

Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc.

Full Board Minutes

March 27, 2024

The Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc. met on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present were Kamber Fusco, Laura Wallen, April Godwin, Robin McHugh, Chris Connell, Suzie Brodersen, Kim Kendrick, Chris Green, Joyce Furnell, Nancy Grey, Angy Littrell and Michael Schubach. WDB staff present were Missy Eidson, Tara Colter-Lappat, and Sarah Wilson. Presiding Commissioner Jim Wheatley was also in attendance.

Board members not in attendance were Gabe Jones, Alan Ayres, Jim Kilby, Michael Murders, Jessica Craig, Cara Canon, Tommy Hampton and James White.

It was determined quorum was present.

Chairperson Chris Connell called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Suzie Brodersen made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Michael Schubach seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Connell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2024 Full Board meeting. Ms. Angy Littrell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Michael Schubach seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Report: Mr. Michael Schubach gave the report for the Executive Committee from their February 26th, 2024 meeting. Budget line items adjustments were reviewed for February. A vote was made to submit a transfer request to the state from Dislocated Worker funds to Adult funds in the amount of \$103,576.46. The current annual goals status was reviewed and discussed by the committee. Enrollments and spending were ahead of schedule for the year.

Committee Reports:

There was no Planning and Operations Committee meeting.

Finance and Audit: Ms. Kim Kendrick reported the committee reviewed and discussed the budget line-item adjustments for March and the current financial reports. She also reported on an additional \$75,000 that was requested from the Office of Workforce Development. The OWD approved the additional funds; they will be used to serve participants throughout the remainder of the program year.

Eckerd Engage Application Presentation: Mr. Ryan Salzer gave a presentation on Eckerd's Engage – Client Application.

Job Center / One Stop Operator Updates: Ms. Kelly Vert and Ms. Laura Kempf gave updates on happenings in the West Central Region since the last Full Board meeting.

Job Center Success Stories: Ms. Kempf highlighted two recent success stories for the region and Ms. Kelly Vert shared the nominations received from the Nevada / Vernon County Chamber for the Nevada Job Center.

Director's Report:

Job Center Survey Results: Ms. Tara Colter–Lappat reported 44 survey results had been received since the last meeting and all were positive; the region is still above an 80% approval rating.

Clinton SFCC Job Center Location Update: The launch date for job center services to be offered at the Clinton SFCC Campus is still on track for April 1st. Sedalia and Nevada Job Center staff will rotate days and travel to Clinton to ensure someone is at the new location until an individual is hired and trained for the position.

Local Plan Modification #12: Plan Modification #12 was submitted to the Office of Workforce Development and approved. This consisted of the Dislocated Worker funds to Adult funds transfer request in the amount of \$103,576.46 previously voted on by the board.

PY25 – PY28 Local Plan Approval: The required 14-day public comment period has expired resulting in no comments. The Board voted to approve the PY25 – PY28 Local Plan and attachments as presented to them in a link sent on March 8, 2024. Ms. Kim Kendrick made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Chris Green seconded the motion. Ms. Robin McHugh abstained. The motion carried.

Miscellaneous: There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

Mr. Chris Connell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kim Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Joyce Furnell seconded the motion. The motion carried.