

REGION 7
Regional Workforce Development Board
RWDB Packet

Thursday, May 11, 2017
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Valley IowaWORKS
3420 University Ave
Conference Room D
Waterloo, Iowa



RWDB Meeting
May 11, 2017
Conference Room D
4:00pm – 5:00pm

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Review and Action:

2.1 March 30, 2017 RWDB Minutes and May 11, 2017 Agenda

3.0 Clayton Ohrt

3.1 Ex-Officio County: Oath of Office

4.0 Director's Announcements

4.1 RWDB Positions

4.1.1 RWDB Business Rep. and Ex-Officio School Board Nominations

4.2 SP-NEG Funding Update

4.3 Center Report

4.4 Minority Hiring Update

4.4.1 May 9, 2017 – Payne Church 5:30pm – 7:30pm

4.4.2 May 30, 2017 – Waterloo Center for the Arts 5:30pm – 7:30pm

5.0 Review and Act Items:

5.1 Approve RWDB appointment for Butler County

5.2 Approve RWDB Ex-Officio appointment for School Board

5.3 RWDB E.C. Recommendation for AEL Bidder

6.0 Partner Updates

6.1 Adult Education & Literacy – Sandy Jensen

6.2 Vocational Rehabilitation – Mike Howell

6.3 Department for the Blind – Joe Weigel

6.4 Economic Development – Danny Laudick

7.0 Informational Items

7.1 HSED Graduation June 29, 2017 at 7pm HCC Tama Hall

8.0 Scheduling Upcoming Meeting Date

8.1 RWDB Full Meeting:

8.1.1 July 27, 2017

8.1.2 September 28, 2017

8.1.3 November 16, 2017

**REGION 7
Regional Workforce Development Board
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 30, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Cedar Valley IowaWORKS
3420 University Ave.
Waterloo, IA**

Workforce Investment Board

Present

Deborah Collett
Janis Cramer
Kelly Flege
Debra Hodges-Harmon
Mike Howell
Sandra Jensen
Ken Kammeyer
Butch Kelly
Reid Koenig
Lisa Lorenzen
Clayton Ohrt
Aaron Wedo

Representing

Business
Labor
Higher Education
Employment Services
Vocational Rehabilitation
Adult Education
Business
Business
Business
Labor
Ex-Officio County Elected
Business

Other Category

Dustin Brocka
Chris Hannan
Andy Trower
Joe Weigel

WIOA Title 1, Director

Absent

Lauren Call
Rachel Faust
Mayor Quentin Hart
Danny Laudick
Linda Laylin
Stefanie Niemann
Chris Parker
Vacant
Vacant

Business
Business/Apprenticeship
Ex-Officio City Elected
Economic Development
Business
Business
Joint Labor/ Management & Business
Ex-Officio School District
Ex-Officio County Elected

Deb Collett, Chair commenced the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Director's Announcements

Chris mentioned that last year the board approved about \$500 in Transportation funds for board members to use. The current balance of about \$280 in the account needs to be used by June 30th and he implored board members to request reimbursement for their transportation expenses.

In Feb, an Executive Committee /CEO board meeting to clean up some stuff that need to be done by March Deadline. In January, the board elected an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and the CEO had a joint meeting elected Clayton Ohrt as an Ex-Officio County Elected. In the February meeting, there were some Local Service Plan Modifications and the update was submitted to state. There were also some funding transfers from the Dislocated and Adult funds as approved by both the Executive Committee and the CEO.

Approval of RWDB October Minutes

January 26 RWDB Minutes- Butch Kelly moved to approve the minutes and Debra Hodges-Harmon seconded. **All Approved. None Opposed. Motion Approved.**

February 23, 2017 CEO/ RWDB Executive Committee Minutes- Reid Koenig moved to approve the minutes and Ken Kammeyer seconded. **All Approved. None Opposed. Motion Approved.**

Approval of Agenda

The Chair, Deb Collett announced an additional item titled "Resignation" to the agenda. Kelly Flege moved to approve the modified Agenda and Ken Kammeyer seconded. **All Approved. None Opposed. Motion Approved.**

