



## **EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE**

GoToMeeting® 11:00 – 12:00 PM  
Friday, December 20, 2017  
Walt Sullivan Building, Helena, MT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Hunt (Chair), Commissioner Pam Bucy, Jasyn Harrington, Kevin Poulin, Billie Lee, John Cech, and Al Ekblad

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Scott Trent and Anna Doran

**STAFF:** Shannon Lewis and Mary Craigle

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 11:00.

**ROLL CALL:** Shannon Lewis conducted roll call and established a quorum.

**AGENDA:** Chair Hunt asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

***Commissioner Bucy moved, and Ms. Lee seconded a motion to approve the agenda.***

***The motion carried.***

### **MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Chair Hunt asked for a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 Education & Training Committee meeting.

***Ms. Lee moved, and Ms. Harrington seconded a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 meeting minutes.***

***The motion carried.***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS:**

Shannon Lewis walked committee members present through the proposed language for the mission statement and goals for the committee. The mission statement and goals will come before the committee for action in its February meeting.

#### ***Mission Statement:***

The Education & Training Committee will work to ensure that all Montanans have access to education & training opportunities that result in a credential and enable them to achieve long-term, stable employment, earning a living wage.

**Goals:**

- The Education & Training Committee will work through the Governor's Main Street Montana recommendations related to Education & Training by:
  - Assigning ad-hoc committees to review and implement each recommendation;
  - Work with the Governor's Office to ensure ad-hoc committees have members from the KIN groups that created the recommendation; and
  - Report to the full SWIB and the Governor's office, the results of the ad-hoc committee's work.
- Create a Youth Committee to work on the best ways to reach out-of-school youth and make recommendations on how our workforce system can better target and reach this population to provide career pathways and options to them.
- Receive regular updates on the Department of Labor's work to increase the amount of apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities for Montanans.
- Receive regular updates and provide feedback on the work that Jobs for Montana Graduates is doing throughout Montana.
- Receive updates on the work that the Department of Labor and the Montana University System are doing to better align programs to meet the training and workforce needs in Montana.

**MAIN STREET MONTANA EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Mary Craige walked the committee through the Main Street Montana workforce recommendations related to education and training. The Education & Training committee will work on a broad array of recommendations targeted at creating opportunities for Montanans to receive credentialed training to ensure there is a qualified workforce supply for Montana industries.

Education & Training Committee members John Cech and Billie Lee will work on the planning committee for the Governor's Innovate Montana Summit to ensure there is at least one track that discusses the need for education & training to increase Montana's qualified workforce.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Shannon Lewis updated the committee on her work assembling a Youth Committee to work on strategy on reaching out-of-school youth. Shannon Lewis would like to have a first committee meeting in March and has already recruited a foster care manager from Glendive who was recommended by Paul Hopfauf. In addition, she has a commitment from the executive director of Tumbleweed in Billings, which is the state's largest provider of services to homeless youth.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Ms. Lee moved, and Commissioner seconded a motion to adjourn.  
The motion carried.*