

## **MINUTES**

## **Strategic Programs Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 2:30 PM Virtual Meeting

**Members in Attendance:** Debra Warga, Craig Wehner, Mark Westphal, Anna Bierer, Jennifer Marks, Henry Merrill, Tania Kilpatrick

Members Excused: Ryan Long, Kelly Hudson, Patti Milka

Others in Attendance: Terri Green

Call to Order: Ms. Warga called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM

<u>Approval of Agenda</u> (Action Item): A motion to approve the agenda was made by Henry Merrill, seconded by Craig Wehner.

Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2022, Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item): A motion was made by Tania Kilpatrick, seconded by Henry Merrill. Committee approved.

<u>Support to Communities Policy (Action Item)</u>: Terri Green reviewed the policy explaining that there is a unique participant maximum which needed documentation. **Anna Bierer made a motion to approve** the new policy with the following changes: Add the grant end date and update the maximum wording. Jennifer Marks seconded. Committee approved.

<u>Youth Work Experience Update:</u> Green shared the new youth work experience outreach flyer that was given to every employer (115) at the recent Appleton job fair. This will also be shared at the upcoming Fond du Lac job fair.

<u>Workforce Advancement Initiative (WAI) Launch:</u> Green shared the launch of a new grant by FVWDB. This grant provides supportive services and training opportunities to individuals affected by COVID. The number of enrollees will need to reach 100 in the next year.

<u>LEAVEN Partnership:</u> Green met with LEAVEN, a nonprofit organization that provides various referral and financial support services, such as rent assistance, to residents in Outagamie, Calumet and portions of Winnebago County. They have a database of over 700 people who are in need of career development and are asking for FVWDB's assistance to provide that assistance. The committee shared various ideas that Green will take back to LEAVEN.

**Request for Proposal Update:** Green updated the committee on the PY22 RFP Bidders Conference that took place on March 23, 2022. There were seven organizations in attendance asking detailed questions regarding the RFP and how to apply. Green followed up with a Q&A and provided a link to the Bidder's conference, which was taped.

The next committee meeting will be 2:30-4 pm on May 5, 2022. Meetings will be monthly, first Thursday of the month.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

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