

# State Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee

## Minutes

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Helena, Montana  
May 7, 2012

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marty Copps, Chair; Pat Wise (Evan Barrett's Designee); Mike Grove; Keith Kelly; Mike McGinley

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Crum

**STAFF:** Leisa Smith, Kali Wicks

**GUESTS:** Mike Cooney, Matt Springer, Carlene Goodheart, David Hall, Daniel Bingham, Jim Aspevig, John Cech, John Garic, Lloyd Shangreaux, Marsha Riley, Misty Arneson, Sandra Feralio, Dave Morey, Michelle Marsh, Lisa Skriner, Michael Brown, Brad Eldredge, Rolf Froseth

### I. Welcome and Introduction

Chair Marty Copps called the meeting to order at 10:07. She welcomed Committee members and guests.

#### Roll call, Housekeeping, and Meeting Documents

Kali Wicks conducted roll call establishing a quorum, addressed housekeeping items, and reviewed meeting materials. Chair Copps explained the committee conducts business under Roberts Rules of Order.

#### Agenda

Chair Copps reviewed the Agenda. Commissioner Keith Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mike McGinley seconded the motion.

#### Minutes

Chair Copps reviewed past meeting minutes from October 12, 2011. No changes or additions were made. Commissioner Keith Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Pat Wise seconded the motion.

### II. State Plan

Dave Morey, Bureau Chief of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Technology, Apprenticeship & Training Division at the Montana Department of Labor briefly summarized the 2012 Integrated State Plan, and overview of which was sent to the committee prior to the meeting. This plan must be

submitted and approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in order for Montana to receive WIA Title I/Wagner-Peyser Act formula allotments. Mr. Morey informed the committee that the State's last submission was in 2005, which was extended to 2010 and again to 2012. A letter asking for an extension of this plan until the new plan is submitted and approved was sent in and accepted. The State will submit the new plan, an integrate workforce document providing a plan for WIA and Wagner-Peyser programs, including a Wagner-Peyser agricultural outreach plan, and short description of plans to coordinate with Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The plan will also include the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The plan will consist of three main sections including: 1.) The State Workforce Strategic Plan; 2.) The State Operational Plan; and 3.) Assurances. Mr. Morey related that the SWIB will play a large role in developing the plan, as they will build on the strategic vision for the state's economy and overarching goals for the state's workforce system provided by the Governor. Mr. Morey will update the board, discussing relevant sections and asking for feedback, at the upcoming SWIB meeting on May 31, 2012. The final version will be due in September. Pat Wise thanked Mr. Morey and the Department of Labor for engaging the Governor's Office in the process early on.

### **III.TAACCT Grant Applications**

John Cech, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year and Community College Education & State Director For College!Now, introduced Montana proposals for TAACCCT (Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training) grant application funding, seeking a letter of support from the SWIB. Proposals were presented by a state-wide consortium of applicants, three individual proposals from Montana University Systems, and one tribal college proposal.

The consortium, focusing on energy and healthcare, represents twelve 2-year public state institutions (Montana State University Billings – College of Technology, Montana State University Northern, Montana State University Great Falls – College of Technology, Montana State University – Gallatin College Programs, University of Montana Missoula – College of Technology, Montana Tech College of Technology of the University of Montana, University of Montana – Bitterroot College Program, University of Montana Helena – College of Technology, University of Montana Western, Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College, Miles Community College and Williston State College) working under the name 'Montana Training Network' was represented by MSU-Billings College of Technology Dean Marsha Riley. The consortium is requesting \$15 million in funding from USDOL. Mike McGinley made a motion to present a letter of support for the consortium grant application on behalf of the SWIB. Commissioner Keith Kelly seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Dean John Garic and Jim Aspevig, Assistant Professor, spoke on behalf of the individual proposal from Montana Tech of the University of Montana-College of Technology, referred to as the Montana Partnerships and Apprenticeships for Career Education (Montana PACE). This proposal is asking for \$2,575,306 and focuses on health information technology, allied health, information technology, renewable energy, energy transmission, and incumbent workers, also focusing on construction and historic preservation programs. Mike Grove made a motion to present a letter of support for the consortium grant application on behalf of the SWIB. Mike McGinley seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Dave Morey of the Montana Department of Labor spoke on behalf of the proposal from Salish Kootenai Tribal College. The Workforce Development Program at Salish Kootenai College's focus is to establish Emergency preparedness and response career pathways and Environmental hazard mitigation career pathways at the college. Discussion regarding a grant funding amount followed, as one was not attached to the proposal. Department of Labor staff followed up with Salish Kootenai's point of contact and established that the proposal was asking for \$2,700,000 in funding. Pat Wise made a motion to present a letter of support for the grant application on behalf of the SWIB. Keith Kelly seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Matt Springer, Associate Director of Grants & Resource Development, and Brad Eldridge, Executive Director of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning, spoke on behalf of the proposal from Flathead Valley Community College asking for 3,000,000 for the Amplifying Montana's Advanced Manufacturing & Innovation Industry (AMAMII) proposal. This proposal focuses on providing workforce training for the manufacturing industry in the Flathead Valley, including stackable credential training programs. Keith Kelly made a motion to present a letter of support for the grant application on behalf of the SWIB. Mike McGinley seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Dean Daniel Bingham and Mike Brown, Assistant Dean of Student Services, presented a synopsis of if the proposal by the University of Montana-Helena-College of Technology, called Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation Workforce Training Program. The proposal, which is asking for \$3,000,000 in funding, focuses on build capacity in existing programs that have demonstrated success in technical education, operating diesel, automotive, machine tool, computer aided manufacturing and welding & fabrication fields. Mike McGinley made a motion to present a letter of support for the grant application on behalf of the SWIB. Mike Grove seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

#### **IV. First Lady's Math & Science Initiative**

Pat Wise of the Governor's Office of Economic Development gave a program update on the First Lady's Math & Science Initiative, a program that supports math and science as key to preparing a workforce capable of competing in a global economy. The Initiative provides outreach and distribution of classroom materials to encourage hands-on exploration of math and science through gardening, provides roadside geology markers, and promotes partnerships with teachers, schools, education and nonprofit organizations to promote math and science education in Montana.

Ms. Wise proposed that the Board continue to fund the Initiative throughout the current administration including: \$22,296 in wages, \$6,447 in benefits, \$16,316 in travel & outreach, and \$7,650 in additional grant funding for FY12 for a total of \$52,709. Commissioner Keith Kelly made a motion to approve the proposal contingent funding, which was seconded by Mike Grove. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. New Business**

State Workforce Director Leisa Smith reminded the committee to review the CSW (Corporation for a Skilled Workforce) report, "One Stop Career Centers Must be Re-Invented to Meet Today's

Labor Market Realities: A Working Concept”, as the WIA committee will be taking up the re-certification of one-stop centers in the coming months. Director Smith also informed the committee that one-stop changes at a national level may soon be coming, per discussion at the National Governor’s Association Conference in February.

## **VI. Adjourn**

With no public comment and no further discussion, Keith Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, with Mike McGinley seconding. Chair Copps closed the meeting at 11:04 a.m.