



Southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Kenosha County Job Center – Virtual
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Laura Cesar, Susan Chandek, Derek D’Auria, Edgard Delgado, Nicholas Galich, Waylon Gross, Stephanie Henderson, Amy Mlot, Tom Reiherzer, Dave Riley, Matt Waltz

Members excused: Ron Frederick, Alexa Haigh, Brooke Infusino, Matt Janison, Paul Moeller, Loretta Olsen, Cynthia Simonsen, Tessa Springer, Matt Stinebrink, Toni White, Aaron Williams

Others present: Doug Bartz, Michelle Blanchard, Rebecca Freund, Al Garcia, Cawley Hubner, Chris Isaacson, Jeff Kehl, Anthony Mundy, Beth Norris, Marilyn Putz, David Rivera, Tami Rongstad, Katie Thiele, Karen Sotak, Tom Walsh

LEO’s present: Walworth County Board Chair Brian Holt

Call to Order:

- Board Chair, Nicholas Galich, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call:

- Silent roll call completed by Rebecca Freund.

Citizen Comments:

- No citizen comments.

Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2022 Board meeting:

- Motion was made by Tom Reiherzer to accept the August 9, 2022 minutes with Dave Riley seconding.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Report – presentation by David Rivera – Fiscal:

- David Rivera presented the fiscal update as of September 2022:
 - PY 21 funds for Dislocated Worker began July 2022 – \$392,435 left.
 - PY 21 funds for Adults – \$656,359 is remaining. Training goal is \$347,046 – obligated \$119,907.
 - PY 21 funds for Youth - \$711, 233 remaining. Work Experience goal is \$226,584 – spent \$99,111.
 - Please note that PY 22 funds will not be utilized until PY 21 funds are spent.
- David discussed the other grants in depth.
- Tom Reiherzer made a motion to accept the Fiscal report as given with Waylon Gross seconding that motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

OVS (Office of Veteran Services) Presentation – Al Garcia – DWD:

- Doug introduced Al Garcia from the Office of Veteran Services. At our last meeting, there was discussion regarding Veteran services, so we invited Al to present and give an update on what’s going around the State.
- Al stated that he assists WDA 1 through WDA 5: Southeastern, Milwaukee County, Waukesha – Ozaukee – Washington Counties, Fox Valley and the Bay Area.
- The Office of Veteran Employment Services (OVES) provides employment assistance to Veterans and eligible persons.
- Al discussed the three legs of support that make one team:
 - DVOP – Disable Veteran Outreach Program specialists will serve only those Veterans and others eligible most in need of individualized career services – those with significant barriers to employment (SBE).
 - LVER – Local Veterans Employment Representatives works with employers to highlight the benefits of hiring Veterans while working hand-in-hand with business service teams across the state.
 - Job Center staff provide priority of service to all Veterans, especially non-SBE Veterans.
- The common real-world barriers that are seen include: motivation of Veteran; lack of computer skills / resources; new career (machinist to administration); lack of resume; cell or home phone; limited transportation options; schedule of partner; and soft skills.
- June 2021 – June 2022 – throughout the State:
 - 3,800 services to Veterans
 - 771 case managed Veterans
 - 183 homeless Veterans
 - 804 Veterans employed

Dave Riley said that he's a person of numbers and believes this program is successful and applauds it. He is surprised that some of the skills are lacked. One thing you get from a Veteran is work ethic; just need to work on getting them the skills.

Tom Reiherzer mentioned that there is a helmet to hard hat program. The Veterans do have a good work ethic and as long as they show up and do the work, they can have a job in the trades.

Doug mentioned that we do have a Veterans Priority of Service policy and WIOA can enroll Veterans to assist with providing services.

ARES Grant – Cawley Hubner – DOC:

- Doug stated that we've entered into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to look at the justice involved population and what services are available to them, specifically in Southeast but in other areas throughout the State. He then introduced Cawley Hubner.
- Cawley said that ARES stands for Adult Reentry Employment Strategies planning grant. There are 3 elements to this grant:
 - Identify community-based providers' services, capacity, and needs working with reentry population in three regions of the state;
 - Enhance (+develop) information sharing with community-based providers and employers by creating a robust data sharing system; and
 - Creation of a DOC project position to staff three institution-based job centers to serve as a pilot for similar positions under DOC supervision.
- A survey was shared with 72 community providers on October 11, 2022 and closed out November 1, 2022 to get an idea of direct/employment services offered and relationship with WDB and justice involved populations; interest in trainings and technical assistance; and any recommendations for the DOC/WDB. Cawley said that 46.15% responded and then discussed those responses in depth.

One-Stop Operator (OSO) Update – Beth Norris:

- Beth discussed the kiosk that pilot launched in Kenosha and Elkhorn in the Spring 2022.
- A customer can walk in and using the kiosk, give the reason for their visit. This kiosk captures language preference, Veteran's status, and accommodation requests, as well as the basics – name, phone number, and email address.

Other Grants Presentation – Michelle Blanchard:

- Michelle said the WAI (Worker Advancement Initiative) grant has a cohort graduating. The event is being held on November 21, 2022 and she invites all to attend.

Monitoring Schedule – Marilyn Putz:

- Marilyn said that she oversees Monitoring and makes sure that we stay on top of things.
- Marilyn discussed in-depth, the monitoring that is completed by the Department of Workforce Development, the Kenosha County Department of Human Services and by the SE WI WDB.
- In addition, a weekly snapshot from DWFS is sent to Board leadership. We also have a monthly touch base meeting to monitor staffing levels and discuss enrollments, goals, etc....

Other Items as Allowed by Law:

- No other items discussed.

Board Chair Comments:

- Nick would like to discuss whether to move meetings to in-person, keep things virtual or move to a hybrid.

Local Elected Official Comments:

- No comments.

Next meeting:

- Next meeting is being planned but information on that will be sent out.

Adjournment:

- Tom Reiherzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Mlot seconded that motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.