



## MINUTES

### Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1:30 pm, Thursday March 2, 2023

Virtual Meeting

**Members in Attendance:** Anna Bierer, Ryan Long, Jennifer Marks, Henry Merrill, Patty Milka, Mark Westphal, and Craig Wehner.

**Members Excused:** Debra Warga, Chair.

**Others in Attendance:** Terri Green, Anthony Snyder and Bobbi Miller – FVWDB.

**Call to Order:** With the chair unable to attend, Terri Green called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*):** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mark Westphal, seconded by Patty Milka; motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2023, Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (*Action Item*):** Mark Westphal made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Patty Milka; motion carried.

**Meeting Reschedule: May meeting will be rescheduled for 1:30 – 3:00, May 18, 2023.**

**Workforce Project:** Mr. Long provided the committee with a demographic view of Wisconsin's workforce based on employment status and age. Next steps will be to determine barriers to employment for those age groups. The committee will begin developing talking points to support conversations about the local workforce.

**Job Fair:** Ms. Miller presented information for the upcoming job fair to be held on March 21, 2023. Ms. Miller requested that committee members share job fair information with their social networks.

**Rapid Response:** Ms. Miller shared information on company closures that affect the WDA4 region. Communication has taken place with the organizations and rapid response events are being coordinated in an effort to support the employees and offer options for potential next steps.

**Request for Proposal (RFP):** Ms. Green shared that current subrecipient Labor Education and Training Center (LETC) would complete their current contract with FVWDB but would not be accepting any additional contracts after 6/30/2023. This has triggered the need for the FVWDB to launch a Request for Proposal (RFP) to lead case management under our WIOA Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker, DW-Recovery, Support to Communities and Collaboration of Wisconsin – Rural Healthcare Grant, all as of 7/1/23, Ms. Green shared the timeline and requested assistance from committee members to review bidder information. It is the intention to recommend a new service provider to the FVWDB Executive Committee at their 3/16/23 meeting.

**Grant/Program Review:** Ms. Green updated the committee on the performance of the current grants awarded to FVWDB.

**Job Center Updates:** Ms. Warga provided an update on activities at the Fox Cities Job Center - Menasha. Ms. Warga highlighted an increase in visits to the center, a new scheduling system available to employers, and new programs that will focus on developing our local workforce.

The committee will meet next at 1:30 pm on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

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