



Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2016

Wallowa County Education Service District
Enterprise, Oregon

Present:

Susie Cederholm, Chair
Bill Wyllie
Jesse Schmidt

Kathy Gover-Shaw
Mark Warne
Patrick Patterson

Sheryll Bates
Steve Lyon

Present via phone:

Cam Preus
Debbie Radie
Doug Dalton

Joe Franell
Pat Davis

Guests:

Eric Labonte, Training & Employment
Consortium
Tara Bishop, Community Action Program of
East Central Oregon
Andrea Testi, Treasure Valley Community
College (via phone)

Leann Rea, Morrow County Commissioner
Chris Rich, Oregon Employment
Department
Tony Wendell, Oregon Employment
Department

EOWB Staff:

Bill Rosholt, Executive Director
Brenda Frank, Grants and Contracts Administrator
Erin Carpenter, Director of Projects

Meeting Called to Order: 11:00 a.m. PDT

Motion to Approve Draft Agenda made by Steve Lyon, seconded by Bill Wyllie, none opposed, motion approved.

Director's Report

Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) is in the process of being finalized. Training providers are having to re-apply to remain on the list due to recent changes in the requirements. The list will be provided at the next Board meeting for approval.

Board meeting schedule for 2016-17. Last year there were eight meetings in order to visit all of the counties in the area. It is proposed that this year there is six meetings, with three being in Baker City, La Grande and Pendleton, and the other three being by videoconference.

EOWB staff attended Rapid Response training put on by the State in The Dalles in May. If a Rapid Response is required, EOWB submits an application to the State for funds. The Rapid Response Coordinator for Eastern Oregon is Erin Carpenter.

Oregon Workforce Partners

CCWD proposed a requirement that 51% of the quorum needed to be business representation for voting purposes at Board meetings. After push back from nine Workforce Boards the requirement will follow WIOA guidelines.

Memorandums of Understanding with partners are under review, waiting for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act updates to replace the Workforce Investment Act rules.

EOWB is co-sponsoring three grant opportunities:

EOWB'S – Brenda will discuss in more detail

SNAP 50/50 grant to see if it will be beneficial to apply and participate in the July 1 pilot. There are a lot of reporting requirements, so it will need to be determined that there is capacity to report timely and accurately before moving forward. If Eastern Oregon is not able to participate in this first round, the next round will begin soon.

Grant to develop profilers that will be certified and housed at local community colleges. These profilers work with businesses to identify needs for their jobs.

Training tool to go out and identify businesses that need help in training their employers. Developing with company called "Sesame" to provide statewide training through videoconferencing.

The **Local Leadership Team** continues to make impressive progress toward compliance with WorkSource Operational standards. An open house is scheduled for July 19 at the WorkSource Eastern Oregon one-stop office in Pendleton from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The Eastern Oregon Manufacturing Sector Partnership is meeting this Friday, June 17, 2016. Steve Lyon will be sharing more on this.

The four new workforce boards have hired a Chief Financial Officer, Jamie Kendellen, who will be housed in the East Cascades Workforce Investment Board office in Bend.

The Eastern Oregon Jobs Council, consisting of the eight area county commissioners, will be meeting to review and approve EOWB's 2016-17 budget on June 23, 2016.

June 22 will be contract discussions with service providers to have contracts signed and in place before July 1, 2016 for the next three years.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Kathy Gover-Shaw, seconded by Sheryll Bates, none opposed, motion approved.

Sector Strategies Committee report

Kathy Gover-Shaw shared that the Committee is working on approving the next sector to target. It was between Healthcare, Transportation and Retail. It was discussed that transportation could possibly be a topic for the manufacturing sector. A champion from the Healthcare sector spoke at the last Sector Strategies Committee meeting. Due to the commitment of champions for the Healthcare sector, the Committee recommends that be the next sector partnership to begin developing.

