

WIOA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2015



Steering Committee Members Present:

Gary Chandler, Association of Washington Business

Jeff Johnson, Washington State Labor Council

Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department

Dave Condon, representing Chief Local Elected Officials

Betty Klattenhoff for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Alex Pietsch, Department of Commerce

Andres Aguirre, Department of Social and Health Services Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Lou Oma Durand, Department of Services for the Blind

David Stillman, Department of Social and Health Services, TANF

Mark Mattke, Spokane Area Workforce Development Council

Jon Kerr, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Basic Education for Adults

Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Johnson and Gary Chandler welcomed guests and made introductions. The minutes were approved as presented.

Timelines – Terri Colbert, WIOA Program Administrator at the Workforce Board, informed the committee that the timeline for each subcommittee has been set and that the goals to complete by June 1, 2015 have been distinguished from those to complete by June 1, 2016. Workforce Board Executive Director Eleni Papadakis and Terri are working on a timeline for subcommittee recommendations that need to move through the Steering Committee and be presented to the Governor by July of this year. The Committee discussed the process for drafting recommendations.

Presentation and Discussions

Overview of Department of Social and Health Services, TANF Program – Babs Roberts, Community Service Division Director at the Department of Social and Health Services, gave an overview of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and how it is administered in Washington. She provided the Committee with information on who is served by the TANF program, non-TANF services provided by the state, program budget and client

flow. Babs answered the Committee's questions regarding funding and the process of transitioning clients out of the TANF program.

Additional Task Force Assignments – Terri Colbert asked the Committee to consider forming two new task forces. One task force would look at leveraging technology in the WIOA implementation process to align systems and reduce barriers. This task force would take ownership of developing a technology plan. Mark Adreon of the Department of Services for the Blind was recommended to take the lead on the task force. The other task force would look at developing recommendations related to professional development for WorkSource staff. The task force would create a plan delineating the kind of training front-line staff will need to receive to deliver all services required at one-stops. The plan will also address how to improve professional development of staff working with people with barriers. Cindy Wilson from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges was asked to take the lead on this task force. The Committee discussed who would make up the task forces and detailed what they would address.

Subcommittee Reports

Local Government and Sector Strategies – Bill Messenger, Washington State Labor Council, provided an update on his subcommittee's activities since the last Steering Committee meeting. He reported the subcommittee had received presentations from the Employment Security Department and Department of Commerce and, in response to a question from the Committee, reported that the subcommittee had an in-depth discussion regarding what the existing sectors are doing to focus on the TANF population. Bill noted the subcommittee is currently working to bring everyone to the table to map out what the current system looks like and how it can improve.

Education and Career Pathways – Eric Wolf, Workforce Program Policy Analyst at the Workforce Board, reported the subcommittee has been using a self-assessment tool that focuses on youth and adult systems separately to look at what they are doing and how they can recommend changes to improve the system.

Accountability and ETPL – Chelsea Orvella, Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, provided a brief overview of her subcommittee's activities. She noted they will be hearing presentation from each of the core programs and that they are preparing to create the following four task forces:

- A task force to evaluate whether to look at the WIA framework for performance accountability and make small adjustments or whether to start from scratch.
- A task force on Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) standards.

- A task force on youth provider and on-the-job training providers.
- A task force to look at co-enrollment and how the measures will assess and capture co-enrollment.

Steering Committee Task Forces

Unified or Combined Plan – David Stillman, DSHS, informed the committee that they are working on defining combined vs. uniform plans and the negatives and positives for each, what they recommend for Washington, and potential barriers to implementation. David asked each Committee member to refer people with interest on the strategic planning process to David to be added to the task force’s membership.

One-Stop Criteria and Certification – Mark Mattke, Spokane Area Workforce Development Council, reported that the task force has started their discussions on the one-stop certification criteria and that they have also added the cost-sharing MOU element to the issues they are taking on, as well as procurement processes at one-stop centers.

Criteria for State’s WIOA Distribution Formula for Specific Program Activities – Dale Peinecke, Director of the Employment Security Department, reported that there was no benefit to changing the funding formula for Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth populations at this time.

Dale Peinecke **MOVED** to disband the task force at the current time and recommend to the Workforce Board to leave the funding formula unchanged for this program year. The motion carried.

Closing Remarks

Next Steps: Recruitment efforts for the four task forces will move forward. Recommendations hopefully will come up from the subcommittees to the Steering Committee in the next meeting.

Next meeting will be at AWB, May 5, 2015 8:30-12:30 AM.

The Department of Commerce will provide the next Agency 101 to the Steering Committee.