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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, August 1, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

Members in Attendance: Mindie Boynton, Robyn Hallet, Ryan Long, Jennifer Marks, Sarah Pantol, Shannon Schultz, Debbie Warga, and Craig Wehner.

Members Absent: None.

Others in Attendance: Terri Green, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board; Matalin Schoone, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD); Angel Gilbertson, Forward Service Corporation; Al Garcia, DWD Office of Veteran Employment Services.

Call to Order: Ms. Pantol called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Approval of Agenda (Action Item): A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Hallet, seconded by Ms. Warga; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 6/6/24 Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item): Mr. Long made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Warga; motion carried.

Pathways Home 4 Program: Ms. Gilbertson presented the Pathways Home 4 Program. Forward Service Corporation serves as a subrecipient of the Board providing employment and training services to eligible justice involved individuals. The grant has pre- and post-release services to eliminate the time between re-entry and employment and includes needs assessments, individual development plans, case management, career exploration and job preparation. Currently 53 individuals are enrolled in the program. Referrals are made from our six (6) county jails and all Wisconsin State Correctional Institutions.

DWD Office of Veteran Employment Services (OVES): Mr. Garcia shared the OVES mission which is to advance veterans into the workforce through targeted business engagement and effective employment services. In 2014, in order to be eligible for OVES services, veterans needed to present with specific barriers, leaving many veterans without services. However, as of April 2024, the eligibility criteria has expanded to include head of single-parent household, unemployed, any documented disability and those referred by the US Department of Veteran Affairs. The Board and FSC are eager to co-enroll with OVES as we are able to do so.

Program Review: Ms. Green shared an update of program enrollments for all grants, including Support to Communities, WISE/SCSEP, Pathways Home 4, Collaboration of Wisconsin, QUEST and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth grants.

WIOA Performance Negotiations: Ms. Green led the discussion on the upcoming performance negotiation process. The committee provided potential negotiating strategies to support the upcoming August meeting with DWD.

Job Center Updates: Ms. Warga provided information on the 7/31/24 job fair for impacted workers at Charter Communications and Mercury Marine. Held at Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) in Fond du Lac, the event brought in more than 100 job seekers and included using the mobile workforce van for resume support. In other news, September's Workforce Development Month will include an open house from 10 am – Noon, Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the Fox Cities Job Center – Menasha. This year's theme will be Enhancing Community Resources.

Innovation Discussion: Ms. Pantol and Board staff met with representatives of the J. J. Keller Foundation to understand and learn more about how they partner with community organizations. The main take-away was to be prepared with a plan and to do research on other community organizations that might be doing similar work. We have more work, as a committee, to determine what local foundation support may exist for workforce development activities.

Next Meeting: The Strategic Programs Committee will meet next at 1 pm on Thursday, September 6, 2024. This will be an in-person meeting at the Forward Service Offices, 2201 Oregon St., Oshkosh.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

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