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FVWDB Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 2:30 PM

Via GoToMeeting

Members in Attendance: Donna Janda, Tania Kilpatrick, Henry Merrill, Patty Milka, Robert Sivick, David Thiel, Debra Warga, Craig Wehner, Mark Westphal, and Margaret Winn.

Members Excused: Patti Andresen-Shew

Others in Attendance: Terri Green and Anthony Snyder-FVWDB

Call to Order: With the absence of Chair Andresen-Shew, Ms. Winn called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM

Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*): A motion was made by Ms. Milka to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Sivick. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from 4/9/2020 Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (*Action Item*): A motion was made by Mr. Westphal to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Thiel. The motion passed.

WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Contract for Program Year 2020: Ms. Green led a discussion with the committee about service delivery strategies for PY2020. With another reduction to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding, should we serve more customers with less support or fewer customers with greater support? She addressed the idea of changing our current service model to allow Career Planners to theoretically enroll less people and provide a more holistic view of the participant's needs. This model would invest available financial resources, with appropriate caps, based on an in-depth financial analysis of the participants needs. Perceived outcomes for the participants would include: a holistic review of their personal situation with an increased emphasis on self-sufficiency, available resources where needed, successful completion of program goals, increased communication with Career Planners and employment that provides a self-sufficient wage.

- ***ACTION ITEM:*** A motion was made by Mr. Thiel and seconded by Mr. Merrill, to move to a service model that provides a holistic view of participants needs, allows for investing more financial resources to fewer participants with the desire to increase positive participant and program outcomes. The motion passed.
- ***ACTION ITEM:*** A motion was made by Mr. Thiel to extend the LETC contract to Program Year 2020; seconded by Mr. Westphal. The motion passed.

Job Center Status: Ms. Warga and Mr. Snyder provided updates on number of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims made to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the steps being taken by DWD to decrease backlog. Job centers are preparing to open but will look very different with

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social distancing as well as Plexiglass dividers, sanitization stations and appropriate supplies, masks and gloves. All materials for re-opening are being sourced by DWD. Most job center staff have been reassigned to the UI help line and estimates are that Fond du Lac and the Fox Cities Job Centers will not reopen until sometime in August. No decision has been made on the future of Berlin, Waupaca and Wautoma, which are all currently closed due the buildings being closed to the public.

Workforce Development Area 4 Policy Review: Ms. Green shared that policies and procedures for training and support services are being re-written for implementation this coming programs year.

Local and Regional WIOA Plan: Mr. Snyder provided a website link and encouraged the committee to review the Local and Regional WIOA Plan. The new plan was posted May 21 and will available for review through June 21.

Program Updates/Reports: Ms. Green pointed the committee to the reports sharing that LETC is exceeding or meeting all performance measures but one, which are Youth Credentials. This has been a challenge for all WDAs and the Board will seek a plan for how to address with LETC going forward.

2020 Meeting Schedule: The committee plans to meet every other month and future meetings have been set: August 13, October 8, and December 10.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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