



GREATER LINCOLN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
1128 Lincoln Mall, Lincoln, NE**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Rod Armstrong
Eric Brouette
Jane Goertzen
Julie Panko Haberman
Sherla Post
Carol Swigart

Tim Bornemeier
Angela Caldwell
Pat Haverty
Ashley Krajewski
Cherisa Price-Wells
Brittany Urias

Cheryl Brandenburgh
Connie Daly
Leon Holloway
Joanne Pickrel
Randy Sterns

Board Members Absent

Jessica Bergmann
Paul Illich
John Markey
Gary Targoff

Melissa Carpenter
Steve Jones
Rich Marshall
Sue White

Deb Cremeens-Risinger
Ron Kaminski
Vi See

Staff

Jan Norlander-Jensen, Workforce Administrator

Guests

Joyce Carroll, Lowes
LeAnn Fry, City of Lincoln
Dan Hohensee, TCA
Michelle Olson, ResCare
Bryan Seck, Prosper Lincoln
Diane Vesely-Robb, SCC Adult Education

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 displayed an on-site copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Julie Panko Haberman called the roll; there were 16 members present at the time of the roll call which constituted a quorum.

Minutes from October 26, 2017

Carol Swigart directed members to the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting. The minutes had been emailed previously to all members. Joanne Pickrel moved approval of the minutes; Cherisa Price-Wells seconded the motion; and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) Update

Pat Haverty, Vice President of Economic Development, welcomed the board members and gave an update on LPED activities which included sending a delegation to SXSW in Austin, TX; the MyTern project; recruitment trips; and upcoming website changes.

1st Job Lincoln 2018

Jan Norlander-Jensen reported on 1st Job Lincoln which helps match IT-talented high school students to paid summer internships with local employers. Toni Simons, Infinite Systems/Binary Net presented information from the viewpoint of an employer who has used the program and Andy Petrzilka presented from the viewpoint of a student intern. Board members were encouraged to have their companies sign up for the 2018 program.

Several members talked about using the program in the past and just how talented the students are. Dr. Dan Hohensee spoke highly of the IT classes and how much the students appreciated this program.

PY 2017 Program & Fiscal Performance

Carol Swigart began the agenda item by referencing that ResCare Workforce Services performs two distinct roles for Greater Lincoln. The first role is that of One Stop Operator, whose basic role is to coordinate the service delivery of participating one-stop partners and service providers. The Operator is the broker for the system and manages activity at the American Job Center (AJC), particularly the services provided in the Resource Room, including provision of career services.

The second role performed by ResCare Workforce Services is that of provider of the Title IB Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs.

The Federal Monitor report of 2017 stated as an Area of Concern: One Entity Serving as OSO and WIOA Title I Provider - Greater Lincoln. A written agreement is needed to clarify roles in order to prevent an appearance of a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Rod Armstrong and seconded by Tim Bornemeier to direct staff of the City of Lincoln to provide technical assistance and oversight of ResCare Workforce Services staff in the drafting of the required agreement; this agreement will be presented for review and approval by the Board and the Mayor of Lincoln prior to any extension of the contract with ResCare Workforce Services. The motion passed 16 yes; 0 no; and 1 abstention (Cherisa Price Wells).

Michelle Olson, ResCare Workforce Services, presented data on enrollments and expenditures.

Chairperson's Remarks

Carol Swigart referenced the information in the packet on the Local Area Designation Process and members reviewed state program performance for Program Year 2017 Quarter 1. Reports by local area are not yet available.

A new requirement under WIOA is for local boards to review proposals for Adult Education/Family Literacy Act providers. The local plan states that the Board Chair will designate a review team of no less than three board members to review 100% of the applications for the area. Applications will be reviewed using a rubric developed by the Adult Education State Director. Carol asked for local board members to volunteer to serve on this review team by contacting Jan Norlander-Jensen. It was decided that having a Greater Nebraska board member on the review team would make sense due to the regional nature of the community colleges, who are likely applicants. Jan will work with her colleague in Greater Nebraska, Dylan Wren, to see if there is interest.

The agenda items were concluded and hearing no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.