from work sites.

**TITLE II AEL UPDATE**

Mulch reported that staffing is currently back on track and classes will be starting again in Keokuk soon.

### **TITLE III IWD UPDATE**

Farley reported that the state of Iowa unemployment rate is at 2.5%, and that all four county rates in Region 16 have declined in the last month. She also reported that currently there are just over 1,000 open positions on Iowajobs.org. In addition, she stated that the Future Ready Iowa Summit was a great success with over 100 attendees.

She also announced several upcoming events including a hiring event for ABB who currently has over 30 openings on second shift. On November 9<sup>th</sup> they will be holding their annual veterans' lunch at Iowa WORKS and all board members are invited to attend. Also, an open house/job fair will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility.

### **TITLE IV VR/IDB UPDATE**

Whalen reported that the state employment outcomes for vocational rehabilitation were at 2097, an increase from last year.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ryan thanked Carolyn Farley and Dennis Fraise for their assistance in making the Future Ready Iowa Summit a success.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Fraise made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fife-LaFrenz, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.