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WIOA Advisory Group Meeting Minutes September 20, 2019

Attendees: Molly Valschini, Admir Selimovic, Teresa Pitt, Mike Walsh, Lauren McMahan, Vicki Parkinson, Connie Gardner, Rico Barerra, Matt Markve, Shannon Brady

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Amanda Ames, Matthew Thomsen

Welcome

Review Agenda

Ms. McMahan briefly reviews the agenda

WIOA State Plan Deadline – discuss whether there is need to request an extension

Ms. Secrist begins the discussion with reviewing deadlines of the WIOA State Plan. She reminds everyone that all the sessions are posted publicly and that there is a public comment period of three weeks. It is undecided at this point to request an extension.

Review/Finalize Section II (a)(2)(B) – The Strengths and Weaknesses of Workforce Development Activities

Are all the agencies planning on posting their individual sections on their own websites. Most everyone is, but the Council will also link to those from their website.

One Stop committee meets next week, and the work today will be discussed in that meeting and at the full Council meeting in January.

Mr. Barerra is the official representative for Title I, and Title III.

In reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of workforce development activities, Ms. Secrist says there isn't any major changes, but points out that Ms. Pitt discussed that all agencies have put into place data sharing agreements and that is a pretty big accomplishment.

The Committee adds successes in data sharing, wage matching, changes in the service delivery model, collaboration, training on programmatic assessments, and makes minor edits to the language, grammar, and syntax.

The Committee discusses weaknesses and challenges and adds changing service delivery model, access to education and transportation, retaining youth in rural communities, housing (especially in rural communities), coordination/engagement among employers and educators, and minor edits to language, grammar, and syntax.

Review State Plan Priorities – Agency Rankings

Ms. Secrist discusses the aggregate rankings submitted by the Committee/agencies. She reviews how she grouped responses and prioritized actions and strategies as they align to goals.

The Committee discusses how to strategize and implement a business coordination goal.

Ms. Secrist asks the Committee for priorities to work on and if this strategy and wording is working for everyone. She asks if the Committee wants to include businesses and individuals together at this point? Or if they should be broken out.

Ms. Secrist asks the Committee what goal should be prioritized for year one of this plan.

Ms. Pitt says a communication strategy would be good at the forefront. Public awareness is a priority and the Committee needs to work on that message and coordinate outreach efforts.

The Committee decides that they can commit to defining workforce system, developing a communication strategy, improving outcomes of coordination efforts, looking for improvements to technology efforts, and

Ms. Secrist asks the Committee to finalize what the steps would be to move forward with prioritized activities. The Committee needs to get to the point of taking the next steps.

- Start with regional teams
- Identify the industry target lists
- Understanding what all the partners can do
- Implement an outreach strategy

Finalize State Strategy Elements

The committee discusses the best way to reformat the previous strategy plan to make it more concise and to make it a more continuous read so that coordination is easier to identify and follow. This format also makes it easier for the Committee to monitor and ensure progress.

Discuss/Develop Section III (a)(2) Implementation of State Strategy Framework

Confirm Accuracy of Section III (b)(1) – The State’s Operating Systems and (b)(3)(a) State Agency Organization (i.e. org chart)

The committee looks at the state agency organization chart and discusses whether there needs to be any edits or additions. The changes that need to be made is the replacement of Experience Works with Easter Seals Goodwill.

Mr. Barerra discusses deadlines for Title I and Title III activities and asks the Committee and corresponding agencies for their responsible activities.

Adjourned at 11:04am

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