

# The Professional Development Taskforce

## Update from May 18, 2015

**Attendees:** Beth Blanchard, Cindy Wilson, Dave Petersen, Jeanne Bennett, Jim Kenney, Mandie Dell, Patrick Baldoz, Tom Berry, Terri Colbert

Committee members reviewed the NAWDP link and reported on their experience with this training <http://www.nawdp.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Certification>

**Discussion:** What are agencies currently doing for professional development?

- Seattle King County WDC reported on their online and face to face training for frontline staff that consisted of 6 areas and 18 courses. The committee will look into getting access to review this training.
  - Consideration given to a menu of training whether technical assistance or professional development
- There has been some preliminary discussion and planning about hosting a fall conference that would bring in Federal leadership presenters from Department of Labor (DOL) and Department of Education (DOE) that would facilitate an informational training for management staff around the new WIOA requirements.
  - Consideration given to working with other partner agencies
  - The partner vs contractor relationship

**Discussion:** Next steps

- Develop and conduct a system scan or gap analysis
- Draft and review the task force's charter/charge/guiding principles
- Review current online trainings
- Work with those drafting a state wide leadership conference
- Identify additional sector membership for the committee to ensure there is representation

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- Will set tentative schedule for two meetings in both June and July. Mandie will send out doodle poll for scheduling.