Discuss & Act

Establish Disability Access Subcommittee

Mike Howell explained that the state workforce committee is requiring a subcommittee to assess the one-stop physical accessibility requirement and the programmatic accessibility requirements. The findings will be reported to the Disability Rights staff and they will get back to the committee on recommendations on what needs to change or be fixed. The appointed subcommittee was established. Please see attached Disability Access Standing Committee. Lisa Lorenzen moved the Subcommittee and Janis Cramer seconded. **All Approved. None Opposed. Motion Approved.**

Revised Board Dates for 2017

Due to the need for Adult Education Literacy items that have to be done by May 12th and that Thursday is right before the Memorial Day weekend, the next meeting date was changed from May 25, 2017 to May 11, 2017. Reid Koenig moved to approve the amended date and Kelly Flege seconded. **All Approved. None Opposed. Motion Approved.**

Center Report/Partner Update Please see attached (Titles I, II, III and IV under RDWB Report).

Chris Hannan presented on Title I updates and events at IowaWorks.

Sandy Jensen presented on the Title II happenings and updates at the Adult Education Center.

Debra Hodges-Harmon updated on Title II events and updates within the Business Service Team.

Mike Howell updated on Title IV activities of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Joe Weigel introduced and presented on the events and updates of department for the Blind, the state agency that provides vocational services to the VR for all who are eligible for their services but depend on the VR for their services as a resource. The department is a core partner with WIOA. The

department is heavily involved in the Disability Access and Youth Standing Committees working with the school system to ensure that the department is not missing any benefit for their services. The main office for the Department is in Des Moines and there's a training program there.

In addition to the attached reports, Sandy and Chris educated all that the funding for Adult Education Literacy, GAP and PACE programs is decreasing 50% as shown on the current revised proposed Governor's budget and this will greatly affect providing service and funding to customers that need these services in the community as well as retaining staff. English Language as a second language is a semester by semester enrollment process and there's currently two intake periods in the year. There's four intake periods for high school completion. For a variety of reasons, High School Completion is being considered to go into semester basis not only because of funding but because the time to obtain the GED certificate is now a minimum of a year.

Minority Hiring Update- Debra Hodges-Harmon presented on this. Please see attached handouts.

Informational Items

RWDB Butler County business representative needed (Rex Ackerman): Chris Hannan received two names for this position. He had contacted one of them and he plans to meet with them next week and based on the outcome from that meeting, he will reach out to the second person.

Resignation- Donita Dettmer resigned from the Youth Standing Committee and Ex-Officio due to health issues. Her position is a unique position that will require us to find another Ex-officio. We need to find a school District representative.

Adjournment

Ken Kammeyer moved to adjourn the meeting and Butch Kelly seconded. **All Approved. None Opposed. Motion Approved.** The meeting ended at 5:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Funmi Obitayo



TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KIM REYNOLDS
LT. GOVERNOR

April 3, 2017

Clayton Ohrt
2675 Nolen Ave
Independence, IA 50644

Dear Clayton,

It is our pleasure to inform you of your appointment as a member of the Workforce Investment Board for Region 7 pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code 877-6.5. You will serve a term beginning on 4/3/2017 and ending on 4/30/2020.

Enclosed are two copies of an oath of office which must be executed by you in the presence of a notary public and forwarded to Shelly Evans, Iowa Workforce Development, 1000 E Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50319, as soon as possible.

We appreciate your accepting the responsibility to serve in this capacity, and we hope you will find the challenge a rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

Harlyn Riekema
Chair, CEO Board

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Clayton Ohrt
2675 Nolen Ave
Independence, IA 50644

Term beginning 4/03/2017

Term ending 4/30/2020

Filed in office of

SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State

Deputy

STATE OF IOWA
County of Buchanan

I, Clayton Ohrt, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, discharge all the duties as a member of the Workforce Investment Board for Region 7 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 877-6.5 in the State of Iowa as now or hereafter required of law.

Signature of Appointee

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said Clayton Ohrt this

_____ day of _____ A.D. _____.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at _____ the day
and date last above written.

Signature of Notary

Title

Appointment Resume for Regional Workforce Investment Board

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

Entire form must be completed for consideration by the Governor's Office. Additional information on Regional Boards and the appointment process are available in the Iowa Administrative Code (877 IAC 6.1-11).

