

Interagency Committee
September 13, 2006
Meeting Notes

Attending: Mike Hudson, Association of Washington Business; Debbie Cook, Department of Services for the Blind; Lynnae Ruttledge, Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Tiffany Merkel-Rinke, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Gena Wickstrom, Washington Federation of Private Career Schools and Colleges; Mark Bergeson, Higher Education Coordinating Board; Trista Zugel, Department of Labor and Industries; Paul Trause, Employment Security Department; Pam Lund, Bryan Wilson, and Don Bennett, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Draft September 27-28, 2006, Workforce Board Meeting Agenda

Don discussed the draft agenda for the September 27-28, 2006, Workforce Board meeting.

Workforce Development System – Draft Report

Don presented the draft report of the system review and asked for comments and/or feedback. Mike asked the question “what’s not in the report”? He said we do not have the luxury of subtlety and that he would like to see the Governor’s charge to the Board quoted in the executive summary. Mike would also like to see the expected benefits to the customers in each section. Mike believes the Governor wants to understand how we can improve the system for the citizens of the state. Gena indicated that the draft does not address who the real customer is. “Is it everyone in system that creates well-prepared workers?” Gena also indicated that everything referenced state agencies and wants clearer statement of the benefits for business and students. Gena would like to see the question “What’s it going to change?” answered. Lynnae mentioned possibly developing a simple logic model to get to the “So what?”. Mike indicated that having the WDCs on the Board is going to be a tremendous asset to the Board. Paul stated that the state should be responsible for establishing minimum standards of operation for each WorkSource center; he also indicated that each center needs a consolidated budget, along with specific measures that will be achieved and reviewed.

***HSHW* 2006 – Draft for Public Review**

Bryan presented the drafts of chapters 4 and 5 of *HSHW*. Bryan indicated that he incorporated the review/recommendations into Chapter 5. Don indicated that the Board would be conducting joint public forums for the system review and *HSHW* in October.

Operating Agencies Workforce Development Related Budget Requests

Don indicated representatives from the operating agencies will preview their workforce-related budget and policy requests for the upcoming 2007 legislative session. The 2007-2009 budget requests will be formally reviewed at the November Board meeting.

Workforce Board Request Legislation for 2007 Session

Don presented two draft bills proposed for submittal as agency request legislation. One on Private Career Schools and the other on Industry Skill Panels. Gena indicated that the Private Career Schools bill was consistent with last year’s bill and very strong. Gena asked if \$50,000 was enough to cover an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the Industry Skill Panels.