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514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, ID 83702

Work-Based Learning Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Committee Members: Marie Price, Elizabeth Hoeper, Gina Robison (Connie Hites), John Russ, Paula Kellerer, Ryan Gravette, Sean Kelly, Vicki Isakson, ~~James Smith~~, Nate Dean, Sean Coletti, Jerry Anhorn

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Denise Hill, Matthew Thomsen, Sherawn Reberry

Guests: Mallori Bjerke and Kristen Donovan, International Rescue Committee, Bill Laude, CTE, Halle Holdaway, STEM Action Center

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll call – Quorum met.

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda.

***Review August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Sean Coletti. to approve August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Sean Kelly. Motion carries.

Apprenticeship Idaho Coalition Updates

Paula Kellerer, Connie Hites, Bill Laude

- 2489 active apprenticeships in Idaho
- 556 since August 1st
- 247 sponsors
- 14 new programs approved.
- Most in transportation and trades
- Idaho is being highlighted in case studies.
- Hosting Women in Trades Webinar next week on the 16th
- The national website is showing 25 upcoming events and 6 proclamation signings, and 15 other informational events.
- Grant closes Feb 29th currently wrapping up initial reply.
- Served 3400 apprentices through program, 1040 finished.

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STEM Action Center Educator Extern Program

Halle Holdaway

- 85 externs and 50 host sites
- 2024 last year of grant, aiming to reach above 100 externs.
- Showcase value – spread the word to small businesses in rural areas to ensure they have a chance to participate.
- 6 weeks over summer/ 5K stipend
- Micron support with designated persons
- Applications open Jan1 – Feb or as long as needed to meet numbers.
- Website in provided in meeting chat.

National Youth Apprenticeship Summit Debrief

Paula Kellerer, Matthew Thomsen

- Mid-October
- CareerWise presentation
 - Founded in Colorado to address both the skilled-worker shortage and the unrealistic expectation that our nation's schools must prepare students for today's in-demand jobs without the involvement of industry.
- Take aways:
 - Switzer model
 - Recession proof
 - Helps individuals in all stages of their life.
 - Low unemployment
 - JP Morgan CEO
 - Support youth apprenticeship
 - Financial/ banking industry
 - YARG Grant – partners present and compared notes.
 - Idaho is doing a great job comparatively.
 - Policy issues
 - Joint effort in setting goals and holding folks accountable.
 - Same page. Same goals
 - 60% in Idaho don't go on.
 - Plan to work together – business joined the mix to create the pathways.
 - The government set a goal of achievement over a set timeframe.
 - We have a lot of arrows pointing in the right direction, but no clear overall goal.
 - As a state we need to unify and clarify our goal
 - What parts can we leverage to benefit students, employers, and educators
 - We have made progress, but need to work on goals
 - Activity:

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- Discussion:
 - Educator training throughout the state part of iSTEM
 - Access to industry knowledge
 - After Micron grant ends, no dedicated person what then
 - What could we take on and partner with to provide more outreach and support?
 - High impact/ low effort?
 - Senior projects required by legislature, but expectations vary greatly.
 - All students must have a career plan – middle school, possible angle?
- What we are going to do with this information
 - Digest it into work that is being done by the council and our partners.
 - Help guide conversations.
 - Turning it into action with our partners
- How can we give them credit for apprenticeship, job shares, and recognize them?

Idaho Launch Update

Sherawn Reberry

- WDC Award from Veterans
- Adult Launch
 - Very popular, an additional \$2M dollars have been added.
 - WDTF fund proposal is in front of the Council.
 - 60% of funding to Launch, 40% to remaining programs.
 - Currently holding on adding any additional courses until some gap analysis is completed.
- Student
 - Very busy
 - Lots of chatter and presentations especially in rural areas
 - The Governor and Lt. Governor are also traveling around the state on behalf of the Launch program.
 - Presentations are ongoing to schools, employers for parents, and community groups.
 - JFAC must make the allocation for funding.
 - This committee can assist by supporting and communicating the importance of the program to your legislators.

Work-based Learning Outcomes and Definitions Update

Matthew Thomsen

- Deferred to next meeting.

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Discussion:

- Consider monthly meetings for this committee after January 1, 2024
 - 2nd Tuesday for 60 mins 1 – 2 PM
 - First meeting would be 9th.
 - Poll to assess participation.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sean Kelly

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.