

## MINUTES

### Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, May 2, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

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

**Members Absent:** Craig Wehner.

**Others in Attendance:** Terri Green, and Anthony Snyder, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board; Matalin Schoone, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD)

**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 Mr. Schultz; motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from 4.12.2024, Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item):** Mr. Long made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Marks; motion carried.

**Program Review:** Ms. Green shared an update of program enrollments for all grants, including Support to Communities, Title V, Pathways 4, Collaboration of Wisconsin, QUEST and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth grants. Ms. Marks identified several opportunities to increase grant performance and shared two success stories from participants.

**Innovation Discussion:** Ms. Pantol and Ms. Green launched the discussion around innovative opportunities to grow or expand our programs within WDA4. Ms. Boynton shared a new mental health initiative that is taking place with Moraine College brought to them through the National Council on Mental Well-being. This program is teaching how to look for signs and symptoms of mental health issues, identifying signs of individuals in crisis, addiction and how to improve self-care. Ms. Warga introduced the idea of job coaches and understanding the challenges employers have with high-turnover in the first 90 days of employment. Further review of all ideas presented and next steps will remain on the agenda.

**Job Center Updates:** Ms. Warga updated the committee on the recent Fond du Lac job fair. There were over 300 people in attendance. Fox Cities job fair will be held on May 22, 2024.

**Next Meeting:** The Strategic Programs Committee will meet next at 1 pm on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

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