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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, January 22, 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: Kara Whitehouse (IDVR), Nicole Hohnstein (IDOL), Caleb Tibbetts (ICBVI)

Staff: Chad Lahti, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Jan Whiting

Welcome, Introductions — **Chad Lahti**

- New WIOA Guidance TEGL 07-25 Discussion as a group — All
  - Have most of it covered, not identified specifics
  - Can incorporate more if needed
  - Hold off a week to publish
  - New guidance on pg. 3 & 6 – align to American's Talent Strategy
  - 88% of the combined plan is put together
  - Formatting takes the most time
  - TEGL alignment to pillars goes into the combined only
  - Idaho is positively viewed by administration
  - Perkins will come in during next cycle
  - VR & ICBVI and changes, some minimal
  - We have spoken to individuals with barriers correctly

- ICBVI – have strategies that reference Hispanic community, need to address will likely get called out – modify priority and broaden
- If a section is part of statute, it should remain for the program
- Combined has 18 references to Hispanic mostly in Agriculture
- Executive orders do not negate Federal Law
- Agreement to utilize next week to finish and adjust as needed. Public comment is 30 days
- Submit extension request
- Post for public comment on Feb 9, minor tweaks can still be done
    - Comments go to WIOAPlan@labor.idaho.gov
    - Rico notifies those that are appropriate of public comments
    - Will post all individually on WDC website, links to it individual sites
- Submit to full Council on March 11th
- Final submission to USDOL on March 16th

Adjourn at 2:49 PM

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