

**Regional Workforce Development Board/
Chief Elected Officials Meeting
November 1, 2018**

RWDB Present: Terri Ewers, JR Ackley, Sandra Leake, Mary Ott; Cindy Harris, Jennifer Breister and Nick Foley

CEO Present: Joel Voaklander, Corey Eberling, Tim Latham and Mark Smeby

Staff: Patti Hanson, Regional Director, Terry Schumaker, Dean Continuing Ed.-NIACC and Angie Bathke, VR

Guests: Terri Swanson, Mason City Clinic, Brian Warner, VR Rehabilitation Counselor-MCAO and Marcy Tempus-Success Story

1.0 Welcome

Corey started and mentioned that RWDB is missing their Chair and Vice Chair and JR Ackley has agreed to conduct RWDB portion of the meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves and it was with deep regret regarding the resignation of Steve Faulkner from the Region 2 RWDB and copies of his letter were available.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 RWDB/CEO Approval of November 1, 2018 Agenda and August 2, 2018 meeting minutes:

RWDB: Motion: Ott 2nd: Ewers Vote: Unanimous

CEO: Motion: Smeby 2nd Voaklander Vote: Unanimous

3.0 Director's Announcements and AIWP Update:

3.1 Title 1 Program Updates – Patti

3.2 Title I Program Final Monitoring Report-Spring 2018 – official copy in packet; it went well.

Discovery Day at NIACC on December 18th; IowaWORKS partnering with NIACC in working with eighth grade classes in area doing interest inventory; approximately 868 8th graders at NIACC campus and 60 employers will also be on hand to talk to

them about careers. Human Service Club Partnership, November 8th meeting – students working on action plan. Larry Kollman, NIACC instructor they are partnering with, stated students talking about this in class and doing recruiting. County outreach – several work experiences hired by employers.

4.0 Adult Education/Literacy Update

- 4.1 Title II Enrollment Numbers – Sandra – information in packet; program year is from July 1st – June 30th.
- 4.2 Region 2 Literacy Needs Survey Results – survey sent out and online survey to community partners to see how much they knew about their services and asking about the needs they see with their clients. Some of the biggest needs were financial literacy, computer literacy, reading and math literacy. Hoping to have computer class at IowaWORKS possibly in January/ February to help with basic computer literacy. Older clients need computer literacy. Discussion was held regarding how many it reached.
- 4.3 Upcoming Short Term Classes – flyers in packet

5.0 Wagner-Peyser Update

- 5.1 Title III Statistics – Nick - Future Ready Iowa Summit – great comments and feedback. Peter Bieber, DVOP staff person at IowaWORKS, started October 19th. Discussion regarding registered apprenticeships and upcoming trainings for all businesses.
- 5.2 Unemployment Maps – discussion

6.0 IVRS Update

- 6.1 Title IV Happenings – Mary talked about the National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month Event that was held at LakeView Room at Clear Lake on October 24th and was partnered with other agencies in the building and was a great success. Four employers that hired Job Candidates with significant disabilities were recognized and their success stories.

Success Story – Marcy, a VR Job Candidate, talked about her involvement with VR and different adaptive devices she has to help her and appreciated all of the support from VR. Marcy also

mentioned that she would be willing to speak to groups that would be interested in hearing about her success story. Brian Warner, VR Counselor, also talked about Marcy's journey with VR and how proud he is of her and her great skills.

7. Informational Items

7.1 Updated Region 2 Board Membership Matrix – Patti talked about what was needed and looking for, two laborers, including registered apprenticeships, city elected official, as well as school district official. Please contact Patti if you have any names.

Realignment – on hold until November State Board Meeting – nothing new to report and will let people know of the meeting date. Question was asked on how surveys are taken on low employment rates. Nick discussed this further on how this is based on the number of claims; doesn't consider those not in the workforce. What percentage is actually in the workforce. Discussion regarding possible number of regions and very important for people to be vocal during this process.

8.0 Upcoming Meetings Schedule

8.1 February 14, 2019

8.2 May 2, 2019

Patti asked if everyone wanted to keep the same timeframe for meeting and attendees were in agreement to keep this timeframe.

Terry Schumacher talked about apprenticeships.

**9.0 Adjournment: RWDB: Motion: Ackley; Vote: Unanimous
CEO: Motion: Latham 2nd; Smeby Vote: Unanimous**