

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 199
April 20, 2016**

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION POLICY WORK

At the meeting, the Board will be updated on two initiatives Washington is participating in through the National Governors Association (NGA).

Policy Academy on Work-Based Learning

In December of 2015, the NGA announced that six states were awarded a \$100,000 policy academy grant to increase work-based learning among youth ages 16-29, with a focus on middle-skill, STEM jobs. The states awarded the grant were Indiana, Iowa, Montana, New Hampshire, Utah and Washington. Workforce Board staff is co-leading this effort with the Governor's office. In March, the six states were convened by NGA in a cross-state summit to provide detailed information about the expectations of NGA and the funder, the Siemens Foundation, and to further refine the state's action plan. Workforce Board staff will update the Board on the plan for increasing access to work-based learning and an update on the cross-state summit.

Two-Generation State Policy Forum

The NGA Two-Generation State Policy Forum convened state teams in March to discuss multi-generational anti-poverty efforts. Two-generational policies are aimed at both low-income parents and their children. The forum allowed an opportunity to highlight current state policy efforts and opportunities to advance two-generational approaches, and to help states take initial or further steps towards a two-generational approach to state policy. Washington's Team consisted of Babs Roberts (Department of Social and Health Services), Jim Baumgart (Governor's Policy office), John Aultman (Governor's Policy Office) and Jason Gourtney (Children's Home Society). DSHS staff will update the Board on the policy forum and plans for the future.

Board Action Required: None. For discussion only.