



BUDGET COMMITTEE

GoToMeeting® 11:00 – 12:00 PM
Wednesday, November 21, 2018
Walt Sullivan Building, Helena, MT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey Blumenthal, Asta So, Dean Bentley, Mike McGinley, Karen Baumgart, Al Ekblad, Vicky Byrd

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sheila Hogan

STAFF: Shannon Lewis, Erin Weisgerber, and Barbra Wagner

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

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

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

Mr. Bentley moved, and Mr. Ekblad seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

OCTOBER 15, 2018 MEETING MINUTES: Chair Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the October 15, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Ekblad moved, and Ms. Baumgart seconded a motion to approve the October 15, 2018 meeting minutes.

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISLOCATED WORKER PROVIDER ALLOCATION:

Ms. Wagner presented the committee with options for weighting the WIOA allocation formula. WIOA requires that dislocated worker allocations must use the following categories to allocate WIOA funds across local areas. The committee agreed that the Unemployment Insurance data carry the largest percentage of the weight applied to the funding allocation. The committee assigned a 60% weight to Unemployment Insurance and distributed the remaining 40% of the remaining funds to the remaining categories.

Chair Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the following weight distribution for the dislocated worker funding allocation:

Insured Unemployment Data	60%	Share of the total people making a UI claim in the last year
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Unemployment Concentrations	13%	Share of unemployed people in counties with 150% state unemployment rate
Plant Closings and Mass Layoff Data	5%	Share of number of firms making layoffs of 50 or more within the same month over the last year. Includes seasonal layoffs.
Declining Industries Data	10%	Percent of employment in declining industries in base year (5 years ago), with declining industries defined as those that lost statewide employment compared to five years prior.
Farmer-Rancher Economic Hardship	2%	Number of Chapter 12 bankruptcies in most recent year.
Long-term Unemployment Data	10%	Share of claims 16 weeks or longer.

***Mr. Bentley moved, and Ms. Baumgart seconded a motion to approve the weight distribution for the dislocated worker program.
The motion carried.***

DISLOCATED WORKER PROVIDER DECISION:

Ms. Weisgerber discussed options for the dislocated worker provider. Currently, the dislocated worker program is administered statewide by the state of Montana. The committee agreed that having the dislocated program administered through a statewide contract allows the program to effectively respond to dislocated worker events throughout the state as they occur. In addition, the committee agreed that the board should go out with a formal RFP for the administration of the dislocated worker program.

Chair Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the state of Montana releasing a formal RFP to procure a statewide administrator for the dislocated worker program.

***Mr. Ekblad moved, and Mr. Bentley seconded a motion to approve the state of Montana releasing a formal RFP to procure a statewide administrator for the dislocated worker program.
The motion carried.***

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The committee will meet one more time in December to finalize its work on recommendations for the funding allocation for the adult and youth programs. The final meeting may be a joint meeting between the budget committee and the executive committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Blumenthal adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.