

EASTERN OREGON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (EOWIB)

Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

2 Marine Drive
Boardman, Oregon

Members Present

Bill Wyllie	Kathy Gover-Shaw	Sheryll Bates
Cam Preus	Mark Mascall	Steve Lyon
Dana Young (via phone)	Mark Warne	Susie Cederholm
Deb Gargalis	Patrick Patterson	
Debbie Radie	Pete Runnels	

Members Absent

Jesse Schmidt	Randy Fulton	Susan Hughes
Jim Jones	Rich Fulton	
Ken Hart	Riley Hill	

Staff

Bill Rosholt	Erin Carpenter
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Others Present

Christopher Rich, Oregon Employment Department	Tara Bishop, Community Action Program for East Central Oregon (CAPECO)
Donna Kinnaman, Community Action Program for East Central Oregon (CAPECO)	Theresa Knowles, Oregon Developmental Disability Services
Ed Susman, Oregon Employment Department	Tina Joyce, OED
Eric Labonte, Training and Employment Consortium (TEC)	Todd Nell, Higher Education Coordinating Commission
John Chamberlin, Attorney	Tony Wendell, Oregon Employment Department
Kristen Barry, Thomas P. Miller and Associates	
Leann Rea, Morrow County Commissioner	

Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Susie Cederholm at 10:02 a.m. PST. Introductions were made by each member of the Board, staff, and members of the audience. Dana Young was present via phone.

Approval of Draft Agenda

A motion was made by Mark Mascall and seconded by Kathy Gover-Shaw to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Kathy Gover-Shaw and seconded by Steve Lyon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of September 29th minutes

A motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Mark to approve the minutes for EOWIB's August meeting with one grammatical change and one update adding Wallowa County to the list of counties that TEC serves. Motion approved unanimously.

Happenings in the Communities

Debbie Radie with the Boardman Training Network, spoke about what the Network has been doing on working with others to bring trainers to Boardman to increase employee skills without having to send them away to get training. Training is captured on BMCC transcripts.

The Network has been successful at obtaining funding for a new building, and providing on-site after school childcare; and a Naturopath provider who comes in once a month and provides wellness assistance, both at no cost to employees.

Introduction to Strategic Planning

Kristen Barry is a contractor with the State of Oregon to help with the transitions of the new workforce boards. Ms. Barry provided an introduction to the Oregon Workforce Investment Board's Strategic Plan, an overview of what the Eastern Oregon Workforce Investment Board's role is in achieving that plan, and what the goals and next steps are in the strategic planning process.

Debbie Gargalis suggested Shaun Engstrom, Oregon Employer Council State Coordinator with the Bureau of Labor and Industry, come speak with the Board about developing internships with high school and college students.

It was suggested that we have a K-12 representative on the Board. Bill agreed to work on this.

Strategic Planning Committee

Deb Gargalis, Susan Hughes, Cam Preus, Dana Young, Steve Lyon, Jesse Schmidt, Kathy Gover-Shaw, Mark Warne and Doug Dalton.

Our Workforce Area Data

Tony Wendel, Workforce Analyst with the Oregon Employment Department (OED) spoke about regional economic issues with the labor market. Tony's primary focus right now is on getting information into the hands of businesses and to begin building relationships with the education community, especially high schools, trying to figure out what the needs are and figure out how he can help with career planning, presentations, and offering labor market information.

Chris Rich, Regional Economist with OED spoke about how he helps people find the information that they are looking for by using statistics. Chris will be helping supply job market and workforce statistics that will help the Board and its committees determine where to focus workforce development efforts for maximum effectiveness.

Sector Strategies

Todd Nell with Community College Workforce Development at the Higher Education Coordinating Commission provided a brief introduction to what sector strategies are and how they work. Businesses come together in partnerships and use labor market data to find out what areas need to be developed in their regions and to decide which areas to focus on developing to be the most effective. Businesses partner with community resources to identify needs and find solutions to meet those needs. This increases business competitiveness, improves economic vitality, and helps align the needs of businesses with the regional talent pool.

Eastern Oregon's Sector Strategies Committee will be meeting in Pendleton on November 20 at 10:00 a.m. Lindsay Woolsey and John Melville are the contractors that will be helping with the launch of these sector strategies.

Sector Strategies Committee

Kathy Gover-Shaw, Ken Hart, Debbie Gargalis, Mark Mascall, Steve Lyons, Jesse Schmidt, Riley Hill, Cam Preus and Debbie Radie.

Next meeting

January 5, 2016 in Umatilla County.

Public Comment

Patrick Peterson shared that his company had lost funding to support low income housing. Senator Merkeley met with the company and invited them to testify in Washington, D.C. last month and now the funding appears as though it will not be going away. Patrick wants us to know that our elected officials and state representatives are there to help us as we navigate through our next steps. A list of Oregon senators, representatives and county commissioners, was sent to the Board after the last meeting.

Adjourn

Susie adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.