

Montana

State Workforce Innovation Board



Apprenticeship-Career Pathways-OJT Committee Meeting Minutes
1:00–2:45 a.m.
Holiday Inn-Downtown
Helena, Montana
September 17, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Miles McCarvel (Chair), Scott Trent, Tina Bundtrock, Mr. Ekblad, Vicky Byrd, Kirk Hammerquist

DESIGINEES PRESENT: Margaret Bowles (Denise Juneau), John Cech (Clay Christian)

STAFF: Tanner Woodward

GUESTS: Ken McLean, Montana Apprenticeship; Valerie Piet, Montana Apprenticeship, Dr. Kirk Lacy

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. McCarvel called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll call

Tanner Woodward took roll call. A quorum was established.

Agenda

Ms. Bundtrock moved to accept the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Ms. Bundtrock moved to approve the November 10, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Committee focus

Chair McCarvel emphasized the importance of Apprenticeship, Career Pathways, and OJT in WIOA. WIOA calls for them to be seen as primary options for those entering the workforce and trying to advance their skills. The focus of this standing committee is making that happen in Montana. Would like to see this group be leaders to increasing the use of apprenticeship in Montana.

Career Pathways Update

Apprenticeship/Career Pathways/ On-the-Job Training (OJT) Committee Draft Meeting Minutes-
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Margaret Bowles provided a report on her Moving Pathways Forward project. She defined Career Pathways and described expectations of WIOA regarding Career Pathways. Committee members discussed what the business outreach looks like within Adult Basic Education (ABE). Members also discussed the importance of having a high school diploma or equivalent. Ms. Bowles said that ABE is working on the cross referral of clients for academic remediation with the HealthCARE Montana program. Ms. Piet, from HealthCARE Montana talked about this partnership as well their other partnerships. Board members discussed to need for a wide range of healthcare professionals through the HealthCARE Montana grant.

Registered Apprenticeship

Ken McClean and Valerie Piet from the Office of Apprenticeship presented on Montana's Registered Apprenticeship program. The presentation can be found at the following link:

<http://swib.mt.gov/meeting-materials/9-17-2015/apprenticeship-presentation.pptx>

Board members and presenters discussed the use of apprenticeship for college credit in Montana. Members also discussed the different models of apprenticeship and higher education credit attainment. Staff discussed the apprenticeship presentation that took place at the NGA conference. Mr. Ekblad mentioned that there are different models in countries where apprenticeship has been successful. Finally, members discussed how to promote apprenticeship for larger utilization by business.

Dept. of Labor- University System Partnership

Dr. Kirk Lacy presented on the partnership between the Montana Department of Labor and Industry as well as the Montana University System. He is in a new position, and the position is unique at the national level. Dr. Lacy's presentation can be found at the following link: http://swib.mt.gov/meeting-materials/9-17-2015/mus-boardofregents_9-2015.pptx

Board members discussed the similarities between the work of Dr. Lacy and some of the policies in place Washington State. Members stressed that this has been talked about for a number of years and they hope that there is movement towards alignment.

Dr. Cech discussed policies passed that will support this committee's focus.

Next Steps:

The committee will schedule their next meeting at a later date.

Adjourn

Mr. Ekblad moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bundtrock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.