



LWDB Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2017

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Gabe Schlickau welcomed attendees, asked for self-introductions and called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

No new public requests have been received.

3. WIOA Implementation: One Stop Operator Request for Proposals

The WIOA regulations have been published, and they require the One Stop Operations to be competitively procured and a One Stop Operator be in place by July 1, 2017. The Workforce Alliance (WA) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in December 2016. Two proposals were received, and a RFP Review Task Force was appointed to review the bids. The Task Force heard presentations from both bidders, and chose Eckerd Youth Alternatives as their preferred choice. The preferred bidder had a wider scope and larger budget than the WA can support. Staff recommend the negotiation of scope and budget with preferred bidder and plan to have a final proposal for the Executive Committee on March 8, 2017 for approval.

John Weber (Robyn Heinz) moved to approve staff to negotiate scope and budget with preferred bidder and to have a final proposal for the Executive Committee on February 8, 2017 for approval. Motion Adopted.

4. Youth Employment Project (YEP) 2017

The Executive Committee met on January 11, 2017 to approve the YEP 2017 goal of placing at least 500 young adults in first jobs or work experiences as well as 200 young adults obtaining the Essential Skills Certificate upon completion of a series of comprehensive workshops. Staff have been working diligently on employer outreach as well as community partner outreach. The WA plans on collaborating with many community partners to increase the quality and success of YEP for 2017. The YEP resource guide has been created for employers to help increase their understanding of YEP and to show the benefits that it can provide. Staff also distributed information on the 2017 Jobs For Youth Golf Tournament that will be hosted on May 11, 2017 at Hidden Lakes golf course in Derby, Kansas.

Report was received and filed.

5. Information Technology Employer Panel

A panel from several Information Technology (IT) companies from the local region shared their perspectives on the rapidly growing IT sector and their ideas on how they can align with the Workforce Alliance in order to help grow a skilled labor force. Each employer spoke on what their company does, how important IT professionals are to them, and the difficulty of finding skilled workers. One key theme presented during the panel discussion involved skilled workers needing more than just an IT degree. Employers are searching for IT workers who have additional certifications and projects that shows their work. Kenton Hansen also spoke on Coding Bootcamps and how they are benefitting the IT sector. Board members participated in question and answers as well as added many comments regarding the IT sector. The following participated in the panel:

- Kenton Hansen, Wichita State University Ennovar
- Jennifer Hughes, High Touch Technologies
- T.J. Frevert, CallCap
- Christine Ridge, SNT Media

Report was received and filed.

6. Disability Employment Initiative

Staff discussed the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) and its implementation in the Career Centers. DEI has allowed the Career Centers to broaden services as well as provide more quality services to people with disabilities. DEI has also allowed the opportunity for people with disabilities to utilize their talents, and find unsubsidized employment. Dale Tower, from the Department of Commerce, spoke on integrated resource teams as the key component of the DEI program. The Disability Resource Coordinator works with many agencies that make up an integrated resource team to get customers the resources they need to be successful. Since implementation, the number of clients with disabilities served in Local Area IV has increased from 3.42% to 13.80%.

7. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports

Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2016 LWDB meeting were reviewed with no changes requested. LWDB Committee Reports were also presented.

Budget information was distributed and received by the Committee.

The Workforce Centers served over 3,000 customers during the month of December, and over 47,000 customer for 2016. Centers are continuing to increase their social media and community outreach. The Workforce Centers saw over 100 customers for workshops and community outreach. An OWDS summary was also distributed, that included a summary and highlights for 2016.

Job postings have had a steady increase compared to last year numbers. Use of the Workforce Centers facility has been one major reason for the increase in job fairs. Prove It testing has also seen activity, providing over 1,000 assessments for 2016.

Tony Naylor (Weber) moved to approve the recommendations as presented in the consent agenda. Motion Adopted.

8. Adjourn (11:30)



Present LWDB Members

Gabe Schlickau, Vice Chair
Rod Blackburn
Kerri Falletti
Robert Giesen
Kenton Hansen
Robyn Heinz
Jennifer Hughes
Patrick Jonas
Dr. Kimberly Krull
Mike Magennis
Tony Naylor
Justin Powell
Ronald Ratzlaff
Brian Black
John Weber
B.J. Moore

CEOB

Mayor Jeff Longwell

Guests

Peter Bodyk
Tiffani Price
Bobbi Eaton
Dave Alfaro
Christine Ridge
T.J. Frevert
Mike Kriwiel
Sandy Randel
Dale Tower

Staff

Keith Lawing
Chad Pettera
Amanda Duncan
Katie Givens
Angie Duntz
Denise Houston
Rachel Campbell
Marla Canfield
George Marko
Stacy Cotten