



GREATER LINCOLN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications
1800 North 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Rod Armstrong
Melissa Carpenter
Ashley Krajewski
Julie Panko Haberman
Cherisa Price-Wells
Gary Targoff

Tim Bornemeier
Debra Cremeens-Risinger
John Markey
Joanne Pickrel
Vi See
Gary Unrein

Angela Caldwell
Pat Haverty
Rich Marshall
Sherla Post
Carol Swigart
Brittany Urias

Board Members Absent

Jessica Bergmann
Jane Goertzen
Ron Kaminski
Sue White

Cheryl Brandenburgh
Leon Holloway
Randy Sterns

Eric Broulette
Paul Illich
Doug Weinberg

Staff

Jan Norlander-Jensen, Workforce Administrator
Kristi Nydahl, Urban Development Department

Guests

Joyce Carroll, Lowes
LeAnn Fry, American Job Center
Vicki Leech, American Job Center
Diane Vesely-Robb, Southeast Community College

Call to Order

Carol Swigart called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the meeting of the Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Board. The Board follows federal and state guidelines for open meetings and Carol referenced an on-site copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from January 26, 2017

Carol Swigart directed members to the minutes of the January 26th meeting found on pages 1-5 of the packet. These minutes had been emailed previously to all members. Pat Haverty moved to approve the minutes; Sherla Post seconded the motion; and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Member Introduction

Ashley Krajewski was introduced as a new member appointed to the Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Board. Ashley is the HR Manager at Fiserv and previously worked in HR at Cabela's. Prior to that, Ashley worked for the Nebraska Department of Labor for both Greater Omaha and Greater Nebraska WIA entities.

WIOA Related National News

Julie Panko Haberman presented on WIOA national news. The Heritage Foundation had authored *A Blueprint for Balance: A Federal Budget for 2017* which provided detailed recommendations for the annual congressional budget. Recommendations found in the report in the section on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies included:

- Eliminate WIOA Programs
- Eliminate Job Corps
- Let Trade Adjustment Assistance expire
- Sunset Head Start by 2026
- In the Labor Department, eliminate Office of Federal Contract Compliance and the Women's Bureau

Members discussed the difference between a President's recommendations and a Congressional budget; the upcoming Continuing Resolution date of April 28, 2017; and recognized that the work of the Board needs to continue.

Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Update

Pat Haverty discussed various projects on-going at LPED including a Veterans Wage Study and LPED's presence in Austin TX at SXSW to recruit talent to Lincoln.

Options for issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for WIOA functions

Carol Swigart introduced the topic and Tim Bornemeier proceeded to discuss options for issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs). Mayor Beutler has agreed with a recommendation from the Executive Committee to publish RFPs for all WIOA grants (Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth) and for the function of One Stop Operator with contracts to be negotiated and executed no later than October 1, 2017.

The Executive Committee's recommendation was based on continued concerns regarding prolonged staff vacancies; low enrollment figures; slow obligation and expenditure of participant funds; higher costs per participant than the statewide average; and the fact that the RFP issued in March, 2016 received no responses compelling the Board to move forward with the City of Lincoln-Urban Development Department pursuant to procurement by a non-competitive proposal.

Staff recommendation is for three RFPs to be issued:

- Adult & Dislocated Worker Provider
- Youth Provider
- One Stop Operator

Details are to be developed over the next month.

Tim has accepted the responsibility to Chair the RFP Committee for the Board which is charged with developing the RFPs, reviewing the responses, conducting interviews, and formulating a recommendation to the Board.

A motion was made by Joanne Pickrel and seconded by Vi See to empower the RFP Committee to develop the RFPs to be issued by the Executive Committee for Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth providers and for a One Stop Operator with contracts to be effective no later than October 1, 2017. The motion passed by roll call vote 17-0-1 (abstention by Cherisa Price Wells).

A motion was made by Gary Targoff and seconded by Sherla Post to request that the City of Lincoln continue in its contractual roles of Youth provider and One Stop Operator until such time as new contracts are in effect. The motion passed by roll call vote 18-0.

Local and Regional Strategic Plan requirements and time lines

Included in the planning process for the Board are several requirements:

- Negotiation of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with required partners and optional partners
- American Job Center Certification and Local Workforce Delivery System Evaluation
- Regional and Local Plan

The Board must submit a 4-year plan to the Governor for its local workforce development area (Lancaster & Saunders) and its designated planning region, which is the Southeast Region covering Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York counties, with Lancaster County being the focal county. The plan covers the Program Years 2017 through 2020 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021).

Members discussed the required one stop partners' roles, regional responsibilities and strategies, the various timelines in play, and the Combined State Plan vision of a coordinated, responsive, adaptable and proactive workforce system.

A motion was made by Joanne Pickrel and seconded by Cherisa Price Wells that Board and committee members should continue to develop various sections of the Plan in order for staff to finalize work to submit the plan to NDOL by March 15, 2017. The motion passed by roll call vote 17-0.

Board Member Updates

Members shared community and corporate updates.

There being no further business and no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The next meeting of the full Board is Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET), 1800 N 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE.