



MINUTES

CONSORTIUM MEETING LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Oregon Coast Community College, North County Campus
3788 SE High School Dr.
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Thursday, April 11, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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Columbia County Commissioners office: 230 Strand Street 331, St. Helens, OR 97051
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Those wishing to speak should sign the "Public Comment" sign-in sheet

PRESENT: Doug Hunt, Chair, Lincoln County Commissioner

STAFF: Heather DeSart, NOW Executive Director; Emily Schwartz, NOW Office Manager

CALL IN: Henry Heimuller, Columbia County Commissioner; Pamela Wev, Clatsop County Commissioner, Pat Malone, Benton County Commissioner; Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County Commissioner; Debra Smith, NOW Program Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION of POSTING and ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Posting Confirmed and Roll Call taken by Emily Schwartz and Quorum achieved.



2. REVIEW and APPROVE AGENDA

No Changes were made to the Agenda.

MOTION: PAT MALONE SECOND: PAMELA WEV MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

There were no comments from the Public.

4. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

Approve Meeting Minutes from the June 28, 2019 Meeting.

MOTION: HENRY HEIMULLER SECOND: PAT MALONE MOTION CARRIED.

5. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Reappointment of two Northwest Oregon Works Board Members

- John Hawkins – Rep. of Labor
 - Term: 8/1/2019 to 9/1/2022

- Rod Belisle – Rep. of Labor
 - Term: 11/1/2019 to 12/1/2022

MOTION: PAT MALONE SECOND: HENRY HEIMULLER MOTION CARRIED.

6. DISCUSSION ONLY: Review and discussion of the role of the Consortium Board with regard to oversight of the Northwest Oregon Works Board.

Commissioner Hunt explained the purpose of the meeting: to address Commissioner Malone's concerns about Benton County's participation in the Workforce Board.

Heather presented on the roles of the Consortium (reference first handout). Explained how the Feds identify a state agency for the funding to pass through, and the Consortium members are the ones to provide oversight of the local Board, as well as fiscal responsibilities. Provided background of the WIOA Act.

7. DISCUSSION ONLY: Consortium Board member discussion of the current structure of the 5-county region and direct staff accordingly.

Commissioner Hunt moved on to this item to talk about Commissioner Malone's concerns. Commissioner Hunt gave background on the formation of WIBs in 2014. Linn County decided to join Willamette Workforce Partnership while Benton County decided to stay where it was.

Commissioner Malone says his understanding was that Benton County did not have a chance to join anywhere else.

Commissioner Heimuller gave TOC/OWA background. No one county was forced to go anywhere, every county had a choice. Explained that each area had to have a certain minimum population base to have its own workforce board and there was push from the Governor's Office for the counties to be adjacent.



Commissioner Wev wanted to know what the criteria was to form a WIB as well as the allocation method for funding.

Commissioner Heimuller that some of the criteria was a minimum population for funding.

Heather explained the federal allocation for funds is a combination of median income, rates of poverty, unemployment, and population. The states are allowed to add their own criteria and the board doesn't have that information.

Commissioner Hunt stated that the specific allocation method is something they are trying to get from the state but there has been pushback. Explained that Heather will meet with Karen Humbelbaugh to try to get these allocations, and that he has approached Representative Gomberg about the 13% cut in funding for the board.

Commissioner Hunt, Malone and Heimuller circled back to comment on the formation of the northwest local board. Commissioner Heimuller stated that the formation now has worked better for our areas than it did before the change in 2014.

Commissioner Malone's concerns:

- *Board training has been lacking.*
- *Too many acronyms to be comfortable with understanding without training or a cheat sheet.*
- *ResCare turnover.*
- *How to measure effectiveness.*
- *Infrequent meetings.*

Commissioner Hunt expressed that these issues would be addressed. Commissioners agreed that it would be beneficial to have more training and orientation.

Commissioner Heimuller suggested an orientation and training book going forward.

Commissioner Wev expressed being unimpressed with ResCare's and NOW's websites, as well as the budget. Heather explained that we are an integrated state so ResCare and other entities in Worksource centers aren't supposed to be distinguishable from one another. For the budget, NOW will address the issues.

Commissioners set up a face to face meeting for August 16th in Tillamook.

8. CONSORTIUM MEMBER COMMENTS – Roundtable

There were no comments.

9. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

There were no comments from the Public.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

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