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WIOA Advisory Group Meeting Minutes October 15, 2021

Attendees: Liesl Milan, Teresa Pitt, Amelia Valasek, Dave Hanchett, Sarah Nash, Korey Mereness, Matt Markve, Deb Chouinard, Admir Selimovic,

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

Welcome

WIOA State Plan 2022 Update

The council on Wednesday did adopt some minor wording changes to the strategies. Ms. Secrist will update the wording in the state plan in the appropriate section. These changes will be posted on the WDC website.

Discussion:

Section II. Strategic Elements

- (a)(2)(A) - The State's Workforce Development Activities
 - Discussed the State's Workforce Development Activities section.
 - Can we call out specific examples in opening paragraph of this section?
 - ◆ Ms. Secrist believes the wording follows the directions of USDOL so we may not be able make changes. Ms. Secrist will look into this.

Section III. Operational Planning

- (a)(2)(A) – Core Program Activities to Implement the State Strategy
 - Discussed the Core Program Activities to Implement the State Strategy section and made changes.
 - See <https://wdc.idaho.gov/2022-wioa-state-plan-update/> for the changes made to this section.
 - Does the formatting work for this section?
 - ◆ The tables can be difficult to work with but is a good way to show the information. It helps make things clear.
 - ◆ The Committee would like to keep the formatting.

- (a)(2)(B) – Alignment with Activities Outside the Plan
 - Discussed the Alignment with Activities Outside the Plan section and made changes.
 - See <https://wdc.idaho.gov/2022-wioa-state-plan-update/> for the changes made to this section.
 - Does the formatting work for this section?
 - ◆ The Group would like to keep the formatting the same.
 - How does the group want to handle a blanket COVID statement?
 - ◆ Having a blanket statement will help the partners not have to repeat the effects of COVID in every section.
 - ◆ COVID did have an impact on the data.
 - ◆ Once more of the plan has come together the group can look at where the appropriate place to put the statement is.
 - Live Better Idaho will need to be taken out of these sections. Ms. Secrist and Ms. Milan will work on replacing that language.

In-Demand Occupations Tool

Ms. Secrist provided an overview of the new iteration of the in-demand occupations tool. This tool is still in the testing phase.

This data is what drives the Eligible Training Provider list. Using the Hot Jobs ranking for the ETP list was not working. It was removing occupations like welding which we know are in-demand occupations. IDOL and the WDC are investigating new methodology for the ETP List.

It would be nice if there is a subject matter expert that could present this tool to agency staff. These are the types of tools that are critical when we are trying to educate individuals on the availability of occupations in their communities/state.

- Ms. Secrist recommends that the agency partners reach out to Craig Shaul from IDOL.
- VR has a monthly did you know training that this would fit in.