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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, September 5, 2024

Forward Service Corporation

2201 Oregon Street

Oshkosh, WI 54902

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

Members Absent: Robyn Hallet, and Ryan Long.

Others in Attendance: Terri Green and Anthony Snyder, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board; and Lea Keesler, Forward Service Corporation.

Call to Order: Ms. Pantol called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes from 8/1/24 Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (*Action Item*): Ms. Marks made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Boynton; motion carried.

Tour of Forward Service Corporation (FSC) and Explanation of Services: Ms. Marks led the group on a tour of the FSC office, shared information on the programs offered, clients served and showcased computer labs and small training rooms. After returning to the meeting room, those in attendance discussed FSC's size and scope and service delivery model.

Committee Member "Round Robin" on Workforce Issues: Although slated for later in the meeting, the conversation after the tour led to all around the room discussing workforce engagement, talent shortages, educational opportunities and ideas to improve overall service delivery and partnerships, especially in the areas of youth, those with disabilities, the formerly incarcerated and those speaking languages other than English.

Review Final Program Year 2023 Grant Performance: Ms. Green shared an update of final PY23 program enrollments for all grants, including Support to Communities, WISE/SCSEP, Pathways Home 4, Collaboration of Wisconsin, QUEST, Windows to Work, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth grants. Mr. Snyder thanked Ms. Green, FSC staff and also our technical college partners, Fox Valley Technical College and Moraine Park Technical College, for all the help in securing tuition invoices for those enrolled in Collaboration of Wisconsin and Support to Communities, which had to be paid by 8/30/24.

2024-2027 WIOA Local Plan Discussion: Mr. Snyder shared links to the WIOA State Plan, the WDA4/WDA5 Regional Plan and the WDA4 Local Plan, all of which required updates in 2024. He explained the purpose of these plans and indicated he would provide links to all three plans for review by the committee.

TRANSFR Virtual Reality Demonstration: Ms. Keelser and Ms. Marks explained how the TRANSFR virtual reality headsets worked, how they were assisting the board in hitting its youth work experience goals and described the simulations offered. Afterward, attendees were invited to try on the goggles to experience the virtual reality training opportunities.

Next Meeting: The Strategic Programs Committee will meet next at 1 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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