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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Council Committee Members: Deni Hoehne, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Sarah Griffin, Scott Bedke, Hope Morrow

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Sherawn Reberry, Matthew Thomsen, Amanda Ames, Rebecca Watson, Stacy James, Kimberly Gardner, Denise Hill, Jenny Hay

Guests: Dee Mooney, STEM AC

Call to Order at 2:00 PM

Welcome

Deni Hoehne, Chair

- Roll Call, quorum not met. An additional meeting will be scheduled to address action items.
- Review Agenda
- ****Review September 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes, tabled due to lack of quorum.***

Budget Update

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- Review of first 4 months
- 29% spend, in line with expectations
- Nothing notable
- WDTF
 - \$29.4M balance beginning of Nov., \$700K in revenue and interest received
 - Unobligated balance \$2.8M
 - Under review \$2.2M
 - Anticipate obligated Launch funding to be shifted due to participants not completing process
 - Interest now being received every month
- WIOA
 - Expense a little higher due to September Council meeting and salary
 - YARG spending is now closed
 - Close to dispersing all Launch grants with ARPA funds
 - Child Care all funds are obligated, some projects are starting to complete
 - Next report will reflect completed projects by color
 - Child Care funds must be dispersed by December 2026
- LAUNCH
 - More funds in operations than needed, legislature provided \$4M actual will likely be \$2.5 – 3M
 - Payments have begun to institutions

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***WDTF Grants for Approval, tabled due to lack of quorum**

Kelly Kolb,
Grant Review Committee Chair

STEM Action Center Mission/Programs/Investments Overview

Dee Mooney & Wendi Secrist

- Dee Mooney introduction
 - Established 2015 by Idaho Code 67-823
 - How we get it done
 - STEM education Strategic partnerships
 - Community conversations facilitating connections
 - Innovative & promising practices in STEM
 - Idaho EcosySTEM sponsorship
 - Goals
 - Increase awareness
 - Increase pursuit of STEM pathways across Idaho
 - Align STEM and CS education with workforce needs
 - Programs
 - Idaho Science & Engineering Fairs: 3 in Idaho & 1 International Fair – in collaboration with the Idaho EcosySTEM; goal 90 student projects, at 70 currently mostly coming from East followed by West and then North Idaho
 - I-STEM: summer professional development opportunity for educators (PK-12) working in formal and informal settings focused on improving access to effective STEM learning opportunities in collaboration with industry; 442 participants in 2024, held throughout the state. WDC Grant provided some funding
 - Externship: places educators into workplace experiences during the summer months to bring these experiences back into the classroom. WDC Grant provided funding
 - STEM School Designation: established to serve as an indicator for parents and students looking for STEM school experiences in ID helping schools meet standards aligned with best practices to foster in-demand skills and competencies – 11 current participating
 - STEM Identity Scholarship: Seniors in an Idaho Public HS – 2 4-year full tuition to a STEM related program at an Idaho
 - Computer Science – legislation – 500K of general funds must be used for Computer Science
 - EcosySTEM: STEM AC is founding member – through its support of the Idaho STEM EcosySTEM STEM AC seeks to fulfill the several of the legislative requirements. The Idaho STEM EcosySTEM engages partners to foster transformative STEM learning
 - Fundraising
 - Individuals and companies can give dollars to the program
 - Stopped P3s in 2023

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- Donations are coming down
- Recommendations/ Questions
 - What is working well
 - Are our goals still relevant, what problem are we trying to solve
 - What does it look like in 1-3 yrs
 - What is our value proposition
 - Discussion:
 - Looking for outcomes, cost per person
 - Data on career choices for participants
 - New participants, are you getting them how many
 - Are externs the same ones or new each year, outcomes for the students
 - Is this the right place to spend our funds, maybe as compared to what
 - Look externally, how has the environment changed
 - What are the measures
 - Leadership turnover leads to staff losing focus
- Draft Memo to Governor
 - Review and explain
 - STEM AC unique space K – 3rd STEM identity and literacy, 4 – 8th emphasis on career exploration
 - Send slide deck out

December Council Meeting Logistics and Agenda Development

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- Meeting will be virtual
- Possible Agenda items
 - Executive Committee in Person? Will reach out, could meet following day as well
 - Burning Glass Institute – 90 mins
 - Graduation Requirements Update – Allison Duman
 - Outreach grant allocation
 - WIOA Priority of Service policy, may adapt in-school youth to allow for Foster & Kinship Youth
 - Policy Committee – Preceptorship Policy Changes
 - LAUNCH updates
 - Grantee Results, nice to see impact from the millions we've given
 - Ideas
 - Activate members to get externs, who and what you got out of it
 - Look back at 2024 what was accomplished
 - Challenges we expect to see this session
 - Additional meeting for 6 grants as soon as possible; possibly 2 or 3 meetings of 30 mins

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Executive Director Report

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- TPM - Center for Advanced Energy Studies in Eastern Idaho is sunsetting, looking for a home for staff, CEI most likely, working on a transition plan will come to the committee with recommendations
- Clay Long no longer with CTE, removed from Council and Policy Committee
- Judy Taylor will be VR Council representative to Council through March when permanent Executive Director is planned to be in place

Executive Committee Discussion

All

Adjourned at 3:25 PM