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Work-Based Learning Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Committee Members: Audrey Fletcher, Debbie Ronneburg, Elizabeth Hoeper, Gina Robison, John Russ, Marie Price, Maureen O'Toole, Ryan Gravette, Sean Kelly, Sherry Maupin, Vicki Isakson

Guests: Elaine Zabriskie

Staff: Paige Nielebeck, Matthew Thomsen, Caty Solace, Wendi Secrist, Jeffrey Bacon

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll call – Quorum met.

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda.

***WBL Definitions and Outcomes Next Steps**

Mr. Thomsen reviewed the WBL Definitions and Outcomes. Please see attached document.

Discussion:

The Committee would like definitions at the top of the document clearly outlining the meaning of low, medium, and high.

The document is very clean and easy to read.

The State Board of Education will likely review the standards and make suggestions. As a result, formal adoption will not be considered at this meeting. Then a final version will go to the Council once it comes back from the State Board.

Will the State Board of Education (SBOE) be responsible for determining implementation methods?

- The terms themselves are not new and are being used extensively at the postsecondary level. The Idaho Standards for High Quality Work-Based Learning gives Idaho a tool to create common language. It will therefore give our partners in education the ability to start creating common course codes. From that point on, tracking WBL throughout the state will be significantly simplified. There have been two separate attempts to measure internships, apprenticeships, and other WBL in the state of Idaho. Common definitions are the platform to begin building a way to measure our growth in WBL.
- A common language creates an expectation of consistency with flexibility.
- Does the SBOE have the ability to enforce the definitions?

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- They can. They do have some of these definitions in use already. There has not necessarily been alignment across the systems.

Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Application

Ms. Robison provided an overview of the ABA Grant.

Discussion:

What is the focus of this grant?

- There are four categories in this grant. IDOL was able to apply in the first category with a focus on coaching for employers and apprentices. The goal is to make building apprenticeships easier for employers and sponsors. Some employers have an apprenticeship manager but do not have the funds to provide a full-time employee.
- IDOL was asked to pilot a public sector apprenticeship coordinator.
- They have established a relationship with the National Institute of Innovation and Technology and connected them with Idaho Manufacturing Alliance to provide a full-time employee to work on semi-conductor and nano-technology apprenticeship and training.
- IDOL is hoping to receive funding for at least one of the categories.
 - The ABA Grant was very complicated. Certain agencies could apply across all four categories.

Governor's Leading Idaho Initiative

This item will be moved to another meeting.

Idaho Apprenticeship Coalition Update

There are no updates at this time.

Adjourned at 1:23 p.m.