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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026
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),~~ Sharon Kierulf (Easterseals-Goodwill), ~~Kristin Matthews (DHW),~~ Dave Hanchett (IDOL), ~~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 Chouinard, Nicole Hohnstein

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

Welcome, Introductions — **Sarah Nash**

- New USDOL Information Collection Request Comparison — Rico Barrera
  - Received latest ICR from WIOA federal partners
  - Overlaid previous year to reveal changes – will send out
  - Some removal of potential partners
  - Can present on things remove if desired
  - Do not want to see how waivers impact disadvantaged individuals
  - Defined allocations
  - More items of detail
  - Significant Notes included
  - VR additions to footnotes
  - Enter only planned level of performance for 26 & 27
    - They will contact us for the negotiated numbers, usually the last step, then close out
  - Suggest scrubbing plans for DEI language

- State Plan Section Edits as a Group — Chad Lahti
  - Strengths and Weaknesses of Workforce Development Activities
    - Just a modification, looking for anything that needs to be updated
    - Professional Relationships:
      - change bi-weekly to meet regularly
      - meetings to trainings and quarterly meetings to partnership meetings
    - Practical programs – no additional changes
      - Possible initiative added here – specific to advanced manufacturing, mining, and nuclear energy
      - Regarding the IDSTF grant we received
      - CHIPS ACT under Federal Investments
    - Federal Investments
      - IDOL actively applying for funds….may need to remove, Rico will research
      - Pre- mechatronics should be mentioned w/ mechatronics for CWI
    - Weaknesses/ Challenges
      - Staffing
      - Youth Services
        - Updated with most recent numbers
        - Intersectional demographic groups…..such as those involved in or aged out of the foster….
        - Update final paragraph with current statistics
        - Remove references to COVID-19 as a triggering factor
      - Awareness - good
      - Education training, and career pathways
        - Area of opportunity
  - Coordinated State Operating Systems
    - Will send out to partners
  - Supportive State Policies
    - General Process policy: Update paragraph 2020 state plan data paragraph
  - Evaluation
    - Always difficult section
    - What question are we asking cross-system
    - RI eval looked at “do individuals that interact with the system have better outcomes”
      - In process with DHW for data sharing
    - Wendi will update section due to issues in the state on data sharing
    - Is a cross-system eval required? It is up to the state, each partner can do their own

Next Friday, 23rd due date for individual plans

Adjourn at 3:01 PM

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