

**Regional Workforce Investment Board/
Chief Elected Officials Meeting
August 21, 2014
5:00 p.m.**

RWIB Present: JR Ackley, Mark Cottrell, Renee Diemer, Mayor James Erb, Terri Ewers, Paul Fitzgerald, Sis Grieman, Cindy Harris, Art Jones, Julie Pralle, Nancy Prohaska

RWIB Absent: John Collins, Craig La Kose, Valarie Wollner

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

CEOs Absent: None.

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

Board Support: Cheri Collins

Guests: Ruth Bolinger – Experience Works, SCSEP

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Approval of August 21, 2014 Agenda and May 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

RWIB: Motion-Grieman	2 nd -Fitzgerald	Vote-Unanimous
CEOs: Motion-Haugen	2 nd -Voaklander	Vote-Unanimous

3.0 Oath of Office for Appointment of RWIB Members

3.1 RWIB Appointed Members: Arthur Jones, Mayor James Erb, James “JR” Ackley, Cindy Harris, Florence Grieman, Julie Pralle

4.0 RWIB Action Items

4.1 Election of Executive Committee

Appointment of Cindy Harris
RWIB Motion-Grieman 2nd-Diemer Vote-Unanimous

4.2 Discussion and decision on Board Administrative Staffing

The board looked at the resume for Theresa Meggers; agreed upon a pay rate of \$15.00/per hour to be paid to the Board Support person for up to \$1300 per year. The agreed upon employer is Kelly Services, who will then bill the Board for the wages. Board decided to accept Theresa Meggers as the Board Support Person.

RWIB Motion-Fitzgerald 2nd-Harris Vote-Unanimous

4.3 Approval of ISU as a WIA Certified Training Provider in Mathematics/Actuarial Science

RWIB Motion-Jones 2nd-Ackley Vote-Unanimous

5.0 RWIB/CEO Action Item

5.1 Approval of Statewide Performance Levels

Discussion; Mayor Erb recognized that there is an increase in the performance levels for Youth program; however, the standards set by the State in recent years have not been met. Angie Konig explained that there have been several components in the data collected. In part, there have been issues getting the data entered efficiently. In addition, the youth involved in the statistical analysis are often reluctant to follow up with the post-testing that is required as part of the program. These two factors reflect some of the discrepancies between the goals and actual data.

RWIB: Motion-Fitzgerald 2nd-Diemer Vote-Unanimous

CEOs: Motion-Schwickerath 2nd-Eberling Vote-Unanimous

6.0 Ruth Bolinger, Iowa State Program Manager for Experience Works (see attachments)

SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program)

Paid community service program for people age 55+ living in poverty

Provides opportunities for clients to improve their skills and gain work experience to improve their ability to find permanent work

Eligibility requirements:

- Unemployed
- Income \$14,588/year (individual) or \$19,663 (family of 2)

More men fall into this category than women

Many who could benefit these services are either:

- Chronically under/unemployed
- Critically/chronically injured in the workforce
- Those with literacy problems

7.0 Director's Announcements

7.1 Strategic Action Plan Review

Angie Konig provided overview of the strategy/action items for the top 4 priorities

8.0 Informational Items

8.1 Skilled Iowa

Have met 2 of the metrics

Focused effort is ongoing to meet testing metrics for those currently:

- Employed
- Unemployed

8.2 WIA Performance Levels Quarter 2 & 3

8.3 Center Report

Clarion Inn closing/re-building set to begin late fall 2014

-Informational meetings scheduled to assist with employee transition

Home Base Iowa:

-Initiative to incentivize veterans to return to the state of Iowa after military service has ended

-Kathy Anderson is working with Economic Development in communities throughout the state to educate employers on the program and establish partnerships supporting the

Home Base Iowa Initiative

-Floyd County

-Winnebago County

-Worth County

-Hancock County

-Cerro Gordo County

-Mitchell County (currently becoming designated as a Home Base Iowa community)

-Hilton Honors program is providing lodging services to veterans as part of this program

Several recent WIA Success stories (see attachment)

8.4 Partner Meeting Minutes

8.5 Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

8.6 Fall 2014 Career & Training Fair

Held at NIACC Campus in Charles City on 9/2/2014

NCRC testing will be available

ADJOURN: Motion-Grieman 2nd-Ackley

Vote-Unanimous

Next meeting: November 20, 2014, 5:00 p.m.