PERSONAL DATA

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City Plainfield State IA Zip 50666 County Butler

Occupation CEO/GM

Business Phone 319-276-4458 Fax 319-276-7530 Cell Phone 319-961-0338

To assist us in providing balance and to meet our goal of increased diversity within the membership of boards and commissions, we appreciate your response to these questions. Under state and federal law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

Of what race or ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

Black/African-American
 Asian or Pacific Islander

White/Caucasian
 American Indian or Alaska Native

Latino/Hispano
 Other _____

please specify

Birthdate: 02 / 15 / 1956 Female Male Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Are you registered to vote in Iowa? Yes Indicate political affiliation: Democrat Republican No Party

SSN # _____

EDUCATION List schools attended, include high school. A current resume may be substituted for this section.

School _____ City & State of Iowa _____ Dates _____ Degree/Major _____

Humboldt Community High School; Humboldt, IA, 1970-1974; N/A

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA, 1974-1980; Accounting

Elected Offices, State Appointed Positions or Membership on Workforce Related Boards or Councils:

N/A

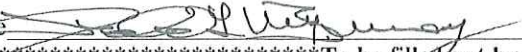
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EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE List major paid employment & significant volunteer activities. List chronologically beginning with most recent experience. *A Current resume may be submitted for this section.*

Dates (from-to)	Employer/Organization	City & State	Title/Position
See Attached			

INTEREST IN APPOINTMENT Describe in detail why you are interested in serving on a Regional Workforce Investment Board. Provide information about your background including your involvement in community organizations, religious and civic groups, or other associations.
. You may complete this section on a separate sheet.

As a local business leader I understand the need to have a diverse and well developed work force to support all businesses and industries within the Cedar Valley. I have actively participated in local economic growth activities and feel the industry I serve in is a valuable asset to the health of the economy in the area. I am currently a member of both state and federal telecom association legislative committees.

Signature:  Date: 4 / 5 / 17
 *****To be filled out by person referring candidate*****

Referred by: _____ (print name) Signature _____
 Organization: _____
 Title: _____

Reason for nomination (what specific qualities does this person possess which would make them a good member of the Regional Workforce Investment Board):

*****To be filled out by Chief Elected Officials of the Region*****

Please indicate what sector(s) the nominee represents:
 Business Labor County Elected Official
 School District City Official Community College
 College Other _____

Additional information to be considered by the Governor:

Signature of CEO Chair or designee _____ Print name: _____

Resume of
Richard L. McBurney, CEO/GM
Butler-Bremer Communications

Education:

Graduate of Humboldt Community High School
Graduate of University of Northern Iowa, BA Accounting

- Certified Public Accountant

Professional:

Iowa State Auditor's Office (1980-1985)
Albertson Company, P.C. (1985-1990)
Kiesling Associates, LLP (1990-1996)
Butler-Bremer Communications (1996-Present)
Assistant General Manager (1996-1998)
CEO/General Manager (1999-Present)

Industry:

Rural IA Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) Board Member (1999-2005)
RIITA Board President (2004-2005)
Various Industry Task Forces/Committees (Current Involvements):
Iowa Communications Alliance Legislative Committee
National Telephone Cooperative Association Government Affairs Committee

Region 7 Regional Workforce Development Board

April 5, 2017

Attention: Office of the Governor

RE: Region 7 Regional Workforce Development Board

Richard L. McBurney is the CEO/General Manager for Butler-Bremer Communications. Richard will fill our vacant Butler County Business position. Butler-Bremer Communications also qualifies as a small business designee through the Small Business Administration. Richard has been active within the telecom industry and his community during his distinguished career. The following are organizations he has represented or been employed by:

- Rural IA Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) Board Member
 - RIITA Board President (2004-2005)
- Iowa Communications Alliance Legislative Committee
- National Telephone Cooperative Association Government Affairs Committee
- Iowa State Auditor's Office
- Albertson Company, P.C.
- Kiesling Associates, LLP
- Butler-Bremer Communications
 - Assistant General Manager
 - CEO/General Manager

The Chief Elected Officials of the Region 7 Regional Workforce Development Board approve the appointments of the following board member:

Richard L. McBurney, Business, Republican

Sincerely,

Harlyn Riekana, CEO Chair
Region 7 Workforce Development Board

Appointment Resume for Regional Workforce Investment Board

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PERSONAL DATA

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Employer or Business Name Waterloo Community School District

