

REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2019
IowaWORKS OFFICE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

RWDB Board Members Present: Jasmine Almoayyed (by teleconference), Cyd Hanson, Kristy Lyman (by teleconference), Patty Manuel, Scott Mather, Michelle Mexcur, Mark Schneider

RWDB Board Members Absent: Kim Becicka, Ashley Ferguson, Wayne Frauenholtz, Rhonda Griffin, Chris Hummer, Joe Linn, Patrick Loeffler, Holly Mateer, Steve Olson, Julie Perez, Stefanie Rupert, Kory Schreiner, Steve Shriver, Susie Weinacht

RWDB Ex-Officio Members: Carmen Heck

STAFF: Carla Andorf, Carlos Vega, Kochell Weber-Ricklefs, Rachel Daily, Kate Pine

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patty Manuel at 10:10 am. The RWDB board did not meet quorum.

Patty Manuel asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Patty Manuel asked if there was any correspondence to share. We received information from the state on the consultants that have been hired, Maher & Maher, to assist with the transition to new local workforce development regions.

Patty Manuel asked if there were any member announcements. Carla Andorf shared that the four core partners met to discuss the two openings on our board. Discussion was held on possible candidates to fill those positions.

Carla Andorf discussed possible field trip locations for our meeting in September. The board would like Carla to pursue either Centro in North Liberty or Frontier Herbs in Norway.

Carla Andorf shared information on the appeals that were made regarding realignment by eight regions to the state workforce board. Since those appeals were denied, they have sent their appeals to the federal Department of Labor. We also received an email from the state that the deadline to make public comments is July 8. We discussed if we should invite our CEO board to attend all of our meetings so they can become more familiar with the realignment process.

Carla Andorf gave an update on the Strategic Plan and Regional Workforce Goals progress. At our next meeting, we will switch to our new plan for FY20 that the core partners recently developed and the board approved. Scott Mather shared information on the Career Pathway Tour process.

Carla Andorf reviewed the Grants Report. The financials and enrollments were reviewed for the GAP and KPACE programs. Our funds are now fully spent for this fiscal year.

Rachel Daily reviewed the WIOA enrollment and financial reports. These reports show our performance measures for enrollment and financial goals. We do want to have carryover funds each year and we will meet that goal for this year. Our performance reports will change since we switched to the new IowaWORKS computer system.

Cyd Hanson reviewed the Adult Education/Literacy report. Demographic data for the program was shared.

Kochell Weber-Ricklefs shared that Vocational Rehabilitation's summer programs/pre-employment training programs are occurring. The Department for the Blind is holding statewide focus group meetings this week.

Kate Pine presented information on the new IowaWORKS system and how businesses can use it to get the most benefits.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Upcoming Meeting: RWDB; September 26, 2019; Location TBD