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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), Aaron 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 Fyans, (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
  - 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

**Rico Barrera**

- 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> due date for individual plans

**Adjourn at 3:01 PM**

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