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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1:30 pm, Thursday, September 7, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance: Anna Bierer, Mindie Boynton, Ryan Long, Jennifer Marks, Sarah Pantol, Shannon Schultz, Debra Warga, and Craig Wehner.

Members Excused: All Present

Others in Attendance: Terri Green and Anthony Snyder – FVWDB.

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

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

Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2023, Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item): Jennifer Marks made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Shannon Schultz; motion carried.

Introductions: Ms. Pantol, as the new committee chair, started the introductions. All members were welcomed to the first meeting of the new fiscal, including two new members, Mindie Boynton and Shannon Schultz.

End-of-Year Program Review: Ms. Green shared grant performance data with the committee. The presentation included results, grant outcomes, year-to-date enrollments and an update on the contract deliverables for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth; Support to Communities, Title V, Workforce Advancement Initiative, Collaboration of Wisconsin, and Dislocated Worker-Recovery. Ms. Marks provided an overview of Forward Service Corporation's plan to increase the youth work experience this fiscal year.

QUEST Grant (Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training): The QUEST Grant is addressing known deficiencies in the childcare economy related to access, quality, affordability, and wages through the provision of employment and training services and supportive services. Fox Valley Workforce Development Board has been granted funding to work with individuals seeking employment and training in childcare occupations. Forward Service Corporation has been selected as the Board's partner. Ms. Marks and Mr. Snyder introduced potential outreach strategies which included focusing efforts on one county (Waupaca) in a collaborative effort to increase the success of Waupaca's existing childcare initiative as well as other possible outreach and enrollment ideas. The committee agreed to table a decision on a go-forward strategy until the October meeting.

Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI) Priority of Service (Action Item): Ms. Green reviewed the document and led a discussion on a priority of service for those on a waitlist for WAI. **Debbie Warga made a motion to approve the priority of service policy for WAI; seconded by Craig Wehner; motion carried.**

Review Short- and Long-Term Training: Ms. Pantol requested that this topic be tabled, seeking additional information that will be provided by Ms. Marks and Ms. Green for the next meeting.

Job Center Updates:

- Mr. Snyder shared that the Fox Cities Job Center - Menasha, currently located in the Goodwill building, will be relocating no later than June 30, 2024, with the landlord's decision to use the space for its own programs. The One Stop Operator and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has been looking at various locations between Menasha and Oshkosh. No decision has yet been made on a new space.
- Ms. Warga provided an end-of-the year synopsis showcasing visitor counts and the various services provided by the Job Centers. More than 8,000 visits were recorded which included in-person, partner, and county of residence. The Job Center will be holding an open house from 9:30-11:30 am on September 27, 2023. This and other events can be found on the Job Center calendar at www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com.

Next Meeting: The Strategic Programs Committee will meet next at 1 pm on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

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