

Regional Workforce Development Board  
Chief Elected Officials  
February 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Region 16 Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chief Elected Officials (CEO) was held on February 26, 2018 at 5:00 PM. at IowaWORKS.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**ATTENDEES**

**RWDB Members Present:** Mike Hickey, Dennis Duke, Jacob Nye, Carolyn Farley, Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Cynthia Whalen, Kristina Martinez, and Dick Beard,

**RWDB Members Absent:** Ryan Drew, Phil Hecht, Rachel Miller, Cara Sanders, Monica Dyar, Andrew Ferguson, Chad Palmer, Wood Stortzum, and Michelle Mutchler,

**CEO Present:** Gary See, and Rick Larkin

**CEO Absent:** Jim Cary and Brad Quigley

**Staff Present:** Robert Ryan (WIOA), and Miranda Brown (RWDB Secretary)

**Guests:** Ben Humphrey (IWD Lawyer), Joyce Stimpson (RWDB applicant from Case-New Holland) and Trisha Smith (AEL Instructor)

**Quorum**

There was no quorum to approve voting items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tabled until next meeting.

**REGIONAL REALIGNMENT**

Humphrey gave a presentation on the overall process and status of the realignment process for Local Workforce Areas. In September 2017 the Department of Labor (DOL) reviewed the Local Area boards and determined that they were not meeting all mandated requirements under the WIOA legislation. A state realignment committee has been appointed and has held three meetings as of today. The new structure determination is anticipated to be announced in May or June. After announcing the new structure presentations will be given on how the process will work and they will begin appointing members to the new boards and hiring support staff. The new configuration will meet all mandatory WIOA requirements. A discussion has been held to maintain the current RWDBs as advisory committees. The entire process is anticipated to be completed in October 2019.

**TITLE 1 WIOA UPDATE**

Ryan reported that the fiscal year is 58% complete with Dislocated Worker (DW) at 59 ½% expended and all other programs on track. He also reported that the DW program will be receiving an additional \$10,000 from the state.

**TITLE II AEL UPDATE**

Martinez reported that all AEL funding is on track for the current fiscal year with no carryover. She reported that graduation is scheduled to take place in May and their current numbers already exceeded last fiscal years.

### **TITLE III IWD UPDATE**

Farley reported that all four counties current unemployment rates have increased due to seasonal layoffs. She also reported on January 25 Siemens laid off 202 employees and on January 29<sup>th</sup> a Rapid Response meeting was held. A job fair was held on February 16 for Siemens employees with 102 employees in attendance and 47 employers.

### **TITLE IV VR/IDB UPDATE**

Whalen reported that VR staff gave a presentation at a state conference regarding the transition program that was held last summer that was going to be used as an example for the rest of the state to follow.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.