

## **MOU Partner Meeting Region One**

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Keystone AEA, Conference Center, Room D5

10:00 a.m.

### ***Members participating in person:***

Chelley Pratt, AARP  
Cindy Cannavo, AARP  
Jeanne Helling, Voc Rehab  
Jamie Phipps, Dept. for the Blind  
Bill Iverson, NEICAC  
Ron Axtell, IWD/ECIA  
Fern Rissman, IowaWorks NE IA  
Darol Engelhardt, RISE Ltd.  
Patrick Taggart, Proteus

### ***Members invited, but unavailable:***

Linda Rouse, IWD  
Marla Loecke, IWD  
Carrie Snell, Job Corps  
Gisella Aitken-Shadle, NICC/AELD  
Rachelle Howe, UERPC  
Tracey Kromady-Ketchum, Experience Works  
Michael Howell, Voc Rehab  
Richard Sorey, Dept for the Blind  
Steve Tissue, Goodwill Industries

### ***Members participating via conference call:***

Kelley Deutmeyer, ECIA  
Christina Mason, IWD  
Wendy Mihm-Herold, NICC

### ***Others Present:***

Penny Ingles, Keystone AEA

**Introductions** were made and Fern welcomed members present. Fern/Ron noted that Greg Newton training was being held on Thursday, January 14, in IWD, Dubuque office, connecting the training to the Decorah office by Google Chrome. This training was geared toward front-line staff so they would have a good understanding of WIOA. The Greg Newton overview was shared and discussed. (see handout)

### **Identification of WIOA Core Partners**

The Six “Core Program” Partners under WIOA are Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth (Title I-B); Adult Education and Literacy (Title II), Wagner-Peysor (Title III), and Vocational Rehab (Title IV). Title I and III have been together in Region 1. This would include ECIA/Upper Explorerland and Iowa Workforce Development. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be sent out for Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth service providers. RWIB/CEO will choose the service providers from these proposals. Title IV, Voc Rehab also includes the Department of the Blind.

The One-stop center in Region 1 is the Dubuque office, with a satellite office in Decorah. Decorah is the only integrated satellite office in the state. The new state director is interested in increasing customer service by bringing some staff back on a limited basis in Manchester/Oelwein/New Hampton/West Union/Waukon. Information needs to be shared with public as to when offices are open/staff is available and where offices are located.

A Unified State Plan and a Local Plan with Alignment strategies is being worked on. The Local Plan will help with seamless delivery, tracking referrals, and will include the same performance indicators/reporting (almost). In contact with Ben Humphries, Legal Council for WIOA, Fern, Ron, Marla Loecke (IWD), Wendy Mihm-Herald (NICC), and Gisella Aitken-Shadle (NICC/Adult Ed) have been working on the local plan. It was noted that when the RWIB/CEO boards review the RFPs, the Local Plan could change to represent the service providers (in the event that Upper Explorerland/IWD was not chosen).

There is a Statewide MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) being shared currently. There is supposed to be a new MOU coming.

## **Identification of WIOA System Partners**

Required WIOA One-Stop Partners - Participating in the Operation of the One-Stop Delivery System. Required to have these, but could also have more.

- WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth
- Wagner-Peyser (IWD)
- Adult Education and Literacy
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Career, Technical Education (NICC)
- Title V Older Americans Act (AARP/Experience Works)
- Job Corps (Dennison & Ottumwa)
- Native American Programs (don't have)
- Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers (Proteus)
- Veterans (IWD)
- YouthBuild
- Trade Act
- CSBG (Community Action)
- HUD
- Unemployment Compensation (IWD)
- Second Chance (Offender/Re-Entry)
- TANF (Unless the Governor Says, "No") (Promise Jobs)
- Others (If Chief Elected Officials and Governor Says, "Yes")

## **Sharing WIOA Career Services (MOU spreadsheet)**

A contact list of MOU Partners was shared for participants to review and OK, edit or add to as needed. (see updated list)

Attachment C3-Partner Service Description that is included in the current local plan was discussed along with the spreadsheet with all career services that must be provided through the one stop system. The spreadsheet included all agencies and was sent to each partner for updating with services they provide. Fern asked that this information be updated or OK'd and returned to her by February 1. This information will be included in the updated local plan.

## **Establish MOU Partner Meeting Schedule**

Developing goals and what the MOU Partners want from the meetings was discussed. Sharing new ideas, focusing on MOU Local Plan, new people meet and great, were some of the ideas. New ideas/agenda items can be sent to Penny ([pingles@aeal.k12.ia.us](mailto:pingles@aeal.k12.ia.us)) and an outline sent to others for input.

Meeting dates were tabled until the new MOU comes out.

The meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.