

Regional Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials
July 22nd, 2019

The regular meeting of the Region 16 Workforce Development Board (RWDB) and Chief Elected Officials (CEO) was held on July 22nd, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at IowaWORKS.

CALL TO ORDER

Duke called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES

RWDB Members Present: Patrick Lacy, Rachel Miller, Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Jacob Nye, Cara Sanders, Michelle Mutchler, Joyce Stimpson, Wood Stortzum, Monica Dyar, Dennis Duke, Carolyn Farley, Deb Mulch, and Dennis Fraise

RWDB Members Absent: Amber Moats, Candice Becker, Cynthia Whalen, Dick Beard, Carla McNamee, Mike Hickey, and Ryan Drew

CEO Present: Jim Cary, and Rick Larkin

CEO Absent: Gary See and Brad Quigley

Staff Present: Miranda Brown (RWDB Staff), and Courtney Mullen (WIOA Co-Director)

Guests: Kochell Weber-Ricklefs (IDB), Maria Gapen (IWD) and Brent Strawhacker (Client)

SUCCESS STORY

Gapen introduced her client Brent Strawhacker and applauded him on his successful completion of the program. Strawhacker told his story of how he developed physical limitations that forced him to make a career change. He is now self-employed, doing a job he has always had a passion for. Without the programs under WIOA he said he would not be where he is today, and gave his appreciation for the staff and assistance he has received along his path.

QUORUM

A quorum was established for the RWDB but not for the CEOs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Fife-LaFrenz made the motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Dyar, motion carried.

VACANCIES

Brown reported that there was a school ex-officio, and a business representative vacancy.

TITLE 1 WIOA UPDATE

Mullen reported that all programs except DW were underspend for FY2019. For FY2020 they received approximately a \$200,000 funding cut

TITLE II AEL UPDATE

Mulch said that the next orientation will take place on August 1st and 2nd. She also reported that they currently do not have an instructor in Mt. Pleasant.

TITLE III IWD UPDATE

Farley reported that the state unemployment rate is still at 2.4%, and that county specific rates have not yet been released. Additionally, she announced that IWD would be holding a job fair on July 26th for Siemens that currently has 50 openings.

TITLE IV VR/IDB UPDATE

Miller introduced Weber-Ricklefs as the Employment Specialist for IDB serving the eastern portion of Iowa. They will be visiting local businesses this week and providing information about hiring people who are blind/visually impaired.

EXTENSION OF MOU

Fife-LaFrenz made a motion to extend the current MOU for one year, seconded by Fraise, motion carried.

ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST – CNA

Farley made a motion to approve the SCC CNA program to the ETPL, seconded by Stortzum, motion carried.

FY2020 PROPOSED BOARD BUDGET

Fife-LaFrenz made a motion to approve the FY20 board budget, seconded by Mutchler, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Duke adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

ADDENDUM

The Chief Elected Officials (CEO) met via conference call on August 1st, at 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

CEO Present: Gary See, Rick Larkin, Jim Cary, and Brad Quigley

Staff Present: Miranda Brown (RWDB Staff)

CALL TO ORDER

See called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Quigley made the motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Cary, motion carried.

ETPL – CAN

Cary made a motion to approve the SCC CNA program to the ETPL, seconded by Quigley, , motion carried.

FY 20 BOARD BUDGET

Quigley made a motion to approve the FY20 board budget, seconded by Larkin, motion carried.

EXTENSION OF MOU

Cary made a motion to extend the current MOU for one year, seconded by Larkin, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

See adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.