



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

of the Wisconsin Bay Area Workforce Development County Consortium

MINUTES

Thursday November 7, 2019

Present: Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton (Chair-Florence), Richard Virlee (Door), Fran Damp (Sheboygan), Marvin Klosterman (Shawano), Mark Anderson (Marinette, arrived 1:38 PM), Larry Abitz (Outagamie), Troy Streckenbach (Brown, arrived 1:12 PM)), Elmer Ragen (Oconto), Bob Ziegelbauer (Manitowoc), Tom Romdenne (Kewaunee)

Absent: Ben Warrington (Menominee)

Ms. Wahlstrom-Stratton called the meeting to order at 1 PM at the NWTC Corporate Conference Center. Roll call showed a quorum present. The Minutes of the September 5, 2019 LEO Board meeting were adopted as submitted on a motion by Ms. Damp and a second from Mr. Virlee.

Two changes to the Bay Area Workforce Development Board roster were considered. Board member Heather Martin had left her position at Johnsonville and was starting a new job as Human Resources Representative at CNH Industrial America in St. Nazianz WI. She requested to remain a member of Bay Area WDB in her new position. The DVR representative, Jennifer Mikalowsky, had changed her name recently to Jennifer Bscherer. LEO members approved both changes to Bay Area WDB membership on a motion by Ms. Damp with a second by Mr. Ragen.

Staff has been working through DWD monitoring reports. The issues in PY 2018 have all been resolved. The disallowed cost in the DWD Special Monitoring Report is almost resolved by utilizing other funds available to Bay Area WDB. DWD is waiting for a final letter from Bay Area and staff is having legal counsel review that first. Mr. Golembeski will share a copy of that letter with the LEO members as soon as it goes out. The PY 2019 DWD monitoring experience in September was a difficult one and staff is awaiting the monitoring report. A number of issues are expected to be indicated in that report, and staff will respond as required.

Workforce boards need to be recertified at this time, meaning that statutory membership requirements need to be met. Bay Area has submitted the current board roster to DWD and there should be no issues about meeting regulations.

Under WIOA, "Core Partners" are required to come to agreement on Resource Sharing Agreements (RSA) for job center infrastructure. Issues with determining partner share of those costs seem to have been resolved at this point and the process will move forward.

Mr. Golembeski shared a PowerPoint presentation based on the recent report from Forward Analytics titled "Falling Behind: Migration Changes and State Workforce" by Dale Knapp. The report paints a bleak picture for the

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Wisconsin workforce in the coming years based on the loss of young workers and their families. This will impact the northern counties particularly hard.

Mr. Golembeski distributed copies of a report from the National Association of Counties titled “Counties and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act” that is a good summary of the important role counties play in providing services under WIOA.

From the Bay Area WDB perspective, strategic planning is a matter of making the most effective use of the state’s workforce, including previously marginalized groups such as offenders, foster care youth, and the ALICE population. Other strategic issues include: changing job center models that include fewer bricks and mortar facilities, and the need for broadband as a necessary utility throughout the region.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

The Bay Area Local Elected Officials Board will meet next on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay at 1 PM.

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