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

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom/In-Person
514 W Jefferson St, Boise, ID 83702
Suite 136
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4481916675
Meeting ID 4481916675

WIOA Advisory Group
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Sarah Nash (IDOL), ~~Aarron Tuckett (IDOL), Matt Markve (IDVR),~~ Sharon Kierulf (Easterseals-Goodwill), ~~Kristin Matthews (DHW), Dave Hanchett (IDOL), Mike Walsh (ICBVI);~~ Deb Matiska (Easterseals Goodwill); Rico Barrera (IDOL), Summer MacDonald (IDOL), Nick Jorgensen (ICBVI), ~~Jacqueline Simpkins (DHW);~~ Lynn Fyanes, (ID Commission on Aging), Christine Hagedorn Reilly, (CTE); ~~Danilo Cabrera, (IDOL); Michaela McElroy, (Job Corps~~), Mikayla Monaghan, (VR)

Guests: Deborah Chounard, Kyle DeJesus, IDOL; Nicole Hohnstein, IDOL

Staff: Chad Lahti, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Tina Polishchuk

Welcome, Introductions **Sarah Nash**

Federal Webinar last week

- Difficulty accessing
- Observations
  - Non-specific
  - Incorporating emphasis on Perkins, Americas Talent Strategy
  - TEGal on waivers, cutting bureaucracy
  - Shouldn't be 500 pages, more strategic
  - Open in March, accepting through April
  - Encourage working with Industry
  - Performance measure OCTA
  - Title II zero funded? Continue to serve populations, just do it better

State Plan Portal Demonstration **Rico Barrera**

- Mr. Barerra provided a brief demonstration of the portal
- Will provide a printout for assistance

State Plan Edits as a Group **Chad Lahti**

- Vision
    - How we are addressing the balance of meeting the needs of Idaho employers
    - We are serving our local communities
- Goals
    - Council goals are the start of these collaborative goals
    - Come from Executive Order from the Governor
- Strategies
    - Council continues to look at and refine
    - How we are connecting and working to reach these goals
    - Defines expectations
    - We do not change these; we determine the focus areas that we are going to work on
        - Communication Strategy continue to keep?
            - Important, yes keep it as priority
            - Is it something that may be asked to eliminate
                - Most of our programs have eligibility criteria
                - List of words that cannot be used just came out
            - Keep it broad in wording
            - Deliverable: May tie into IDOL SNAP Project for landing page, more cohesive
        - Coordinating Business Services across Partners
            - Still a priority? Yes, VR teams are providing leadership across regions
        - Building workforce system capacity to receive participants
            - Need some finessing regarding words used
            - Training successes
            - Open up to receive additional participants – make it general
            - Striking digital access
        - Service to Youth
            - Continue to have clear opportunities with group
            - Focus language on training and job opportunities, flip the narrative to focus away from the groups to occupations; AI ID Matrix
        - Career pathways and sector partnerships
            - required
            - TPM, Perkins, etc. here
            - Aligning to Americas Talent Strategy
            - Apprenticeship successes

Adjourn at 3:20 PM

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