



## MINUTES

### Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, November 7, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

**Members in Attendance:** Mindie Boynton, Robyn Hallet, Ryan Long, Sarah Pantol, Debbie Warga, and Craig Wehner.

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Marks, and Shannon Schultz.

**Others in Attendance:** Nicole Davis-Dawald, Wisconsin Department of Corrections; Terri Green, Boe Ramsey, Brent Sanderfoot, and Anthony Snyder, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board; and Angel Gilbertson and Megan Schade, Forward Service Corporation.

**Call to Order:** Ms. Pantol called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

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

**Approval of Minutes from 10/3/24 Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item):** Ms. Warga made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Boynton; motion carried.

**Re-Entry Program Discussion:** After introductions of all committee members and guests, Ms. Davis-Dawald provided an overview of Job Labs inside 11 Wisconsin Correctional Institutions, including Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI) in Workforce Development Area (WDA) 4. Oshkosh is coming online in January 2025 and the Department of Corrections (DOC) is looking to open one at Winnebago County Correctional Center sometime in 2025. Next, Pathways Home 4 and Windows to Work staff, Angel Gilbertson, Megan Schade and Boe Ramsey, shared how their programs have been making positive impacts in participant lives. There was discussion around clients getting immediate employment versus clients who may require additional training and how that might look if we partnered with our local technical schools.

**Grant Program Review:** Ms. Green shared an update of program enrollments for all grants, including Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth. She also shared information about the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), Pathways Home 4, Windows to Work, and QUEST.

**Workforce Outreach Project:** The committee continues to review opportunities to support our region's workforce. Ms. Warga brought up the Collaborate Events that were very successful but had been put on hold due to COVID. The committee agreed that this may be something to focus on in the new year. A meeting will be set up with Sarah Pantol, Terri Green, Debbie Warga and Anthony Snyder to discuss possible next steps.

**Committee Member Round Robin on Workforce Issues:** Committee members provided input on various workforce challenges and ideas for focus such as: Work and purpose, Employee experience from

onboarding to career development, Digital transformation & innovation, Wellbeing, The evolving role of managers

**Next Meeting:** In-Person at 1 pm, December 5, 2024, in the Redwood Room at the Fox Cities Job Center-Menasha, 1802 Appleton Road.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.

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