

Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials Consortium Meeting
January 12, 2021

The Chief Elected Officials met on January 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via teleconference.

Presiding Commissioners in attendance were Jim Wheatley, Steve Daleske, Evan Emmerich, Jim Stone, Keith Mertz, Bill Gabel and David Dick. WDB staff in attendance were Missy Eidson and Tara Colter-Lappat.

Chair of the Consortium, Jim Wheatley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wheatley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 CEO meeting. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bill Gabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SkillUp Program / Funds: \$127,000 in funding was received on December 30, 2020 to use to serve SNAP participants with training costs from the Family Support Division.

Job Centers of the Future: The state hired EDSI Workforce Solutions to consult on Job Centers of the Future. This initiative will reimagine how the Job Centers provide services. It is designed to improve services and enhance service delivery. Concerns were discussed by the CEOs regarding how this will impact the public workforce system.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of working with partners to place partner staff assisted access points throughout the region to aid participants with access of the Job Center services.

Cares Act Funding: Ms. Missy Eidson stated the Cares Act Fund enrollments ended on October 31st. The West Central Region expended just over \$76,000 of the funds. The entire state expended \$2.47 million of the \$6.4 million. 878 individuals were enrolled across the state into training.

Performance Measures: Mr. Tara Colter-Lappat gave a brief description on the definition of each performance measure and where the percentages currently stand in the region.

Performance Improvement: Several meetings have been held with Job Center staff to discuss the importance of meeting performance goals and the consequences of not doing so. Performance has begun to improve and will be watched closely by the WDB.

Quarterly Report Cards: The last two reports cards sent by the Office of Workforce Development were reviewed. A discussion was held regarding the "Active Issues".

Board Membership: A list of private sector members was provided to consortium members.

Financial Monitoring / Independent Audit: The annual financial monitoring by Wipfli is currently underway for the West Central Region. Requested documents and reports are being uploaded to them

this week. The annual audit was emailed to all Commissioners on December 3, 2020. There were no issues found.

Next Meeting Date: Mr. Keith Mertz made a motion to amend the current By-laws to state May will be the annual CEO meeting instead of July. Mr. Jim Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried. The next CEO Consortium meeting will be May 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Miscellaneous: The WDB will look for a smaller office and continue remote work in an effort to further reduce overhead costs. The move will be complete by June 30, 2021.

Mr. Jim Wheatley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Keith Mertz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion carried.