

Region 1 Regional Workforce Development Board (RWDB)
Chief Elected Officials (CEO) Board
Minutes for October 23, 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, and Marla Loecke

Present Via ZOOM/Phone: Candace Drahn, Donna Boss, Jayme Kluesner, Kathy Gunderson, Carolyn Scheidel, Larry Leliefeld, Jeanne Helling, Jennalee Pedretti, Joan Funke and Gissella Aitken-Shadle

RWDB Absent: Tanya Tysland, Dan White, David Gaylor, Jaime Phipps, Josh Pope, Michael Myers, Jim Vermazen, and Rhonda Kendrick

Chief Elected Officials Board Present: Darrel Dolf, John Beard, Pat Murray, and Ray Peterson

Present Via ZOOM/Phone: Dan Byrnes

CEO Board Absent: Dave Baker, Dave Tilkes, Jeff Madlom, and Roy Buol

Others Present: Penny Ingles

CALL TO ORDER

RWDB Chair, Les Askelson, called the joint meeting of the RWDB/CEO Board to order at 4:44 p.m., after some issues with the ZOOM connection. Les welcomed all. 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 Gunderson, seconded Boss, to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously. CEO-Motion Beard, seconded Murray, to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of RWDB/CEO Board Minutes for July 24, 2018: RWDB- Motion Boss, seconded Drahn, to approve minutes from 07/24/18. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Byrnes, seconded Murray, to approve minutes from 07/24/18. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of RWDB Board Expenditures: Expenditures of \$99.76 with a balance of \$3,800.54 of RWDB Fiscal Agent Funds were reviewed and discussed. RWDB- Motion Axtell, seconded Leliefeld, to approve the expenditures/balance. Motion carried unanimously. CEO- Motion Peterson, seconded Beard, to approve the expenditures/balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of WIOA Title 1 PY18 Budget: The boards reviewed the budget. RWDB: Motion Leliefeld, seconded Gunderson, to approve the Title 1 FY18 Budget. All ayes. Motion carried. CEO: Motion Peterson, seconded Beard, to approve the Title 1 FY18 Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Modification to the Disability Access Committee Membership: Board members reviewed an updated membership list. It was noted that there were a couple of positions listed as vacant. RWDB: Motion Boss, seconded Loecke, to approve modifications to the DAB membership list. All ayes. Motion carried. CEO: Motion Beard, seconded Murray, to approve modifications to the DAC membership list. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Modification to the Youth Standing Committee Membership: The boards reviewed membership list shared by Fern. RWDB: Motion Liefeld, seconded Drahn, to approve modifications to the YSC membership list. All ayes. Motion carried. CEO: Motion Murray, seconded Peterson, to approve modifications to the YSC membership list. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Modification Local Service Plan: Modifications included proposed change in language under dependent care and fiscal agent budget information (see handout). RWDB: Motion Kluesner, seconded Allen, to approve modifications to the Local Service Plan. All ayes. Motion carried. CEO: Motion Peterson, seconded Murray, to approve modifications to the Local Service Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

State Staff Update: With no one from state in attendance, Ron updated the board on the status of the realignment process over the last several months. The Realignment Committee submitted their recommendation to the State Workforce Board at their last meeting and the State Workforce Board decided to table the topic until their November meeting or possibly longer.

Future Ready Iowa Summit Update: Marla discussed the Summit on October 26, 2018, 9:00-3:00, at Keystone AEA, Elkader. 103 registered (114 possible), can join that day, Director Townsend will be attending. There have been 11 summits held across the state with 5 more to go.

Iowa Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Update: There will be a change to the ETPL so there is more customer choice. Training providers will do an application with more information. Programs have to be not less than 26 weeks. State is revamping. There will be more detailed documentation. Providers may not want to have to do paperwork if not feasible with attendance.

Open Discussion: The boards engaged in an open discussion. Items discussed included wages at fast food places going up and trainees not wanting to stay the course to learn trade when they can make \$17 - \$20 at fast food place with little training; Future Ready Iowa; getting HS students/parents to understand they don't have to have a 4-year degree. Kluesner and Liefeld discussed restrictions in construction industry for HS students such as CDL license requirement of 21 years, old legislation not letting 16-17 year olds be hired (must by 18). Summer employment would be much easier.

Disability Access Committee Updates: Helling updated the board on the disability access committee. She is waiting for people to confirm membership. Next meeting will be in November. People may attend meeting and then get added to roster and approved later.

Interagency Youth Standing Committee update: YSC held their meeting on October 16, 2018. Minutes were sent to the board members for review. Items shared included STEM Festival attendance; updates for Promise Jobs, Job Corps, NEICA, Teen Pregnancy. Next meeting will be video/conference call only on January 15, 2019.

WIOA Core Partners: Fern referenced the IowaWorks report, etc. that had been shared with members. She noted that Voc Rehab has moved into the Decorah Office. Goodwill moved to another office. Upcoming events were also referenced.

Gissella reported on the HSED. All sites (Dubuque, Postville, Calmar, Decorah and Oelwein) are running and fully functioning.

Jeanne reported on Voc Rehab. Outcomes for the Fiscal Year ending September 30th were 174 for Dubuque, 232 for Waterloo and 200 for Mason City. This made Dubuque the highest per staff ratio (95.6%), although Waterloo had the highest numbers. This was for the whole year.

IWD/Voc Rehab have been working together during Disability Awareness Month in October.

Ron noted that Annual Performance statistic reports have been pushed back with WIOA changes. Possibly will have at January meeting.

FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE

Next Meeting: Next meeting of the RWDB/CEO Boards was set for January 22, 2019, via ZOOM/Teleconference ONLY, 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: With no further business actions to come before this board, there was a motion by Liefeld, second by Beard, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 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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