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WIOA Advisory Group Meeting Minutes September 20, 2019

Attendees: Admir Selimovic, Teresa Pitt, Mike Walsh, Lauren McMahan, Connie Gardner, Rico Barerra, Kristyn Carr, Cindy Leman (? EasterSeals-Goodwill), Kristine (experience Works)

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Paige Nielebeck, Amanda Ames

Welcome

Review Agenda

Ms. McMahan briefly went over the agenda.

Debrief Public Listening Sessions & Next Steps

We have completed all 15 of our public listening sessions across the state.

207 people total attended the meetings.

Ms. Secrist has made a request of USDOL for Technical assistance to bring a facilitator to take all of the information that was gathered, synthesize it, and look at what are the things we need to change we are doing, things we need to give up, and things we need to start doing. The goal is to get the One-Stop Committee and the WIOA Advisory Group together in one meeting to go through this process.

Some of the major barriers that came up in discussions were:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Soft Skills
- Access to training (CTE)

The group discussed the meetings and the notes that came from those meeting. Please see attached notes.

Business services project: working with employers who have federal contracts on their affirmative action policies.

The Next step is to work with USDOL. If USDOL is not willing to fund the technical assistance, Ms. Secrist has a backup plan of asking Diane Walton from USDOL to come and help with this process. Ms. Nielebeck will put out a doodle poll to find a time for the joint One-Stop Committee and WIOA Advisory Group meeting.

Agency Updates

CTE hired Molly Valsechini and their new GED Coordinator. She is very high energy and she is going to do great in this role!

Commission on Aging hired Admir Selimovic to take over the **SCEP** Program. Their leadership team are going out to their area agencies to talk about budgets, goals, and state plans.

On October 8 the WDC is hosting Age of Agility: The Governor's Summit on the Future of Work. The Governor will be speaking at lunch on his vision of Education and Workforce Development. There will be lot of other great speakers! The event is all day and will be held at the Boise Centre. The Council meeting will be the following day and will only be a half day meeting. There will be a presentation on Job Core and from the State Board of Education. Angelique Rood from Idaho Power is going to be giving a presentation on what it means to become a State Apprenticeship Agency.

VR: They are engaged in their statewide needs assessment. They wanted it to be informative for the state plan. They are planning to host focus groups and have sent out surveys. VR is working on hiring new employees. They have had a lot of retirements lately.

ICBVI: They are also doing their statewide needs assessment. Nancy Wise (independent living coordinator) is retiring. They are hoping to fill her position by next week. They were able to hire their second person to be a financial tech. He is also going to be helping with internal controls, policy writing, federal reporting, etc.

Labor: Gail Richardson is working on the workforce quality initiative with our partners. She is also working on SWIS with them. It will be live December 31. Job Corps is moving along great. There have been quite a few staff hired. They are going to launch student services on October 22. They have had one orientation session for potential sessions and started interviews this week. They hire Gina Robison for the Statewide Apprenticeship position.

EasterSeals-Goodwill: They just launched July 1 and is starting to offer services to seniors in Idaho.

Establishing Comprehensive Centers in Region 1,3,4, and 5

As they have rolled out their new service delivery model, it makes more sense to have comprehensive centers in all 6 regions. They had 25 offices across the state and those offices have been going away over the summer (just the buildings, not the services). The staff who

formerly workers in the offices are still working in those cities and towns with partner agencies (libraries, partner agencies, etc.). They also picked two other cities that they will visit to offer services. They will have affiliate centers in 5 cities. The comprehensive centers will be in Post Falls, Caldwell, Twin Falls, and Pocatello. They did a training with the Comprehensive one-stop managers (what the expectations are, etc.). Labor has a spot on their intranet for these managers where they can share resources. All of the regions will have one training or meeting with all of the required partners before the end of the calendar year.

How are they marketing these hours?

- The first thing they did was putting up flyers and signs on the old building locations. They have it posted on their website. They are doing that as they are transitioning out of the buildings. Labor has a big marketing and ad campaign that should be starting between the 1st and the 15th of October. Media will also be pushing this information.
- It would be helpful to send out this information to the partner agencies so they can work collaboratively with Labor. They also may get questions about these closings.

Infrastructure Cost Sharing Agreement Update

Labor has a draft MOU's for regions 2 and 6. Last program year they got data for quarters one and two. Labor then had some other considerations related to health and welfare's contribution through live better Idaho. With all the regions having a One-Stop now they are going to get out an e-mail in October to ask for quarterly data (data for PY18 and 1st Quarter PY19). This will allow them to allocate the Live Better Idaho Cost Regionally and see how they will account for that. They anticipate finalizing the agreements for 2 & 6 and then work on the other regions.

Ms. Carr will connect with the partner agencies to ensure that she has the correct contacts to gather this data.

Adjourned at 10:30 am