



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

of the Wisconsin Bay Area Workforce Development County Consortium

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

- Present: Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton (Chair-Florence), Richard Virlee (Door), Tom Nelson (Outagamie) [arrived 11:08], Fran Damp (Sheboygan), Tom Romdenne (Kewaunee), Marvin Klosterman (Shawano), Ben Warrington (Menominee)
- Absent: Elmer Ragen (Oconto), Mark Anderson (Marinette), Bob Ziegelbauer (Manitowoc), Troy Streckenbach (Brown)
- Guest: Tara Cowe-Spigai, DWD Local Liaison

- I. **Call to Order** – Ms. Wahlstrom-Stratton called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the NWTC Corporate Conference Center. Roll call confirmed a quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the May 9, 2019 LEO Board Minutes was made by Ms. Damp with a second from Mr. Virlee. Mr. Klosterman noted a typo on the bottom of page 1 which should read: “...Ms. Jaeger to a term to replace Dr. Weber immediately and fill out the remainder of his term through **6/30/2021** [bold added]. Motion carried with that amendment.
- III. **Review of PY 2019 WIOA Budget**
Mr. Golembeski distributed a budget summary sheet for WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, and Administration for the new program year beginning July 1. He noted that Wisconsin experienced an overall 10% WIOA funding reduction from the previous year. This is the third year in a row for such a significant funding cut, and the situation is such that we can no longer maintain the level of service we have provided in the past. In addition, the formula used to allocate WIOA funding within the state has continued to direct more funding to the southeast part of the state. Staff had hoped, after several years of budget cuts that PY 2019 would provide at least a level amount of funding, but that is not the case. Unless things change, the PY 2020 budget will be even more difficult. Members reviewed the budget adopted by the Bay Area WDB Executive Committee on June 13. LEO approval was not required on this matter.
- IV. **PY 2019 Corporate Budget**
LEO members reviewed a revised Corporate Budget proposal for PY 2019. The proposed budget represents an 8% reduction from the current year. Mr. Golembeski noted that 1.5 staff positions had been eliminated and Ms. Gregory-Paasch would go down to three days per week. He also noted the increased level of monitoring and other accountability required of staff, particularly as indicated in recent DWD monitoring reports. Motion to approve the revised Corporate Budget in the amount of \$781,568 was made by Mr. Nelson with a second from Mr. Romdenne. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **DWD Special Monitoring Report**

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Mr. Golembeski reviewed a draft response to the DWD Special Monitoring Report issued on May 28, 2019 in regard to an anonymous complaint DWD received about a purchase made by Bay Area WDB to provide employment services to people displaced from the Shopko corporate office in Green Bay. There is a potential for disallowed costs in the amount of \$12,500 which staff believes could be covered with existing non-federal funds in a worst case scenario. Mr. Golembeski believes the response to the monitoring issues adequately addresses the concerns but that will be worked through with DWD officials. Motion to support the draft response with the understanding that Mr. Golembeski will do one more edit of the document was made by Ms. Damp with a second from Mr. Romdenne. Motion was adopted unanimously with an abstention from Ms. Wahlstrom-Stratton.

VI. Bay Area WDB Planning

The Bay Area WDB Executive Committee plans to meet during the summer months to discuss the decreasing level of WIOA funding for the region and options to address regional workforce needs effectively. The committee will also begin succession planning for staff and work to set the board on a sustainable future course.

VII. Federal and State Updates

There was no report.

VII. Sub Regional Issues

There was no additional discussion.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

The Bay Area Local Elected Officials Board will met next on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 1 PM at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay.

[Typo corrections made 7-21-2019]