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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

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- 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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