



LWDB Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Kathy Jewett 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

Regional Planning: A requirement of WIOA is for workforce boards that operate in the same labor market to conduct regional planning. The State of Kansas designates South Central Kansas as Region II which contains all of the counties in Local Area IV and four counties in Local Area I. A regional draft is being prepared with Local Area I and is ready to be released for public comment following their review.

Mayor Jeff Longwell (Robert Giesen) moved to approve release of the draft regional plan for public comment. Motion Adopted.

One Stop Operator: The Workforce Alliance (WA) and Eckerd Youth Alternatives have both agreed to a contract, and are preparing the transition of Eckerd Youth Alternatives into the Workforce Center.

Sector Strategies: The WA has been involved in the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG) strategy since 2015, assisting with workforce development issues in each of the industry sectors. A series of career maps are being created in partnership with the BREG sectors to assist in promoting job postings and tracking labor market data for regional industry sectors. The goal is to keep this information updated on a quarterly basis. It can be used as a tool for job seekers, students, and education and training providers. The career maps could also be a way for employers to promote job openings and analyze wage and employment information on a regional and industry sector basis.

Report was received and filed.

Career Services: In October 2016, the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) authorized staff to send a request to the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC) requesting to be the provider of Career and Training Services. This request was returned to the WA asking for a more defined agreement between the Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) and LWDB. The provider of Career Services must be in place no later than July 1, 2017. Staff are currently working on a revised request to be sent to KDC. Staff will provide the request to the CEOB and the LWDB Executive Board in May 2017.

Longwell (Kerri Falletti) moved to approve the request to the CEOB for the Local Area IV LWDB to provide career services and related duties defined by WIOA. Motion Adopted.

4. Youth Employment Project (YEP) 2017 Update

YEP is a community-wide collaborative that works with businesses, nonprofits, community organizations and government agencies to connect young adults to a first job experience or work experience opportunity. The goal for YEP is to place 500 young adults in first jobs or work

experience opportunities in 2017. To date, three Essential Skills Workshops have been conducted with 89 students receiving Essential Skills Certificates. Essential Skills Workshops are ramping up and will be held at the Wichita Workforce Center multiple times through June. Two offsite sessions are currently scheduled for Harper County Schools and Fairmount Neighborhood Center.

The Wichita Business Journal has run several stories on the initiative, and the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce identified YEP as a priority project that aligns with their 2017 goal of diversity and inclusion. Currently, nearly 70 employers are planning to hire over 90 youth. Employer recruitment continues and it is expected more employers will be involved.

Outreach efforts have reached over 300 young adults, resulting in 125 youth applying to participate in YEP. Other efforts include two job fairs for YEP in May and June, Manufacturing Interview Day on May 22, 2017, a YEP booth at Riverfest in the Steam City. 10 new youth work experiences placements were made in March 2017; 37 total placements have been made in 2017; 21 youth are currently active and 16 have completed. Placements have been made with over 22 employers, representing 9 industries across Local Area IV. A handout was distributed to the Board that identifies employers who have committed to hiring at least one youth this summer. Spirit AeroSystems has committed to hiring 20 youth this summer. The Board expressed appreciation for CEO Tom Gentile for his commitment to the youth in our community.

The fifth annual Jobs Fore Youth golf tournament will be held on May 11, 2017 at Hidden Lakes. More spots are available for teams and sponsors. Tony Naylor was able to acquire a sponsorship from Milwaukee Tools for a Drill Driver Set and from Ideal Tools who are sponsoring a hole. These donations will be used as a prize during the golf tournament.

Report was received and filed.

5. Kansasworks.com Data Breach

During the time period of March 1, 2017 through March 14, 2017, a hacker was able to create a Kansasworks account and hack into the Job Seeker Link. Over ten states have been affected by this data breach. Kansasworks.com is contracted to AJLA and currently, AJLA has found no evidence that any information was taken. AJLA hired a cyber security company to fix the breach and to notify customers. Customers began to be notified in April. Information regarding the data breach can be found on the Kansasworks.com website under the Frequently Asked Questions link. Additionally, a call center has been set up for customers who have questions and concerns.

Report was received and filed.

6. Midwest Urban Strategies Consortium

A group of 11 Midwestern cities created an informal consortium to share, support, and collaborate on best practices for employment and training strategies. The Local Area IV Workforce Board has been invited to join the consortium. One primary advantage of being a member of this consortium is the ability to collaborate on grants from the United States Department of Labor and other funders.

Longwell (Robyn Hines) moved to approve membership in Midwest Urban Strategies Consortium. Motion Adopted.



7. Consent Agenda and Board Reports

Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2017 LWDB meeting were reviewed with no changes requested. LWDB Board Reports were also presented.

Policy revisions were presented on the Local Workforce Development Board Member Job Description, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics Policy for Staff, and the Adult and Dislocated Worker Supportive Services Policies.

On the Job Training agreements for RV Products and Galaxy Technologies were distributed and received by the Board. As well as an amendment to the Allied Health Career Training Center Youth Contract.

Budget information was distributed and received by the Board.

The Workforce Centers served over 4,000 customers during the month of March that included 14 Job Fairs over 1,000 job seekers connected to 110 employers.

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

8. Adjourn (11:09)

Upcoming Local Area IV Events:

April 29: American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure

May 11: Jobs FORE Youth Golf Tournament

May 16-18: Greater Wichita Chamber of Commerce – Washington D.C. Fly-In

May 18: Federal Reserve Board – Engaging Workforce Development

May 26: Youth Job Fair

June 4: YEP Outreach at Riverfest

June 9 Youth Job Fair

Present LWDB Members

Kathy Jewett, Chair
Jennifer Anderson
Kerri Falletti
Robert Giesen
Robyn Heinz
Jennifer Hughes
Mike Magennis
Tony Naylor
John Weber

CEOB

Mayor Jeff Longwell

Guests

Peter Bodyk
Carrena Watts
John Cresler

Staff

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