

**Regional Workforce Investment Board/
Chief Elected Officials Meeting
February 26, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

RWIB Present: Gerald Miller, JR Ackley, Mayor James Erb, Valarie Wollner, Cindy Harris, Julie Pralle, Sis Grieman, Nancy Prohaska , Terri Ewers

RWIB Absent: Craig La Kose, Renee Diemer, Paul Fitzgerald, Art Jones, Kelly Hansen

CEOs Present: Joel Voaklander, Sis Grieman, Dave Haugen, Roy Schwickerath, Mike Stensrud, Jay Urdahl, Corey Eberling

CEOs Absent: none

Staff: Angie Konig – Regional WIA Director
Marla Loecke – IWD Manager for Regions I and II

Board Support: Theresa Meggers

Guests: Lori Adams, Sandra Leake

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Approval of February 26, 2015 Agenda and November 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

RWIB: Motion-Ewers	2 nd -Miller	Vote-Unanimous
CEOs: Motion-Haugen	2 nd -Voaklander	Vote-Unanimous

3.0 Lori Adams, Division Administration – Workforce Service, Iowa Workforce Development

Lori gave a brief introduction of herself. She is a native of Spencer, Iowa. She discussed some of the changes regarding WIOA:

- Regulations will be out soon – Spring 2015, and it is to be implemented July 1st
- Handed out policy statement – TEGL document
 - Included vision for WIOA and the Workforce System
 - Focus on local economy and quality of services
 - Working on more collaboration between state agencies
 - WIOA steering committee with multiple partners who are working together:
 - Group working on finance, group working on mapping agencies and customer flow, communications groups, career pathways group
 - More engages with other core programs – continue with integration of programs
 - Iowa ahead of the pack on many things
- There are some changes to state law on how boards are composed, with options for grandfathering of board size and region.
- There should not be any loss in funding
- There will be cuts in Promise Jobs next year

- Data and performance group – monitoring could be becoming a responsibility of the board
- The question was asked how WIOA can help when we have a labor shortage of qualified applicants for job openings – techniques suggested include to call people on unemployment and attract veterans
- Survey results summary attached – Director wants to put out a monthly newsletter with more information

4.0 Director's Announcements

4.1 Omni Circular, 2 CFR

Indirect charges – Kelly Taylor chief financial administrator became aware of this

- Any new grant money we received after December 26th has to be charged the full indirect rate
- For example, NIACC rate is 34%, which is a huge chunk of WIA dollars. We are trying to get that rate renegotiated.

4.2 Field Memos 15-02, 15-03

15-02: WIA Credentials

- It's been a long time since credentials were looked at (2002-2003). They are now looking at what constitutes a credential. It has to be authorized by educational entity, have a measurable skill, etc.
- NCRC would be considered a non-qualifying credential
- The chart at the end of the memo summarizes what counts as a credential

15-03: Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker Carryover Policy

- Allows us to carryover as much as needed as long as it's spent in the 1st quarter. This was established due to questions on how new 1st quarter and 9-month moneys will be established

5.0 Informational Items

5.1 Skilled Iowa

We commend Charles City for doing a lot of work to become a Skilled Iowa community. There is still work to do with current labor force, but most of the regions are on in the same range as we are. We are very close at 15.31%.

- See where counties are at on charts in packet for Skills Iowa Metrics
- Offering testing events, including Saturday testing event on March 21st (plan for 3 hours). There are many tests scheduled throughout the week.
- Trying to keep momentum, but need community partners
- Results are anonymous and confidential.

5.2 Fall Fiscal Monitoring Report

There were 2 minor findings that have since been remedied.

5.3 Quality Assurance Review

They had a few suggestions to be more measurable when writing customer service plans. They also asked that we follow Section 14 with the process.

5.4 Year in Review

Green PowerPoint put together by Marla (see attached)

- Overall look at 2014 (calendar year) data – services, number served, workshops, funding, ticket-to-work, reflections, pictures from career

5.5 Success Stories

There is a good example of an NCRC success when it was one person's reason why he got the interview and ultimately the job.

5.6 Partner's Meeting Minutes

5.7 Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

5.8 WIA FY 2014 Performance Levels

- Quarter 1 we really did pretty well.
- Missed dislocated workers, but have since renegotiated that measurement so we should be fine.
- Made all goals for Quarter 2

New director for IWD – Beth Townsend

There has been recent meeting with Corwith/Lavern as their district is dispersing.

We are holding meetings with JCPenney's employees on March 2nd and 12th. Their last day is April 4.

There will be career fairs at NIACC on April 1st and at Waldorf on April 22nd.

See attached flyer for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

There will be a AIWP conference at the end of March in Des Moines. They have a session for workforce boards which will be talking about sector boards on Thursday, March 26th. Let Angie know if you want more information.

Iowa unemployment rates attached.

Correction: In the meeting, WIOA was described as "bipartisan." It was meant to be described as "non-partisan."

ADJOURN: Meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Next meeting: April 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m.