

State Workforce Investment Board

WIA Committee

February 17th, 2011
GoTo Meeting

Council Members Present: Robbe Lindsay, Chair; Pat Wise, Marty Copps, Mike DesRosier, Todd Younkin, Mike McGinley, and Jeff Rupp

Council Members Absent: Sandi Miller

Guests: Dave Morey and Suzanne Ferguson

Staff: Leisa Smith, Dan Bernhardt, Adrienne Piccono

I. Welcome and Introduction

Chair Robbe Lindsay called the meeting to order at 11:02am. He welcomed staff, council members and guests. He reminded the group that this meeting is to be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

Roll Call

Ms. Piccono conducted a roll call. A quorum was present.

Chair Lindsay reminded the committee members and public to state their name clearly for the accuracy of the minutes.

Housekeeping

Mr. Bernhardt informed the group of the technicalities of the GoTo process.

Reminders

The SWIB will meet tentatively the last week of May. Official date, place, agenda, and materials will be forthcoming.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Lindsay reviewed the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented by consensus.

Approve the Meeting Minutes

Chair Lindsay asked if there were any changes made to the November 30, 2010 minutes. Pat Wise motioned and there was a second by Mike McGinley. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

II. One-Stop Recertification Proposal

Mr. Bernhardt presented a Map of the Montana Certified One-Stop Systems. Staff is requesting the committee consider changes to the current One-Stop System recertification process. Mr. Bernhardt proposes to have One-Stop Systems recertified every even year for a more structured streamlined process. One stop visits can happen at any time.

Pat Wise motioned and there was a second by Todd Younkin.
The motion carried with Mr. Rupp abstaining.

III. Operating Procedures/Bi-Laws

Mr. Bernhardt explained that there are updates to the current operating procedures, operating rules and bylaws. Legal counsel has advised we refer to Bylaws using the Bylaw format.

Jeff Rupp motioned to uphold the changes and there was a second by Pat Wise. The motion carried.

IV. Other Business

Ms. Smith informed the committee that the U.S. DOL/ETA has requested states submit either a extension or modification to their current WIA Wagner-Peyser State plan. WIA has not been reauthorized so this would be for a one year period only. Montana is only required to submit an extension. WIA Wagner/Peyser State Plan is due April 15th. Along with the plan extension, the Workforce Services Division would like to apply for a waiver allowing use of the Individual Training Accounts (ITA) for youth. Ms. Smith deferred to Suzanne Ferguson, WIA Programs Supervisor, who further explained the use if ITA's for youth. The use of ITA's for youth service providers would allow more opportunities to promote and encourage training as another option. Under current regulation, expenditures for ITA's are charged to the Adult of Dislocated Worker funding streams. In cases of co-enrollment, the cost is charged to limited to Adult funds. This waiver would allow older-out-of-school youth to select appropriate ITA programs from Montana's Eligible Training Provider List, while retaining their Youth classification. This will effectively help them in moving forward from high school or the GED program.

After committee discussion, the recommendation was that the waiver be brought to the Youth Council for their deliberation prior to posting for public comment, and prior to the Executive Committee who will make the final motion of support.

Marty motioned, with a second from Pat Wise.
The motion carried with Mr. Rupp abstaining.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Rupp asked about President Obama's newly released budget cuts to the Department of Labor Workforce Services Division training dollars for this year. Staff informed the committee that the

information being released is very preliminary but staff will send on information for providers as it rolls in.

With no further discussion, and no public comments, Chair Lindsay adjourned the meeting at 12:09pm