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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1:30 pm, Thursday, June 1, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance: Anna Bierer, Ryan Long, Jennifer Marks, Patty Milka, Debra Warga, Mark Westphal, and Craig Wehner.

Members Excused: All Present

Others in Attendance: Terri Green - FVWDB, Lea Keesler – Forward Service Corporation, Shannon Schultz – Fox Valley Technical College, Matalin Schoone – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and Anthony Snyder – FVWDB.

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

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

Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2023, Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item): Patty Milka made a motion to accept the minutes from April 6, 2023, meeting, seconded by Mark Westphal; motion carried.

WIOA Youth Program Update: Ms. Keesler, shared WIOA Youth performance data with the committee. The presentation included year-to-date enrollments, comparisons to mandated performance levels and county penetration. Ms. Keesler also introduced Tracy Lobermier as the new FSC team lead for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Green provided an overview of the contract deliverables and results thus far.

WIOA Youth Contract Renewal for Program Year 2023 (Action Item): The current contract with Forward Service Corporation outlines an option to continue the contract for an additional time period without a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) from other vendors. **A motion was made by Ms. Milka to recommend extension of the Board's WIOA Youth contract with FSC for one additional year, 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024, seconded by Anna Bierer; motion carried.**

Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI): Ms. Green received guidance from the committee to move forward with a draft of a priority of service policy for WAI. Those on the waitlist will be evaluated based on self-attested barriers and other attributes and the waitlist will be re-ordered not on "first come, first served" but using this new priority of service model, when FSC begins serving our WAI clients. Ms. Marks and Board staff will work on this model and share with the committee for input.

Long and Short-Term Training: Ms. Green led a discussion on how the Board's support policies work with the current enrollment numbers and shared some examples of current enrollees receiving full support, but taking far less than a full semester of training credits. A draft document will be created by staff and shared with the committee at a future meeting for review and input.

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

Job Center Updates: Ms. Warga provided an update on activities at the Fox Cities Job Center - Menasha. They are seeing a continued up-tick of clients. There is also a new partnership with UMOS and the UI Navigators to support individuals struggling with the claims processing system. The job center continues to work with employers through their Talent Tuesdays and Workforce Wednesdays which connects employers with potential employees.

Recognizing Committee Members: Mr. Snyder recognized Henry Merrill, Patty Milka and Mark Westphal for their years of service to the committee. All three will complete terms on the committee as of June 30, 2023. Ms. Warga was recognized for serving as chair of the committee since December 2021 and indicated she would be continuing as a member of the committee in PY23. Mr. Snyder introduced Shannon Schultz with Fox Valley Technical College as a new committee member beginning 7/1/23.

The committee will meet next at 1 pm on Thursday, August 3, 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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