



WIOA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015

Steering Committee Members Present:

Gary Chandler, Association of Washington Business

Jeff Johnson, Washington State Labor Council

Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Tim Probst for Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department

Dave Condon, Representing City Officials

Betty Klattenhoff for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Alex Pietsch, Department of Commerce

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, Spokane Area Workforce Development

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, the minutes were approved as presented.

Eleni Papadakis updated the Committee on the Board's recommendation to the Governor's office to initially grandfather in the 12 existing Workforce Development Councils for a period of 2 years. The intention of the recommendation is to provide stability through the planning process by holding the existing WDCs static for the time being.

Overview of Washington State Workforce Development Councils

Mark Mattke provided a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the 12 WDCs. Mark Mattke, Cheryl Fambles and Marlana Sessions provided clarifying information to the committee regarding levels of accountability.

The Committee discussed the composition of the WDC's and the potential of reconsidering the makeup of the councils in the future. In response to a question from Gary Chandler, The WDC representatives provided information on how their council members are selected, what the requirements are under WIA, as well as the individual requirements of their particular WDC.

Mark Mattke offered to provide a side-by-side comparison of the council member requirements under WIA vs. WIOA.

The WDC representatives voiced their concerns regarding the limited amount of time available to accomplish the work outlined in WIOA while still maintaining their current functions. They also discussed the difficulty of moving forward in the absence of clear regulations.

The Committee discussed the WDC's commitment to providing customer-focused services. They also touched on what integrated service delivery means.

Subcommittee Updates

Local Government and Sector Strategies

Bill Messenger went over the committee meeting notes. He reported that the composition of the Council seems to be even more up in the air. He noted that Washington already does a really good job with sector strategies, and that we should take a look at that model for guidance.

Accountability and ETPL Subcommittee

Chelsea Orvella provided a power point presentation and an update on the last meeting of the Accountability and ETPL Subcommittee. She said the committee had gone over their operating principles. She noted they will be addressing the issues of budget and administrative staff support and they will likely be forming a task force to address ETPL.

Education and Careers Pathways Subcommittee

Alisha Benson updated the Steering Committee on the Education and Career Pathways Subcommittee. She said that they had had their first meeting and there was a lot of interest in the group. She noted that most of the agencies were represented along with support from industry. Eric Wolf gave an overview of integrated service delivery models and they formed task forces to address adults with barriers and youth services.

The Steering Committee discussed recruitment and how to ensure the proper subject matter experts are participating in the planning process.

Set Task Forces and Their Chairs

The Steering Committee formed three task forces. The first is the Task Force for a Unified vs. Combined Plan. Under current structure, each of the four programs under WIOA submit separate plans. Under the changes, both plans would have the core programs. If the state determines to move forward with a combined plan, it would include one or more programs beyond the core. The Task Force will examine the pros and cons of including those programs. The Committee asked David Stillman to Chair the Task Force.

The second Task Force was to establish One-Stop Certification and Assessment Criteria. The Task Force will examine how best to establish one statewide certification and assessment criteria. This is truly a change from where we've been before. The criteria should be developed in a manner based on what is provided by the Governor and regulations. Also integrates available services and criteria for service. The Steering Committee asked Mark Mattke to Chair the Task Force.

The third Task Force was to bring funding distribution recommendations to the Steering Committee. Dale Peinecke will head this Task Force.

Wrap up and Next Steps

Terri will put together a list of those volunteering and participating on the Task Forces for the committee. Next meeting date is March 24th, 8:30-12:30 p.m. at the Washington State Labor Council.

Adjourned 12:30 p.m.