Address 1516 Washington Street

City Waterloo State Iowa Zip 50702 County Black Hawk

Occupation Executive Director of Professional Technical Education

Business Phone 319-433-1842 Fax 319-433-1881 Cell Phone 319-427-0716

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Of what race or ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

Black/African-American

White/Caucasian

Latino/Hispano

Asian or Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native

Other

please specify

Birthdate: 09 / 22 / 80 XX Female Male Are you a citizen of the United States? XX Yes No

Are you registered to vote in Iowa? yes Indicate political affiliation: Democrat Republican No Party

SSN # 483-13-8685

EDUCATION List schools attended, include high school. A current resume may be substituted for this section.

School City & State of Iowa Dates Degree/Major

Elected Offices, State Appointed Positions or Membership on Workforce Related Boards or Councils:

Region 7 – Regional Planning Partnership Secretary
Waterloo Arts Cultural Commission – Vice Chair

Signature 

Date: 4 / 24 / 2017

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE List major paid employment & significant volunteer activities. List chronologically beginning with most recent experience. *A Current resume may be submitted for this section.*

Dates (from-to)	Employer/Organization	City & State	Title/Position

INTEREST IN APPOINTMENT Describe in detail why you are interested in serving on a Regional Workforce Investment Board. Provide information about your background including your involvement in community organizations, religious and civic groups, or other associations.
You may complete this section on a separate sheet.

I'm interested in this position as it directly aligns with the work I'm doing to build our career and technical education programs at the District. In my work, I meet with many community groups and businesses in order to align all our goals and initiatives. I have been working to increase my outreach of CTE through local speaking engagements and by becoming more involved at the State level. This May, I will be presenting at the NACTEi conference regarding the work Waterloo has done to start our career center. As a member and the secretary of the Region 7 Regional Planning Partnership, I feel that I could help this regional workforce board blend their vision with education and state initiatives that will positively impact our local region.

Signature Cyral B. [Signature] Date: 4/12/2017
 *****To be filled out by person referring candidate*****

Referred by: _____ (print name) Signature _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Reason for nomination (what specific qualities does this person possess which would make them a good member of the Regional Workforce Investment Board):

*****To be filled out by Chief Elected Officials of the Region*****

Please indicate what sector(s) the nominee represents:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> County Elected Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School District | <input type="checkbox"/> City Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Community College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Additional information to be considered by the Governor:

Signature of CEO Chair or designee _____ Print name: _____

**Region 7
Regional Workforce Development Board**

April 25, 2017

Attention: Office of the Governor

RE: Region 7 Regional Workforce Development Board

This letter serves as my recommendation of Crystal Buzza to the Regional Workforce Development Board for the Region 7. We believe that she is highly qualified to serve our community.

As the Executive Director of Professional Technical Education, Mrs. Buzza oversees the Career and Technical Education program from the Waterloo Community School District. In this role, she has been working to align the Districts expansion of career pathways with the states revitalization of Career and Technical Education. Through her work, Mrs. Buzza has been appointed to be the Secretary of the Region 7 Regional Planning Partnership. In addition, she had been a part of the Cedar Valley Future Ready planning discussions.

The Chief Elected Officials of the Region 7 Regional Workforce Development Board approve the appointment of the following board member:

