

Approved
Region 5 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(RWDB)
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS
(CEO'S)
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
4:00 p.m.
IowaWORKS
Three Triton Circle
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

RWDB in attendance:	Bangert, Kyle Kolbeck, Lori Salvatore, Tom Webb, Nancy	DeWall, Daniel Miller, Faith Underberg, Abby	Grau, Tom O'Hern Cheryl Varangkounh, Molly
RWDB in attendance via phone:	Dreyer, Lynn		
RWDB absent:	Harrison, Diane McBain, Larry Perrin, Jon	Kinney, Dan Morgan, Shawn	Kruckenber, Renae O'Brion, Alison
CEO's in attendance:	Bailey, Doug Siepker, Clarence	Cooper, Mike	Rasmussen, Rick
CEO's in attendance via phone:	Loney, Sandy	Thode, Bob	
Guests in attendance:	Blunk, Shelly Larson-White, Teresa	Hammersland, Michelle Vorrie, Melissa	

I. Call the Meeting to Order:

RWDB Chairperson Molly Varangkounh called the regular meeting of the Region 5 RWDB/CEO to order on March 5, 2019 @ 4:05 p.m. in the IowaWORKS office, Three Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

II. Roll call for RWDB and CEO, Introduction of Guests: – each person introduced themselves and their position or relationship to the board. Quorum was met for both RWDB and CEOs.

III. Approval of Agenda:

a. RWDB: Daniel DeWall made the motion to approve, Seconded by Kyle Bangert. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO: Clarence Siepker made the motion to approve, Seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

a. December 5, 2018

i. RWDB: Tom Grau made the motion to approve, Seconded by Daniel DeWall. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. CEO: Mike Cooper made the motion to approve, Seconded by Clarence Siepker. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Success Story – Matthew Nahnsen – Matthew started as a dislocated worker in 2016. Had always work in restaurant business. Decided to follow the HR track at ICCC. Sometime into that program changed his mind and decided to follow the EMT/Paramedic track. Is scheduled to graduate this program in 2019. Is currently employed by Unity Point as a paramedic and EMT. They are excited for him to graduate so they can add more duties. Matthew stated that the WIOA programs were supportive to him not only financially but also emotionally by just checking in on a regular basis and providing guidance and encouragement.

VI. Open Issues

- a. **Board Membership Update:** Still looking for a union position. All other positions are filled and in good standing, no expirations.
- b. **Fiscal Update Adult/DW:** Have obligated out remaining funds for both Adult and DW. On track for spending the 80%.

Fiscal Update Youth: Have been meeting above 20% expenditures. Part-time person moved on to another position. Not looking to fill it at this time but rather put that money into more work experiences.

VII. New Business:

- a. **New Program – Early Childhood Development** – See handout. A lot of students have shown interested in this program at ICCC. In order for WIOA funds to help support this it has to be added to the list of approved programs. Students who complete this program can open their own daycares and would help to assist with the daycare shortage in the community.

RWDB Approval to add Early Childhood Development to the list of approved programs. Nancy Webb made the motion to approve, Seconded by Tom Grau. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Realignment Update** – See handout. CEOs received information about a week ago for the new 6 IWD Regions, which was approved. The new regions were based on the 6 community colleges. Current discussion are that this will be effective in December of 2019 or March of 2020. The primary reason for this realignment was to consolidate funds and to be in compliance with WIOA. Any appeals have to be received by March 11, 2019. CEOs can contact Michelle McNertney. The handout showed the breakdown of funds per region and directions for next steps. Our new region is bigger but covers 12 counties that are already covered by Upper Des Moines Opportunity so there is a natural connection. The new board would have to hire new positions and chose new facilitator. The new board structure will have to be determined by the CEOs and determine what meeting locations, etc. will look like. It was expressed that this current board has made great progress and would like to see that continue.
- c. **Title I Policy Changes** – GEO Solutions implementation was pushed back to June of 2019. Material changes like wording and descriptions need to be done. Once those changes are made and understood, the board will have to come back together for approval.
- d. **AIWP Conference** – March 28th & 29th. Workforce partners get together to learn how to better partner together. Agenda will be coming out when it is finalized. Partners and board members can also attend. Board funds can be used to pay for this. This aligns with the legislative meeting that was held in January which also focused on partnering.

VIII. Board Committee Updates

- a. **Youth Standing Committee:** Weather has impacted meetings thus far. Next meeting scheduled for April.
- b. **Disability Committee:** Met in January and March. Discussing using TTW money to purchase iPads for the centers. Will allow more flexibility in working with people with disabilities. October is Disability Awareness Month, looking at options to support this.

IX. Core Partner Updates

- a. **Title I – Adult, DW:** Basic Safety course coming up in March, tuition assistance is available. Looking at more industry tours to help partner more effectively. ICNA is finishing up and 4 students are graduating. Businesses are coming in to discuss with graduates and hopefully lead to job offers.

Youth: Numbers are down with not many referrals currently. Suspect that this is due to unemployment being down and people are able to get jobs even without diplomas. Doing more outreach and partnering. Several students are currently enrolled in work experiences. Two are completed.

- b. **Title II – Adult Ed:** Applying to be an Americore Member to utilize some funds with that. Hoped to be able to have a person do some one-on-one/small group tutoring and career development. Looking into developing an ESL Distance Ed program where majority can be done on-line.
- c. **Title III – Wagner Peyser:** See hand out for integration statistics. Upcoming classes will focus on barriers and how to overcome them and identifying one’s own personality and personalities of others and strategies to work together. Wintak program to determine how we are integrated and operating together and combining outreach with partners. Gave two computers with membership software to CFI to help assist that connection and getting youth signed up for services while they are in the office. Rehiring for two open positions: Workforce Advisor and VA Rep/Promise Jobs.
- d. **Title IV – Vocational Rehabilitation:** Legislative day held in January, one of the better turnouts in recent years. Shared success stories and lot of focus on connecting high school students with resources. VR staff are presenting at health symposium and will be discussing assistive technology options. Also have success story on in the newsletter.

x. **County & Additional Partner Update:** None

XI. Public Comments: None

XII. Schedule Upcoming Meeting Date: Meeting date will be sent and communicated.

XIII. Adjournment:

RWDB – Tom Grau made the motion to approve, Seconded by Kyle Bangert. Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.