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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, January 9, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance: Chair Sarah Pantol, Mindie Boynton, Mindy Collado, Robyn Hallet, Ryan Long, Boe Ramsey, Shannon Schultz, and Debbie Warga.

Members Excused: Craig Wehner.

Others in Attendance: Terri Green, Bobbi Miller and Anthony Snyder, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board; Josh Kilgas, Solutions for Changemakers; and Matalin Schoone, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Call to Order: Chair Pantol called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda (*Action Item*): A motion was made by Debbie Warga, and seconded by Robyn Hallet, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the 1/9/2025 Meeting Agenda; Minutes of the 12/5/24 Strategic Programs Committee Meeting; PY2024 Q1 Data Validation Monitoring, Pathways Home 2 Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Monitoring Reports; Grant Program Performance Review; and an updated Committee Roster.

Job Fair: Ms. Miller shared the dates and locations for upcoming Board sponsored job fairs. The Fox Cities Job Fair will be March 18, 2025, at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton; the Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair will be April 2, 2025, at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds; and the Oshkosh Area Employment Fair, May 7, 2025, at the Sunnyview Expo Center. An invitation was extended to all members of this committee to share these dates with the networks.

FORWD Grant (Fostering Opioid Recovery Through Workforce Development): Ms. Green shared that FVWDB has been awarded the FORWD grant, which is a sequel to the Support to Communities Grant. Which served those impacted by substance misuse. This is a 3-year grant to begin in January/February 2025, valued at \$1,023, 598. Forward Service Corporation will be the sub-recipient responsible for enrolling 68 participants during this period.

Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant: Mr. Schultz provided information about the Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant (AEFLA). As part of this 3-year grant there is now an opportunity for workforce development to have a presence on Campus with an effort to help drive traffic through the intake process. Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) is moving toward 8-week course offerings which they believe will help students reach their personal education goals faster allowing them to enter the workforce much quicker.

Unique Training Contracts vs. ETPL: Ms. Green engaged the committee in discussion around creating unique training contracts with local educational providers versus using only providers that have been vetted through the state's ETPL (eligible training provider list). It was suggested that a sub-committee do further research and bring findings back to the committee for further discussion.

WDA4 One Stop Operator/Job Center Updates: The committee had the opportunity to review the most recent minutes of the Board's One Stop Operator (OSO) and the dates for upcoming mini job fairs in 2025.

Committee Member Round Robin on Workforce Issues: Throughout the meeting, as well as at this time on the agenda, Committee members provided input on various workforce challenges and ideas for focus. Chair Pantol suggested a future topic of under-employment.

Next Meeting: The February meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be 1 pm, March 6, 2025, in-person, at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac. Meeting room to be finalized.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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