Crystal Buzza, Ex-Officio School Board

Sincerely,

Harlyn Riekema, CEO Chair
Region 7 Workforce Development Board



Hannan, Chris <chris.hannan@iwd.iowa.gov>

SP-NEG follow up

1 message

Greene, Courtney <courtney.greene@iwd.iowa.gov>

Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 4:45 PM

To: Jennifer Reha <jennifer.reha@iwd.iowa.gov>, Jason Landess <jason.landess@iwd.iowa.gov>, Ronee Slagle <ronee.slagle@iwd.iowa.gov>, Michael Witt <michael.witt@iwd.iowa.gov>, Ryan West <ryan.west@iwd.iowa.gov>, Barbara Burrows <barbara.burrows@iowa.gov>, "Harris, Alex" <alex.harris@iowa.gov>, Jeremy Varner <jeremy.varner@iowa.gov>, Rich Michelle <MRich@sppg.com>, Janet Gill <janet.gill@witcc.edu>, "Andorf, Carla" <carla.andorf@iwd.iowa.gov>, Angie Arthur <aarthur@centraliowawib.com>, "Arends, Paula" <paula.arends@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Axtell, Ron" <Ron.Axtell@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Bonney, Val" <val.bonney@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Brocka, Dustin" <Dustin.Brocka@iwd.iowa.gov>, Chamberlin Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Chamberlin@iwd.iowa.gov>, Cheryl Johnson <cherylj@cfiowa.org>, "Erdmann, Jennifer [IWD]" <jennifer.snead@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Fick, Shawn" <Shawn.Fick@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Fuchs, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Fuchs@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Hannan, Chris" <Chris.Hannan@iwd.iowa.gov>, Henderson Lindsay <henderson_l@iowacentral.edu>, Jodi Spargur-Tate <jodis@cfiowa.org>, Larry Johnson <larry.johnson@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Messerly, Sara" <Sara.Messerly@iwd.iowa.gov>, Patti Hanson <patti.hanson@iwd.iowa.gov>, Renee Erbes <renee.erbes@iwd.iowa.gov>, Rissman Fern <Fern.Rissman@iwd.iowa.gov>, Ron Ludwig <RLudwig@maturaia.org>, "Ryan, Robert" <robert.ryan@iwd.iowa.gov>, Teresa Larson <teresal@cfiowa.org>, "Winquist, Beth" <Beth.Winquist@iwd.iowa.gov>, David Mitchell <david.mitchell@iowa.gov>, Garcia Heather <heather.garcia@iowa.gov>, John Carr <John.Carr@iwd.iowa.gov>, Amy Beller <amy.beller@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Clabby, Kyle" <kyle.clabby@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Conner, Brett" <Brett.Conner@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Daly, Patricia" <patricia.daly@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Garcia, Melissa [IWD]" <melissa.garcia@iowa.gov>, "Gotta, Antonina" <Antonina.Gotta@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Greene, Courtney" <Courtney.Greene@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Greenman, Wendy [IWD]" <wendy.greenman@iwd.iowa.gov>, Humphrey Benjamin <ben.humphrey@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Judkins, Kristi" <Kristi.Judkins@iwd.iowa.gov>, Lindee Jeneary <lindee.jeneary@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Malloy-Rotert, Michaela" <Michaela.Malloy-Rotert@iwd.iowa.gov>, Maureen McCarthy <Maureen.mccarthy@iwd.iowa.gov>, Myron Linn <myron.linn@iwd.iowa.gov>, Nilles Christine <Christine.Nilles@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Rouse, Linda" <linda.rouse@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Schippers, Denise" <Denise.Schippers@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Swacker, Jamie" <jamie.swacker@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Taylor, Kelly" <Kelly.Taylor@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Townsend, Beth" <Beth.Townsend@iwd.iowa.gov>, "Kersten, Jim" <Kersten@iowacentral.edu>, Liang Wee <weel@nicc.edu>, schulste@niacc.edu, vnewhouse@iowalakes.edu, aletheas@nwicc.edu, kinney@iowacentral.edu, Christopher.duree@iavalley.edu, Linda.allen@hawkeyecollege.edu, ddoucette@eicc.edu, Mick.starcevich@kirkwood.edu, rjdenson@dmacc.edu, Terry.murrell@witcc.edu, dkinney@iwcc.edu, Crittenden@swcciaowa.edu, Marlene.sprouse@indianhills.edu, mash@scciaowa.edu, Cory Kelly <cory.kelly@iwd.iowa.gov>
Cc: Joann Goode <joann.goode@iwd.iowa.gov>, Diana Sisler <diana.sisler@iwd.iowa.gov>

Good afternoon,

After serious consideration and numerous conversations with key stakeholders including US-DOL, the Director has decided not to pursue an extension of the SP-NEG. This means all grant activity must be complete by June 30, 2017.

This was not a decision made lightly or easily. However, given the DOL initiated conversations which emphasized the overwhelming likelihood that the request would be denied, and this could curtail future grant opportunities, Director Townsend decided Iowa's interests would be better served by following DOL guidance while maintaining our credibility when pursuing future grants.

Director Townsend is sensitive to the number of participants currently in training programs and the staff that assists them across the state. IWD financial management will continue to watch quarterly reports and provide guidance and flexibility in reallocating funds, as opportunities become available.

