

WIOA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2015

Steering Committee Members Present:

Gary Chandler, Association of Washington Business

Jeff Johnson, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department

Andres Aguirre, Department of Social and Health Services, Vocational Rehabilitation

Lou Oma Durand, Department of Services for the Blind

David Stillman, Department of Social and Health Services, TANF

Mark Mattke, Washington Workforce Association

Jon Kerr, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Basic Education for Adults

Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Johnson and Gary Chandler welcomed guests and made introductions.

Governor's Vision and Directive

Xandre Chateaubriand, a policy advisor with the Governor's Office, went over the Governor's letter detailing the Board's role and responsibility in the implementation of WIOA.

Committee Vision and Goals

The Committee is honored the Governor has trusted them with the opportunity to help the workforce in Washington. Committee members feel this is a great opportunity to come together to improve the system. It is also an opportunity to reset the way the Legislature looks at workforce and labor development.

The Committee discussed the importance of bringing together the right group of people to ensure the best, most transparent process. The Committee agreed to seek a representative from the Department of Commerce.

The core program Steering Committee members spoke to what their particular agency's role is in workforce development and job delivery services. After the discussion the Committee expressed a strong interest in gaining a true understanding of the role each program plays and requested a series of "101 sessions" to learn more.

The Committee discussed letters mailed to the Governor from Workforce Development Councils (WDCs), requesting approval of local Councils/Boards. Following discussion, the Committee approved a recommendation to the Workforce Board, asking that the Governor approve Initial Designation of the current 12 WDC Boards, effective no later than June 30, 2016.

The Committee discussed the various national committees that members participate in and the importance of ensuring the same message is being conveyed across the board.

The Committee asked to involve advocates from stakeholder groups in future meetings to ensure meaningful stakeholder process.

Committee Governance

The Committee discussed Governance but did not come to a final decision on the process for decision making. Further discussion will occur at a future meeting.

Review Work Timelines

Workforce Board Executive Director Eleni Papadakis updated the Committee on the new timeline for the US Department of Labor's rule development. The Committee discussed rule commenting and Eleni asked them to think about what consensus means.

The Committee approved the following meeting dates:

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

The Committee agreed that when possible they will web-cast the Steering Committee meetings as a way to engage more people.

The Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

The Steering Committee reconvened at 11:30 a.m. for a briefing with the WIOA Subcommittee co-chairs.