

## Meeting Notes

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 10 AM – 12 PM (PDST)**

### By Video Conference

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**Present:**

Susie Cederholm, Chair  
 Debbie Gargalis

**Present through a ZOOM link:**

Sheryll Bates, Secretary	Joseph Franell
Kathy Gover-Shaw, Vice Chair	Jeff Gritz
Donna Keddy, DHS/VR	Steve Lyon
Patrick Patterson	Cam Preus, BMCC President

**Absent:**

Doug Dalton  
 Randy Fulton  
 Riley Hill  
 Debbie Radie  
 Mark Warne  
 Dana Young

Patrick Davis  
 Rich Fulton  
 Jim Jones  
 Jesse Schmidt  
 Bill Wyllie

**EOWB Staff:**

Bill Rosholt, Executive Director  
 Sheri McDonald, Controller  
 Farideh Alvijeh, Accountant  
 Brenda Frank, Grants & Contracts

**Guests Present:**

Shalee Hodgson, OED

**Guests Present through a ZOOM link:**

Tara Bishop, CAPECO	Eric Labonte, TEC
Susan Roberts, CLEO	Courtney Crowell, ORS
Michael McCoy, HEEC	Chris Rich, OED

**Meeting Called to Order: 10:05 AM**

- Roll Call      **NO Quorum Established** - Informational Meeting Only

**Director’s Report, William Rosholt**

- Information regarding the Director’s report centered on the EOWB Budget that reflected an increase, but is not official at this time. Contracts as of this date were not yet received.

**Financial Report, Sheri McDonald, Controller**

- Fiscal Auditors: The first 2 weeks of the month. Audit went well, the group will present at a later meeting when the audit report is complete. Since it was our first one the audit was pretty comprehensive. There were no issues that were brought to our attention.

- State Review: Last two weeks of September the annual State Review for Program Year 2016. The review covered Administration, Fiscal, and Program, which was very comprehensive. They did not do an exit conference. It is believed the State Monitors will do all four (4) new Boards and then just send a Letter of Progress. This means that they will go through everything, identify areas of improvement, provide additional documentation, etc. Those things that are sent to us will be address and corrected to their specifications. We are now waiting on the Letter and keep this Board informed of the process.

#### **Board Assessment, Shalee Hodgsen, Assistant Alignment Manager w/OED, DHS, HECC**

- Position aligns programs, funding streams, and service delivery
  - Meet as necessary with Deputy Directors of all required partners of WIOA programs
  - Implement WIOA to develop policy and work on the compliance pieces
  - For the past month, at the direction of the OWB, look at the 9 LWB and review
    - How are partnerships are going
    - Best practices
    - Needs for technical assistance; or
    - Continuous Improvement
- Talking about how implementation is going; how the strategic plan is going and gathering information

#### **Regional Infrastructure Fund, Courtney Crowell, Regional Solutions Coordinator for Eastern Oregon**

- Regional Infrastructure Fund – (RFI) This information request is for development projects around the State for capital projects. Looking for projects that are capital or construction projects, may include pre-planning, pre-engineering, or final design. Hope is for communities to put forth the greatest needs. The Regional Solutions Advisory Board (RSAB) will then revive the applications and prioritize them during November and December. The RSAB’s next step is to go to the legislature during the short session in February to show the need in the State. May ask for additional money from the legislature, and then in the spring make final decisions. Each region is scheduled to receive at least \$200,000. Applications are due October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Workforce Housing – (RFI) Asking communities around the State to fill out request for information to identify the need for Workforce Housing and some potential pilot projects that might be available for implementation within the next year. Due October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Applications can be found to on the Regional Solutions website, it is very prominent on their site.

#### **Regional Trends, Chris Rich, Eastern Oregon Regional Economist**

- Handouts prior to the meeting and posted.
- Requests for data and questions about worker shortages, the data to be presented is 2016
  - Apparent in Malheur County in onion harvesting season
- Vacancy Survey by Industry: Healthcare, Construction, Leisure & Hospitality were the highest job vacancies.
  - By Occupation: Construction Laborer, cooks, truck drivers, personal care aids, and farm workers had the most job openings.

- This information can be found on-line
- What jobs are available and why is it so difficult to find a job in Eastern Oregon? There is no single answer.
  - Varies by county, wages and time of season
    - Looking at Malheur County approximately 180 job openings are available, but the openings are pulled from other job boards. What is available are in the healthcare, nurses, nursing assistants, therapists, phlebotomist, general practitioners, etc.  
Transportation: Truck drivers, graders,
- Why is hard to attract new workers?
  - Age grouping is one reason. Millennials are looking for companies that will work to the better good and how the company will interact with them. With this being said the companies need to advertise differently for this age group.
  - WSO has given a 2 hour presentation just for this group.

**Public Comment: No Public Comment**

**Next Meeting: January 9, 2018 - Video Conference**

**Adjourn: 11:00 PM (PDST)**