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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM

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

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

Guests: Lori Fascilla, Giraffe Laugh

Call to Order at 2:07 PM

Welcome **Deni Hoehne, Chair**

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- ***Approve December 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes***

Motion by Mr. Kolb to approve the December 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Second by Ms. Morrow. Motion carried.

ARPA Child Care Grants Amanda Ames

- ***Giraffe Laugh Extension Request**
    - Construction timeline setbacks
    - Requesting new end date of August 2025, additional 6 months
    - Project originally approved in 2023; has already received a 1-year extension
    - Anticipate completion early summer
    - Other elements of project are solid

Motion by Ms. Griffin to approve the Giraffe Laugh Extension request to August 2025 to expend their ARPA funds. Second by Mr. Kolb. Motion carried.

- ***Future modifications/changes**
    - ***Tiny Tots Budget Modification**
        - Example of a change that is on the line between what the Executive Director can/cannot approve

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- This modification is requesting funds to go to remodel versus purchase, budget adjustment is still facility related but not exactly what was contemplated in their application
- Have a framework for consistency
- Would retain use of existing threshold in policy
- Adjustments must always meet the parameters of the grant

Motion by Mr. Kolb to accept the recommendation from the Child Care Expansion Grant Committee for contract modifications to proceed through Executive Director's desk for approval. Second by Ms. Morrow.

Discussion:

- Is there a dollar threshold? If the change is within scope, there is not.
- If funds are recaptured, an initial discussion would be with Executive Director, CCEG Chair and Staff liaison to make a recommendation and then to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Motion carried.

No additional action needed on Tiny Tots from committee per motion.

Guest Lori Fascilla provided a project update on Giraffe Laugh.

LAUNCH Updates – JFAC Report — Sherawn Reberry

- Attachments
  - Demographics
  - Number and type of eligible institutions approved by the Council
  - In-Demand Career list
  - LAUNCH Implementation Framework
- 2024 Student LAUNCH Report
  - Awarded as of Dec. 28, 2024 - 6498
  - 268 extensions approved
  - The top 12 programs stayed consistent
- 2025
  - Applications as of Dec. 30,2024 – 10,039
  - 6,982 completed, balance in process
  - All types of schools
  - Participants from all regions
  - Healthcare at the top, consistent with 2024
  - Round 1 contingent offers made 5,933

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- 2024 Adult LAUNCH
  - Obligated for year ending 12/31/2024 $10,172,390
  - Average monthly investment $847,699
  - Participants 3,331
  - Average participants per month 278
  - Average investment per participant $3054
  - Transportation highest industry choice
  - Wage growth for LAUNCH participants is apparent

WDC Strategic Plan – Goals & Strategies Update — Wendi Secrist

- Minor changes
- Asking for this group's consensus on whether final changes should be presented to Council in March
- Goal 1 no changes
- Goal 2
  - 2E adjusting verbiage
  - 2F adjusting verbiage
- Goal 3
  - 3B adjusting verbiage
  - 3C (replace verbiage
- Changes to be reviewed by the Governor's office prior to Council review
- Suggest smaller group input before Governor and Council review
  - Wendi to pull together group to review changes and gather additional suggestions

Executive Director Report — Wendi Secrist

- WIOA Reauthorization
  - Removed from Omnibus Bill
  - Waiting for vote in Senate, timing unsure
  - Impacts bid for One-Stop Operators and Dislocated Workers as there may be an opportunity to be a demonstration state under the new law.
  - 1 year extension approved by procurement to September 30, 2026

Executive Committee Discussion — Deni Hoehne

- Grant Review Meeting January 28th in person, reviewing tools and policy

Unanimous consent motion to adjourn by Ms. Griffin. Second by Mr. Kolb. No objections.

Adjourned at 3:30 PM