

Regional Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials
April 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the Region 16 Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chief Elected Officials (CEO) was held on April 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at IowaWORKS.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDEES

RWDB Members Present: Monica Dyar, Carolyn Farley, Joyce Stimpson, Dick Beard, Amber Moats, Dennis Fraise, Michelle Mutchler, Rachel Miller, and Deb Mulch

RWDB Members Present Via Phone: Ryan Drew

RWDB Members Absent: Cynthia Whalen, Wood Stortzum, Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Mike Hickey, Dennis Duke, Candice Becker, Cara Sanders, Jacob Nye, Chad Palmer, and Carla McNamee

CEO Present: Gary See, Jim Cary, and Rick Larkin

CEO Absent: Brad Quigley

Staff Present: Miranda Brown (RWDB Staff), Kelsey Howard (WIOA Co-Director), and Courtney Mullen (WIOA Co-Director)

Guests: Maria Gapen and client

Quorum

A quorum was established for both the RWDB and CEOs.

SUCCESS STORY

Maria Gapen introduced one of her clients and expressed her pride in the accomplishments and obstacles that the young lady has overcome. The client shared with us her positive experience that she had with the WIOA program and stated that she would not be where she is today without the assistance provided to her.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Beard made the motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Farley, motion carried.

CEO Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by CEO See, motion carried, Cary abstained.

VACANCIES

Brown reported that there was an ex-officio vacancy for a school representative. She also informed the board that Vern Reed had resigned and would be sending through his letter later in the week. This leaves an additional RWDB community-based organization vacancy.

TITLE 1 WIOA UPDATE

Howard reported that all expenditures were underbudget for the current fiscal year for all programs. She announced that new staff have completed their training so there is now a consistent presence at all locations. Additionally, she informed the board that they have sponsored one of the free outdoor movie nights downtown on June 15th.

TITLE II AEL UPDATE

Mulch announced that graduation would be May 14th and there would be 38 participants.

TITLE III IWD UPDATE

Farley stated that all Region 16 county unemployment rates for the month of February decreased, and the state stayed the same. March rates have not yet been released. She announced that they will be holding a job fair May 9th at the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility. Additionally, she stated that they are preparing for their Regional Career Fair to be held at the National Guard Armory.

TITLE IV VR/IDB UPDATE

Miller reported that the Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB) is preparing for their summer program. They anticipate 10 students to participate in their 10-week program. Also, they have hired a new rehabilitation counselor.

CSP LOCAL PLAN ADDITIONS

Beaird made a motion to approve the policy additions to the CSP, seconded by Moats, motion carried

MAY MEETING

The May meeting has been rescheduled to the 20th to avoid Memorial Day.

BRING YOUR "A GAME TO WORK TRAINING"

Howard discussed the "A Game" training and expressed the need to have additional staff trained. Farley made the motion to approve the train-the-trainers program at a cost of \$6,000, seconded by Fraise, motion carried.

REALIGNMENT

Howard had nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Fraise made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moats, motion carried. See adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.