

Region 1 Regional Workforce Development Board (RWDB)
Chief Elected Officials (CEO) Board
Minutes for April 23, 2019
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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 Les Askelson, Ron Axtell, Lisa Curtin, Marla Loecke, Josh Pope and Craig Allen
Present:

Present Via ZOOM/Phone: Michael Myers, Jennalee Pedretti, Candace Drahn, Larry Leliefeld, Jeanne Helling, Jayme Kluesner, and Gissella Aitken-Shadle

RWDB Absent: Joan Funke, Jaime Phipps, Dan White, Donna Boss, Kathy Gunderson, Carolyn Scheidel Tanya Tysland, David Gaylor, Jim Vermazen, and Rhonda Kendrick

Chief Elected Officials Board John Beard, Jerry Stevens, Jeff Madlom, Marty Stanbrough, and Steve Doepcke
Present:

Present Via ZOOM/Phone: Dave Tilkes, and Dan Byrnes

CEO Board Absent: Dave Baker, 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 4:30 p.m. 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 (Les)-Motion Pope, seconded Allen, to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously. CEO (John)-Motion Madlom, seconded Tilkes, to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of RWDB/CEO Board Minutes for February 26, 2019: RWDB (Les)- Motion Axtell, seconded Kluesner, to approve 2/26/19 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. CEO (John)- Motion Madlom, seconded Byrnes, to approve 2/26/19 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of RWDB Board Expenditures: Expenditures of \$777.37 with a balance of \$2,882.13 of RWDB Fiscal Agent Funds were reviewed and discussed. RWDB (Les)- Motion Meyer, seconded Drahn, to approve the expenditures/balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of new RWDB member: Board members reviewed/discussed Lisa Curtin resume and appointment to board replacing Fern Rissman. RWDB (Les)- Motion Pope, seconded Allen, to approve Lisa Curtin appointment to the Board. Motion carried unanimously. CEO (John)- Motion Tilkes, seconded Stevens, to approve Lisa Curtin appointment to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Local Service Plan Modification: Ron advised the board of the changes to the Local Service Plan. Additions// changes in language from previous plan/title change were discussed. RWDB (Les)- Motion Allen, seconded Meyers, to approve modification to Local Plan. Motion carried unanimously. CEO (John)- Motion Byrnes, seconded Tilkes, to approve modification to Local Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Realignment Update: Ron Axtell updated all on the realignment of Regions. He gave a brief history of the realignment. In February 2018, the State Workforce Board approved a 6-region map which would combine Region 1 with Region 2 (Mason City) and Region 7 (Waterloo). Indications are that four or five CEO groups have filed appeals with the State Workforce Board regarding this decision. CEO Board have to get involved as they are the only groups that can submit appeals. Concerns of rural areas losing their voice in how things work if combined with urban areas. Beard noted he had reached out to the CEO Chairs to be proactive. Lengthy discussion followed regarding steps to submit appeal before May 30, 2019.

Open Discussion: This was included in the realignment discussion. At this time, Marla Loecke noted that with new board members, this would be a good time to consider if the 4:30-6:30 was the best time for the RWDB/CEO boards to meet. The boards thought the 4:30 time was the best for all.

Disability Access Committee Updates: The DAC met on April 9. Jason Rubel presented to the board regarding working with businesses, making calls, promoting what Voc Rehab can do for them, etc. Katie Bahl will present on May 14, 2019, with a different perspective on how she reaches out. Annual Disability Awareness Month is in October. Would like to start talking about/planning in May, having something planned by June. Anyone interested in being part of the planning committee should contact Jeanne or Jamie. DAC continues to work on business engagement.

Interagency Youth Standing Committee update: YISC held their meeting on April 16, 2015. Ron shared information from that meeting. The committee has decided to start having partners do presentation so that all will be aware of what they do. Next meeting will be July 9, 2019.

WIOA Core Partners: March unemployment rates, comparison (month/year), and comments were shared with board. It was noted that the unemployment rate includes temporary layoffs.

Gissella reported on the HSED. Graduation is coming June 12 in Dubuque and June 13 in Calmar. Students share success stories, etc. Ron suggested attending if possible. The impact is not only on students, but families also.

Jeanne had shared first quarter report and would be sent to board members. 250 people have been placed in Region 1 jobs. Continue to be busy serving HS students on transition, work-based learning, and job tours. Summer program flyers were included in the IVRS report. The teams working together are NICC/Intermediary Grant Staff, IowaWORKS, Department of the Blind and TAP. June 19 & 20, 2-day program at NICC, Calmar, working with students on team building. Summer Career Camps offered in Dubuque, June 17-21 and June 21-27. Dubuque CSD, Western Dubuque CSD, and West Delaware CSD working on finalizing plans.

Jamie was at training for Ticket to Work and not able to report.

FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE

Next Meeting: Next meeting of the RWDB/CEO Boards July 23, 2019, at Keystone AEA, Elkader, 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: With no further business actions to come before this board, there was a motion by Pope, second by Allen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 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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