

Regional Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials
September 23, 2019

The regular meeting of the Region 16 Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chief Elected Officials (CEO) was held on September 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at IowaWORKS.

CALL TO ORDER

Duke called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES

RWDB Members Present: Patrick Lacy, Rachel Miller, Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Jacob Nye, Dennis Duke, Deb Mulch, Dennis Fraise, Cynthia Whalen, Dick Beard, and Cara Sanders

RWDB Members Absent: Amber Moats, Candice Becker, Carla McNamee, Mike Hickey, Ryan Drew, Michelle Mutchler, Joyce Stimpson, Wood Stortzum, and Carolyn Farley

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

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

QUORUM

A quorum was established for both the RWDB and the CEOs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Fife-LaFrenz made the motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Fraise, motion carried. CEO Quigley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Larkin, motion carried.

NEW APPLICATION

CEo Quigley made a motion to approve Carrie Nudd's application for a business vacancy, seconded by CEO Cary, motion carried.

VACANCIES

Brown reported that Monica Dyar resigned from the RWDB effective immediately, leaving open a business vacancy, along with the school ex-officio vacancy.

TITLE 1 WIOA UPDATE

Howard reported that all programs are under spent, and that they are 16% through the fiscal year. They are currently under staffed, but have hired a Youth Specialist to work out of the Keokuk Annex.

Mullen stated that the state performance review was available but there were discrepancies in the credential attainment numbers, but that all other areas were satisfactory. Once these issues have been resolved a final report will be distributed.

Additionally, Mullen announced that on October 11th, the "Hearing Voices" training will be provided to local businesses.

TITLE II AEL UPDATE

Mulch announced that they are currently fully staffed, and that they also have 13 students at the Mt. Pleasant location. A date of November 21st has been set for HSED graduation at the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility.

TITLE III IWD UPDATE

No update.

TITLE IV VR/IDB UPDATE

Whalen announced that at the October 11th training that five local businesses will be recognized for the placement of people with disabilities.

Miller announced that the Iowa Department for the Blind will be holding two camps this fall for students who are blind on the eastern side of the state.

Both Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and the Iowa Department for the Blind are actively taking referrals.

REALIGNMENT UPDATE

Mullen reported that at the last state workforce meeting they voted to have ETPL's approved at the state level moving forward. Also, there has been no response from the DOL yet on the appeals submitted.

Mullen also reported that a timeline has been distributed and that trainings have been scheduled for the CEOs, and that RWDB trainings will follow.

CEO RESPONSIBILITIES

Brown announced that the CEO training for Region 16 has been scheduled for September 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

Fife-LaFrenz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fraise, Duke adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.