Throughout our conversations with US-DOL, they encouraged IWD and the State of Iowa to pursue future grant opportunities. We believe this decision will put Iowa in the best position to do so. Thank you for providing timely and

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5/5/2017

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valuable feedback and cooperation as we close out this grant. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with you in the future. If you have questions, please contact me at Courtney.greene@iwd.iowa.gov or 515.725.3800.

Best,
Courtney

Courtney Maxwell Greene, Operations Division Administrator
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**RWDB Report
May 11, 2017**

Title I Adult and DW

Business Closings

Please report any and all business closings to Chris Hannan or Dustin Brocka no matter the size. Below is a quick overview of recent business closings affecting Region 7.

Quick Overview of Business Closings

Service/Retail Industry	Total Confirmed Affected
Petco	8
Little Learners	4
Pizza Hut	3
Rue 21	8
Fredrick Furniture	7
Crazy 8	?
K-Mart	40
Townhouse Tenderloin	?
Townhouse Tenderloin	?
Sears Auto Center	5
HGS	129
Portrait Innovations	5
Vanity	?
Miller and Sons Tractor Service	?
HealthCare Industry	
Covenant	7
Central Iowa Healthcare	43
Ridgeway Place	42
Wilson Optometry	2
Hope Haven	?
Total	303

Dislocated Worker JD-NEG and SP-NEG Grant

- JDNEG grant hard end date of June 30, 2017
- SPNEG extension not pursued by IWD. End date of June 30, 2017
- 250-264 dislocated workers enrolled since beginning of grant
- Will attempt to service customers enrolled best we can after June 30, 2017

Trade Adjustment Assistance

Ocwen

- SEG ended Mach 31, 2017



- 55 required to be served. Provided services to 126 affected workers
- 5 have graduated from their classroom training and found employment
- 93 affected workers will continue to be served during their classroom training
- 6 utilizing RTAA/ATAA

Terex

- SEG ends December 31, 2017
- 50 affected workers required to be served. Currently serving 27
- 10 applications are processing

DEI/T2W

- 68 people currently being served through Ticket to Work. 29 are currently reporting to be working.
- New reports confirm that Region 7 leads with number of Ticket Holders finding employment and earning wages.
- 72 Tickets assigned to Region 7, and quarterly work incentives totaled \$37,742.00.
- 12 people are co-enrolled with DEI and other programs.

Title I Youth/Young Adult Program

- 23 WEP's have started in PY 16
- Staff are serving on the Advisory Committee for the Waterloo Youth Jobs Initiative headed up by Waterloo's Mayor, Quentin Hart.
- Hired Karri Miller to fill Patti Mohling's position due to her retirement. Started May 1, 2017

Jane was hired as a childcare support staff member at St. John Preschool and Childcare Center in Cedar Falls, Iowa after she completed a Work Experience Placement with the WIOA Young Adult Program. The center was at first a little hesitant as to whether they would have a place for Megan that would warrant continued employment but they found that Megan's enthusiasm and helpfulness went beyond just a learning experience. She fulfilled a real need at their center, and became a valuable member of their team.

Title II Adult Education and Literacy

Open Competition for Federal AEL Funding:

- For the first time ever, Iowa will have an open competition for the federal funds allocated to provide AEL services.
- For the first time ever, the funding period will be a three-year cycle. Funded organizations will receive funds to be used July 1, 2017---June 30, 2020.
- Timeline for application-----Key dates:
 - May 1, 2017: RFP for Title II Funds submitted
 - May 12, 2017: Local Board Recommendations on Title II Applications Due
 - May 15, 2017: Title II applications reviewed by Iowa Department of Education
 - May 29, 2017: Negotiations and Budget Reviews
 - June 10, 2017: Title II Providers Announced

I-BEST



- WIOA includes mandate for IET (Integrated Education and Training). I-BEST is a strong example of one way to provide IET.
- CNC I-BEST class started January 23: 8 students (3 HSC & 5 ELL)
- CNA I-BEST class started January 26: 10 students (5 HSC & 5 ELL); 8 students able to complete clinicals
- Completion ceremony both classes: May 16, 10 AM at the Metro Center---RWDB members invited

