

East Cascades Workforce Investment Board

ECWIB Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016 11am-2pm

Water's Edge Internal Medicine 551 Lone Pine Blvd. The Dalles OR, 97058

At 11:07am Chairman Massie calls the meeting to order.

I. Introduction of Attendees:

Board Members- Duane Francis, Amanda Hoey, Mark Warne, Roberto Gutierrez, Charlies Massie (Chair), Amy Gibbs, Brad Porterfield (on phone), Trygve Bolken (on phone)

Board Staff- Heather Ficht, Liz Casey, Lauren Arbuckle

Other Attendees- Frank W Brown, Peg Caliendo, Susan Gabay, Anita Iken, Bob Francis, Rod Runyon, Andrew Spreadborough, Debra Gilmore, Suzanne Burd, Martin Campus-Davis, Molly Joubert (on phone)

Chairman thanks Duane Francis and Mid-Columbia Medical Center for hosting.

II. Consent Items:

- Approve Meeting Minutes – no action because there is not quorum
- Review Agenda 1/21/16

III. Information/Discussion:

- OED Leadership change update – Governor Kate Brown dismissed Lisa Nisenfeld and appointed Kay Erickson as the interim Director of Oregon Employment Dept. Heather Ficht shared that the clear message from the state (both CCWD and OED) is that integration efforts and WorkSource Standards implementation remain a priority and this leadership change will not impact or change the course ahead.
- Fiscal update
 - National Emergency Grant and Back to Work training funds have been made available and we are working to let contracts to the field for delivery of those resources/services.
 - Amanda Hoey requested an update on the budget
 - Discussed transition plan for more permanent accounting services solution that include possible hire of a CFO (funded by the state for 12 mos) to share with other new boards
- State Q1 performance reports by sub-region – Liz Casey reported that as a region we are meeting or exceeding all DOL Common Measures, except the Youth Credential Attainment measure.

- Heather shared that this measure generally lags the other measures as performance is captured mainly through the attainment of the GED or HS credential which happen predominately in the spring.
- Amanda Hoey requested clarity on the performance measures overall. ECWIB staff agreed to present on Performance requirements once they are released from the Feds in an upcoming board meeting.
- SNAP 50/50 – Heather Ficht brought this possible funding opportunity to the ECWIB to consider for future pursuit. It requires non-Federal match which could be a challenge locally. More to come on this possible funding stream.
- College & Careers for All – Roberto Gutierrez shares on his Coming Together model. The model was inspired by a similar one used in McAllen, Texas where Dr. Gutierrez visited to learn about their process. This new model works in conjunction with Klamath Promise and College & Careers and has proven effective in the Southern Region where it's been implemented.
 - Roberto invited everyone to attend the next COSA Conference for more information about this process.

Chip Massie calls lunch break at 12:05

IV. Discussion:

- Oregon's workforce system overview – Prezi from CCWD
<http://wsostandards.weebly.com/the-big-picture.html>
- Local Plan Update – Chip Massie states that he will provide good narrative from the South regions last Local Action Team Meeting.
 - Chip Massie shows new helpful workforce information added to the Klamath Chamber website:
<http://klamath.org/> → Community Initiatives → Workforce Development
- Amanda Hoey requested that the ECWIB meet to review the Strategic Plan before it is submitted to the state. ECWIB staff will send a doodle poll to schedule the next Board meeting before the currently planned March 17th date.
- RFP Process Update- Heather shared that there will be a fair, open and competitive process for the award of contracts to deliver workforce services in the East Cascades. This is a requirement of the Federal funds that we receive and the region was heretofore out of compliance with that mandate. It is likely that current contractor-partners will have their contracts extended for 1 to 3 months to ensure continuity of services for job seekers, business and youth summer employment programs.
- Current plan is to release one RFP with the potential for 3 responses – one required for each sub-region. All Adult, DW and Youth formula funds will be combined in the procurement due to time constraints. There will be a Review Panel that will make recommendations to the Ex Com of the ECWIB for funding. The Ex Com will approve the ECWIB staff to enter into contract negotiations with the successful bidders.

Heather encouraged non-conflicted ECWIB members to volunteer to be on the RFP review panel.

V. Public Comment – No public comments

VI. Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Chip Massie at 2:02pm