



Montana Department of LABOR & INDUSTRY

State Workforce Investment Board

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Executive Committee Minutes
9:00–11:00 a.m.
Go-To Meeting-Walt Sullivan Building
Helena, Montana
November 5, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Crum, Chair; Nan LeFebvre, Vice Chair; Pam Bucy; John McKee; John Rogers; William Hunt, Mike McGinley

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Trent

STAFF: Pam Watson, Leisa Smith, Greg Cano, Casey Schreiner

GUESTS: Michelle Marsh (Fiscal Officer) and Connie Kinsey (Program Manager)-Statewide Workforce Programs & Oversight Bureau-Department of Labor & Industry

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Dave Crum called the meeting to order at 9:15.

Roll call

Greg Cano took roll call. A quorum was established.

Agenda

Chair Crum asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hunt moved to approve the agenda. Ms. LeFebvre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Chair Crum discussed previous meeting minutes-a GoTo Meeting held on September 3, 2014. Ms. LeFebvre moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review/Discuss SWIB Mission Statement

Board members were given a list of examples of other state workforce investment board mission statements. The statements can be found on the SWIB website: www.swib.mt.gov. After discussion regarding the statements, it was agreed that a more concise statement would serve the purpose. The staff was assigned by Chair Crum to modify the State of Mississippi's mission statement and Chair Crum's mission statement, then send it out to board members to receive their input on the statement

which best represents Montana. The statement with more votes would be the statement which would be presented to the Full Board during the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Review Functions, Roles and Responsibilities

A document that outlined the functions, roles and responsibilities of the SWIB Board created in 2009 was reviewed with the understanding that updates would need to be made. This document can be viewed on the SWIB website: www.swib.mt.gov. WIOA guidance will aide in the revision of this document. After discussion, Chair Crum suggested that this project be overseen by the WIA Committee while the Full Board continues focusing on economic development and advising the Governor on the creation, implementation and continuous improvement of the state workforce development system.

Updates: WIOA, Grants, Main Street Montana

Leisa Smith reported that Staff has been and will continue to attend webinars addressing WIOA. The Federal Government is gathering input nationally regarding concerns and challenges individual states and regions are facing regarding the implementation of WIOA. The needs of larger states are different than those of smaller states.

Commissioner Bucy reported that in regards to funding, it is based on the population of a state. So, smaller states receive smaller funding as compared to the larger states. Smaller states have to be more creative in distributing their resources.

Pam Watson reported on the SWAMMEI and Montana HealthCARE grants. Both initiatives are focusing on aligning the specific industries with higher education and the development of seamless career pathways which will enable targeted populations to fill skilled positions with the chance of advancing with stackable certificates and or degrees. An important piece to this strategy is Apprenticeship and job training programs.

Ms. Watson also reported on a grant that involves adult learners and the dissemination of credit by higher education for prior learning either through experience and/or formal education. A taskforce with representatives from Higher Education, the Governor's Office and the Department of Labor & Industry would be tasked to create formal policy which would determine a definition of prior learning, standardization, receiving of credit and evaluating prior learning experience for Montanans statewide would be components of this plan.

John Rogers reported on the Main Street Montana Project. There are over 100 tasks that need to be completed before the calendar year ends. Though there are results from completed tasks, there has been a lack of reporting. Action in regard to task completion is a higher priority. One of the highlights is the development of 13 Key Industry Networks throughout the state. The acute concern across the state is Pillar # 1: Training and Educating the Workforce. The Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) were commended for their excellent work regarding the recent grant activity.

SWIB Dec. 2' 2014 Meeting

Board members discussed the agenda for the December 2nd Full Board Meeting. Several revisions were made.

In regard to the Committee Reports, only 2 committees previously planned GoTo Meetings prior to the Dec. 2nd meeting-The Lifelong Learning and Sector Strategies Committees. Both Chair Hunt of the Youth Council and Chair McGinley of the Workforce Investment Act Committee asked staff to attempt scheduling GoTo Meetings for their committees, as well.

Next Steps

Chair Crum stated that the board would be taking action on the mission statement.

Adjourn

Chair Crum made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 after committee members voiced no other questions and/or concerns. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.