

Montana State Workforce Innovation Board



WIOA Committee GoToMeeting 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Walt Sullivan Building-2nd Floor Conference Room **Helena, Montana** **Thursday, January 7, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Jane Weber (Chair); Rich Aarstad; Casey Blumenthal; Commissioner Mike McGinley; Robert Minto; Jay Reardon and Arlene Templer;

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Greg Cano

GUESTS: Sandy Sands; Kay Strayer; Jackie Haines; Tanner Woodward; Kate Kahle; Joe Rangitsch; Connie Kinsey; Carol Hanel; Shawn Andersyn and Lisa Newman

Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Jane Weber called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Roll call

Greg Cano conducted roll call and established a quorum.

Agenda

Chair Weber asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Minto made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Aarstad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

Chair Weber asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 23, 2015. Mr. Minto moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Blumenthal seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Chair Weber asked the committee to keep in mind the action in New Business will be informal recommendations during discussion. The committee will have the opportunity to review the State

Plan in its entirety during their next meeting. It is then that formal action will be taken as a committee on the Plan as a whole.

Greg Cano, SWIB staff member, presented the [WIOA State Plan Review: State Strategy Implementation \(SWIB Section\)](#). Mr. Cano reiterated that the State Strategy Implementation essentially covers the structure of the SWIB Board and its Standing Committees. Much of the content was derived from the SWIB Executive Order and/or SWIB Bylaws. Members are familiar with the SWIB mission and composition of the board and the Standing Committees and their purposes: Executive Committee, WIOA Committee, Youth Services Committee, Sector Strategies Committee and the Apprenticeship/Career Pathways/On-the-Job Training Committee. No recommendations were made concerning this piece of the State Plan.

Kay Strayer, DLI Business Services, presented the Business Sections: Draft Effective Services to Employers Plan. Ms. Strayer reported that Montana is working off a WIOA State Plan and guidance for effectively serving businesses. Montana has an advantage because we have been working with businesses providing a variety and different levels of services in our Job Service offices for over 20 years. Montana received an Expanding Business Engagement grant 13 years ago-this enables outreach to businesses to inform them of services offered to them. In summary, Montana's workforce system vision and goals are: Agency partners will serve employers and job seekers as its primary customers; the system will provide Montana with a trained workforce; Montana's workforce system will continue to be a strong supporter of the Governor's Main Street project, specifically Pillar 1: Train and educate tomorrow's workforce today and Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services (VRBS) will align with other workforce programs. To view the Draft Effective Services to Employers Plan: [Draft Employer State Plan Sections 12-31-15](#).

Discussion ensued and board members praised the contents of Ms. Strayer's report. One topic of interest was outreach to the press in relaying a message to the public regarding the quality and quantity of work that has gone into the State Plan, Main Street Montana and other initiatives by various state agencies. Chair Weber wondered if there had been any talk of an investigative piece regarding SWIB work load and accomplishments of the SWIB and/or all of its committees. Mr. Cano wasn't aware of any proceedings with the press, but noted that he would pass word on to Mr. Schreiner-the Director of SWIB. Committee members want to demonstrate that we're working very hard on job creation and wage improvement for the citizens of Montana. Chair Weber suggested that we consider inviting the media to come to our next full board meeting in February.

Announcements:

The next WIOA Committee meeting is to be determined. Mr. Cano will send out a Doodle Poll regarding date and time of that meeting. There is a Full Board SWIB Meeting on Tuesday,

February 23, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Downtown Helena. Mr. Minto wondered if the committee could meet face-to-face on Monday, February 22nd in the afternoon.

Adjournment

Chair Weber asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Blumenthal made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McGinley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.