High School Completion (HSC) classes

- Will conclude in May, then special May/June mini-session; July summer session
- Will move to a semester schedule for upcoming school year rather than quarters used currently; fall semester starts August 28
- HSED graduation ceremony is June 29, at 7 PM at Tama Hall----RWDB members invited

English Language Learning (ELL) classes

- Will conclude in May, July summer session
- Fall semester starts August 28
- ELL Next Step Ceremony, May 17 at 10:30 AM, Waterloo Center for the Arts----RWDB members invited

Funding

- State funding for AEL kept at level funding for 2017-18; proposed 50% cut in 2018
- Senior Companion Program funding continuing for 2017; 2018 likely large cuts

New Building

- Construction underway
- Anticipated occupancy is August 2018

Title III

Jennifer Gray served youth at the Waterloo Schools. Jennifer goes to the high schools each Tuesday and goes to a different school each week. She has been present at Expo, East and West High School. On the 4th week Jennifer will be present at the Career Center at Central Middle School. The career academy includes nursing and graphic arts. In the fall 3 more tracks will be added.

Team lead Debra Hodges-Harmon and Operations Manager, Andrew Trower attended a Resource Day at a local elementary school. They provided assistance to parents in regards to employment and discussed all services available at IowaWORKS.

The Business Services Team attended the Strictly Business Expo downtown Waterloo and made contact with 30 plus businesses to develop a relationship and assist with their hiring needs.

The Business Services Team attended a meeting for the Waterloo Youth Employment Initiative and collaborated with Mayor Hart, Waterloo Public Schools and Hawkeye Community College. The Business Services Team invited employers to take part in this meeting and become informed in this Initiative.



The Business Services Team attended the Ambassador Training for Elevate Iowa, Advanced Manufacturing. This training was helpful to inform the public about career opportunities in the manufacturing industry. Megan Jensen and Lacie Westendorf proctored the National Career Readiness Certificate to the entire junior class at North Butler high school. Douglas Marshall and Jennifer Gray attended the Resource Fair and the Food Bank in Waterloo. They were available to assist anyone who needed assistance with finding employment or had questions regarding our services.

On April 20th the Business Services Team planned Part 2 Maximizing Talent Minimizing Risk at Hawkeye Community College. This event provided information to help returning citizens return to their community. A simulation took place in the first part of the event to help those who attended get a better understanding of what returning citizens' encounter on a day to day basis. Great discussion took place including information regarding Employer liability, background checks, WOTC/Federal Bonding, RA within the correctional facility, America's Job Honor program, and our collaboration with the Department of Corrections.

Rhonda Hall continues to be the point of contact for the Northern District in regards to Registered Apprenticeships. The whole Northern District received training on Registered Apprenticeships from Amy Beller and Heather Garcia. This included helpful information to inform employees of the benefits to Registered Apprenticeships and doing a "sales" pitch to one another. Business Services is introducing Registered Apprenticeships to businesses in the area.

Douglas Marshall traveled to Indiana for the 2nd week of Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training. He continues to offer job searching services to the Department of Corrections Women facility, Men's facility, and parole center each week. The BSR is working on a hiring event that will take place in Waverly on June 6th. They also continue to work on a reverse hiring event scheduled for July 20th. They also continue to offer open interviews at the IowaWORKS center for businesses who would like to speak with job seekers.

Title IV

In May, Stephanie Meyer, IVRS Business Development Specialist will be partnering with the UNI Small Business Development Center to present the IVRS Iowa Self-Employment program. This is a program to support individuals with disabilities to become self-employed.

Project Search Unity Point Health Care has to date secured 3 Interns competitive employment. WE are still working to get 8 more Interns employed.

ABLE Accounts (Achieving a Better Life Experience) can now ne opening for Iowa person with disabilities. This allows people on SSI to save money in an account and maintain benefits. Distributions may be made for qualified disability expenses that maintain or improve health, independence and quality of life.

Four Staff members attended the Maximizing Talent Minimizing Risk workshop held by Workforce.

Four Staff members attended the 2 day Apprenticeship training at HCC held by Workforce.

Attachments Below



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Listening Tour

Please attend to share your perspectives to help identify and address barriers to minority employment in Black Hawk County.

Tuesday, May 9
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Payne Memorial AME Church
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