

WIOA Subcommittee for Local Governance & Sector Strategies

Washington State Labor Council
 906 Columbia Street SW-1st Floor Conference Room
 Olympia, WA 98501
 Noon-4PM
Monday, March 9, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Agenda	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Noon – Welcome by co-chairs/introductions/agenda review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review membership/schedule/work plan ✓ Discuss the development of task forces ✓ Establish meeting protocols: parking lots, polling to determine consensus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediate goal defined as establishing task forces, which may include non-subcommittee members. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sector Strategies Taskforce 2. Regional Planning Taskforce 3. Local Governance Taskforce ○ Progress reports due to Steering Committee every 6 weeks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 12:30 PM–Presentation & Discussion: Sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Overview of topics/issues/committee responsibility (Agnes Balassa, ESD, subcommittee staff) ✓ Understanding sectors/clusters (Carolyn McKinnon, Dept. of Commerce) ✓ Discussion & task force chartering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sectors are groups of common industries, i.e. aerospace, medical, etc. ○ In the Opportunity Act, sectors are mentioned 50 times. ○ Sector strategies may address skills gap in different ways: recruitment, screening, training, etc. ○ Sectors may be aligned with a community or technical college. ○ Sectors have been defined since at least 2008 under Gregoire and Inslee: Centers of Excellence (colleges), local Skill Panels, and Innovation Partnership Zones. Centers of Excellence align well with Inslee’s identified sectors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns were raised with ensuring plans were realistic to funds currently available but some sector models may still be valuable even if not currently funded. ○ It appears that the models change depending on who is in charge politically and where the funding comes from. ○ David Stillman questioned whether existing sector strategies were necessarily serving the TANF population well. Taskforce should reflect needs of all kinds of clients. ○ Some argued that the best sector strategies have access points for people at all skill levels. ○ What do you see different about WIOA? It is a more formal process. WIOA mandates will ensure more information and better decisions based on better information. ○ Oregon and Idaho are both interested in cross-border coordination. ○ Don't forget skills that cross industries; Sector Task Force should include representatives from Pathways Subcomm. ○ "Job vacancy" survey of employers no longer conducted but there may be a better way to get this information.
❖ 1:45 PM-Break	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2:00 PM- Presentation & Discussion: Regions ✓ Overview of topics/issues/committee responsibility (Agnes Balassa, ESD/subcommittee staff) ✓ Presentation of data tool to help identify regions (Cynthia Forland and Scott Wheeler, ESD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regions are new in WIOA and are intended to address skills gaps with more resources and better coordination. ○ Recently completed Tri-State Labor Market analysis used county-level data to focus on industry concentration (number of employees) and commute patterns (number entering or leaving the county for work). The analysis looked at 32 industries in 119 counties. ○ Tool does not currently contain wage data but it can be updated as business needs require.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discussion & task force chartering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WIOA is silent on whether regions need to be contiguous. ○ Informal coordination may continue across regional lines. ○ Link to tool will be placed on the Subcommittee website. It is in the public domain.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 3:15 PM-Discussion: Local Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Overview of topics/issues/committee responsibility (Agnes Balassa, ESD/subcommittee staff) ✓ Discussion and task force chartering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Task Force will focus on criteria for local board membership. ○ All local boards qualify as “alternative entities” since they follow WIA rules. ○ Local boards that wish to change their composition must follow new WIOA guidelines.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 3:45 PM-Public Comment Period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No public comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Identify Next Steps/Adjourn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meetings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April, 6 2015 Noon-4PM 906 Columbia Street SW, Olympia, WA 98501 2. May 4, 2015 Noon-4PM TBD 3. June 1, 2015 Noon -4PM TBD

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