



Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016

Grant County Regional Airport
John Day, Oregon

Present:

Bill Wyllie
Joe Franell

Kathy Gover-Shaw
Rich Fulton

Sheryll Bates
Steve Lyon

Present via phone:

Cam Preus
Debbie Radie
Jessie Schmidt

Patrick Patterson
Susan Hughes

Guests:

Eric Labonte, Training & Employment
Consortium
Tara Bishop, Community Action Program of
East Central Oregon

Chris Rich, Oregon Employment
Department
Ed Susman, OED: Malheur, Grant & Harney
counties

EOWB Staff:

Bill Rosholt, Executive Director
Brenda Frank, Program-Planner Specialist
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 Sheryll Bates, none opposed, motion approved.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda, including March 29, 2016 Minutes made by Steve Lyon, seconded by Sheryll Bates, none opposed, motion approved.

RFP Provider: Brenda discussed the RFP process and thanked the committee participants.

The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) and the Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) submitted proposals, both passed administrative review and fiscal tests for capacity and compliance with WIOA. TEC applied to service Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Union and Wallowa counties. CAPECO applied to service Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The motion to approve TEC and CAPECO as the new Eastern Oregon service providers was made by Sheryll, seconded by Cam, none opposed, motion approved.

ACTION:

MOTION: Pending no successful appeals are received during the appeal period, we approve EOWB staff to negotiate contracts for provision of the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services as follows:

- CAPECO for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth services to the counties of Umatilla and Morrow counties, in an amount not to exceed \$ 371,447 for adult and dislocated worker services and an amount not to exceed \$194,098 for youth services.
- TEC for adult, dislocated worker and youth services to the counties of Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Wallowa and Union, in an amount not to exceed \$462,087 for adult and dislocated worker services and an amount not to exceed \$230,534 for youth services.

Director's Report: Bill Rosholt

There is up to \$700,000 available in a grant for training. The application needs to be in soon, employers who are interested in participating should contact Brenda.

Strategic Plan will be returned to local areas soon with requirements/recommendations. It will be finalized and approved in June.

Bill will be taking over as convener of the Local Leadership Team. The State Leadership Team will be coming out in June to visit.

SNAP 50/50 grant discussions will begin at a teleconference on May 31. EOWB is looking forward to being a part partnerships around these new grant funds.

CCWD is financing one CFO for the four new workforce boards. Her name is Jamie and she will be housed in the East Cascades office.

When the bylaws were approved, it states the quorum is 50% of the Board. WIOA suggests that 25% must be business members. CCWD recommended that 51% of the quorum must be business people. None of the nine workforce boards are planning to support this proposal because it is often difficult to meet quorum without the new restriction. Adding another restriction will make it more difficult to get a quorum and do business. There are currently 16 employers on the Board, so this means that there would need to be at least nine employers in each board meeting to get a quorum.

Break

Sector Partnerships

The Sector Partnerships Committee recommended that the next sectors to invest in be healthcare and transportation based on those sectors offering higher wages, being in high demand, having many positions that are difficult to fill, and expected growth. Chris Rich presented information on several sectors in Eastern Oregon with high numbers of employees. The Board discussed the various sectors and decided to add the retail trade industry as a sector to add. Joe Franell suggested considering agriculture as well. It was discussed that any sectors that are added will need to have champions to support the efforts.

It was discussed that as we look across the eight county area for sectors that are a priority for all eight counties, we will also be considering sectors that may be a high priority for less than all eight Eastern Oregon counties. Sector Partnerships Committee will be looking at finding champions for the next three potential sectors to decide on the next one to focus on. The three sectors that were agreed upon to look at are healthcare, transportation and retail sales.

Profit and Loss Statement

Bill reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and gave a brief overview on the status of the various funding streams and allocations.

Service Providers' Reports

Tara Bishop, Workforce Development Director for CAPECO, did an overview of customer flow and services offered. She explained how the new standards will be improving customer service in the WorkSource Centers. Eric Labonte, Executive Director for TEC, discussed performance and how that is calculated. He explained how outcomes were calculated by the federal government for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Handouts were provided.

News in Grant County

Bill Wylie shared an update on projects in Grant County. The area is beginning to recover from last year's fires. New homes are being built and a new fire station is being built. FEMA has invested some money in the area to protect it from flooding. Bill's store, Chester's, has been going through a remodel. Rich Fulton, with Malheur Lumber, shared that due to the fires, there are currently more logs than they can process. Employers everywhere are struggling to find individuals who are willing to work and who can pass a drug test.

Public comment

Ed Susman, a Regional Manager for the Oregon Employment Department, invited the Board and guests to come out and visit the Canyon City WorkSource Office.

Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting June 14, 2016 in Wallowa County