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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

317 West Main Street, Boise, Idaho 83735-0510

### **Apprenticeship Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Committee Members:** Audrey Fletcher, ~~Dave Hannah~~, Kelly Kolb, ~~David Moore~~, Wendy Lundberg, Scott Rasmussen, Travis Woolsey, ~~Adrian San Miguel~~, ~~Davy Gadd~~, Doug Park, Michelle Holt, ~~Sean Kelly~~, Ed Husky, Gina Robison, Marie Price, ~~Angelique Reed~~, Chet Andes (proxy for Adrian San Miguel)

**Guests:** Lorraine Dennis, Gary Salazar

**Staff:** Paige Nielebeck, Wendi Secrist, Matthew Thomsen, Caty Solace

**Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.**

**Roll call** - quorum not met

#### **Review Agenda**

Due to not meeting a quorum the WBL Committee Recommendation agenda item will be moved to the June meeting. Mr. San Miguel was unable to attend the meeting so the CTE Grant Update agenda item will also be moved to the June meeting.

#### **Approve April 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Moved to the June meeting.

#### **USDOL Apprenticeship Grant Update**

At the last meeting the WDC staff was in the process of applying for a USDOL grant to support the expansion of youth apprenticeship in Idaho. Ms. Secrist provided an overview of the submitted grant applications. Please see attached slides.

In December Idaho Business for Education (IBE) applied for a WDTF innovation grant to research youth apprenticeship models. Part of the deliverables would be to draft a recommendation for a youth apprenticeship model for the state of Idaho. IBE also had deliverables to place 12 apprentices from the Dennis Technical Center and to develop a toolkit to have available to anyone in Idaho. Placing the 12 apprentices has been put on hold due to COVID-19. IBE will begin working with Sean Kelly in the late summer and fall to help with the placements.

USDOL set aside \$42.5 million for grants to go towards youth apprenticeship projects. The WDC applied for just under \$2.5 million to place 400 apprentices over a 48-month period. USDOL does require that all of the

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apprentices be registered. The USDOL funds does allow for pre-apprenticeship types activities, but those do not count towards the 400 apprentices to be placed.

The anticipated start date of the grant is July 1. Ms. Secrist is hoping to hear back from USDOL on the application at the beginning to mid-June. Ms. Secrist will notify the Committee when she hears from USDOL.

Will there be a physical location where the people who are running the youth apprenticeship program will work or will they be remote workers?

- IBE has space to add an office for the Vice President and the Communications Manager positions. The 3 business development managers would work remotely from their assigned regions.

IBE's research work has shifted to look at foundations and other potential funding sources. IBE was upfront with the Council that if funding for the USDOL grant does not come through then they may come back to request an industry sector grant. The agency structure to support the youth apprenticeship model would have to be resized and restructured a little bit to fit the industry sector grant parameters.

### **Supporting Work-Based Learning Efforts in Idaho Committee Recommendation**

This agenda item has been moved to the June meeting.

### **CTE Apprenticeship Grant Update**

This agenda item has been moved to the June meeting.

### **Virtual Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator Event and Grant Update**

#### Sponsorship

- 2020 YTD Totals:
  - IDOL continues to expand their employers/organizations outreach. YTD IDOL has contacted 209 employers and organizations (up from 149 in the March report). In response to COVID-19 the IDOL team took on an outreach project to reach out to every RA sponsor, introduce themselves, and help in posting COVID essential job posting or offer technical assistance regarding employer or RAPIDS accounts. The response has been very positive.
  - IDOL has secured 17 new sponsors. Three were added in April and three were added in May.
  - IDOL has 38 new apprenticeship programs. Fifteen were added in April and 10 added in May.

#### Apprentice Enrollment

IDOL submitted their quarterly reports on May 14.

- The SAE report reflects an apprentice count of 536 which exceeds the SOW deliverable of 500.
- The ASE report reflects an apprentice count of 75 active apprentices (toward the goal of 465).

The Dennis Technical Center and other entities were putting together an apprenticeship accelerator event, but due to COVID-19 the event has been moved to a virtual environment. The virtual event will be held on June 18.

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The agenda will contain a few 1-hour presentations and then virtual breakouts. The whole event should be about 2 hours. Ms. Robison reviewed the agenda. Please see attached document.

**Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**

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