Update on Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was submitted to the State and needed a couple of changes by June 30, 2016. One was to include that there were no comments received during the 30 day posting period, the other was to include more information on how Board members were appointed. These were both done and resubmitted timely. There are a few more items that will need to be looked at again over the next several months. The Strategic Planning Committee will need to meet again to review these.

Motion to Approve Healthcare as the Next Sector Partnership made by Kathy Gover-Shaw, seconded by Susie Cederholm, none opposed, motion approved.

Eastern Oregon Industry Driven Training Oregon Talent Council (OTC) Grant

Brenda shared that this Grant is for piloting successful training models in rural areas. The plan for this grant is to create ways to bring training to Eastern Oregon that employers typically have to send employees away for, paying more in both time away from work and training dollars. This particular group will be focusing on the manufacturing industry using a combination of training methods including video conferencing and hybrid classes. EOWB, local manufacturers and local service providers will be contributing services and infrastructure to the project. A portion of the training dollars will cover simulators for training.

Oregon Youth Development Council

Brenda was recently re-appointed to serve another term on the Oregon Youth Development Council and shared a little about what the Council does.

GO-STEM/Frontier Oregon STEM Hubs

The Greater Oregon Science Technology Engineering and Math (GO-STEM) Hub is still getting their strategic plan together. GO-STEM covers Baker, Grant, Harney, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties. The Frontier Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) hub is also just getting started and covers Malheur County. STEM Hubs focus on increasing opportunities for K-12 students to pursue careers in STEM industries.

Joe Franell shared about an upcoming Broadband and STEM Education in Rural Oregon Summit. The dates are still not confirmed.

Success in the New Economy

An update was given by Erin on the recent Apprenticeship Conference.

- Pre-Apprenticeships produce positive results
- 75,000 New areas were added to possible apprenticeships in 2014
- \$175 million in U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Grants are being offered to expand apprenticeship
- There is a focus on increasing diversity of apprenticeship participants
- Apprenticeship programs are working with CTE programs and career pathways

A video from the conference was shared with the group: <https://vimeo.com/67277269>

Advanced Manufacturing Sector Partnership Update

- Local community colleges and the Baker Technical Institute are able to provide training to the region, even if the training does not lead to degrees or certificates. The schools need to know what business needs are in order to create the training programs.
- Businesses need to know that there are ways to hire students under 18 and provide internships and on the job training opportunities to them. Kathy and Bill shared success stories of working with high school students who continued to work for them after graduation.
- Contract with Genz Consulting has been extended through October 2016
- Next Manufacturing Sector Partnership Event is this Friday, June 17 in La Grande at the Blue Mountain Conference Center
 - The action teams will be sharing what they are doing, getting feedback, and moving forward with action steps. Teams:
 - Talent Attraction
 - Regulations
 - Innovation
- Still looking at preparing for new sector partnerships – Next meeting is Friday
 - Healthcare
 - Transportation/Warehousing
 - Retail

*Working on finding champions for each area before proceeding

What's Happening in Wallowa County

Jesse Schmidt, owner of Integrated Biomass in Wallowa County shared about what their business does and what other businesses in Wallowa County are doing.

Integrated Biomass uses underutilized wood from logging and turns it into firewood and other useful products. They have 22 employees.

Winding Waters Clinic recently became a non-profit and became a federally qualified health center. This enables them to provide better rates and better care for patients. They are hiring more staff and extending office hours to provide the community with improved healthcare.

Patrick Patterson with Viridian Management shared about the affordable housing industry. Viridian Management manages purchased properties that have been rehabilitated to create improved low-income housing. They have about 20 employees in Enterprise and 160 total in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. They are growing and have been experiencing staffing challenges with that growth, which is causing them to look at outsourcing human resources.

Patrick also mentioned that it is difficult to bring people to the area for jobs when it is so difficult for them to find housing.

Public comment

There being no public comment the meeting was:

Adjourned: 1:55 p.m.

Next Meeting August 2, 2016 in La Grande.