



Spokane Area WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES SPOKANE AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 7:30 a.m. Spokane Skills Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Burgess	Liz Collier	Steve Dahlstrom	Craig Dias	Steve Hanson
Don Howell	Bill Kalivas	Nancy Nelson	Mike Senske	Hugh Severs
Beth Thew				

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frankie Arteaga	Jeff Benesch	Ben Cabildo	Donna Dalzell	Kim Do
Robert Duron	Tom Fritz	Rich Hadley	Dennis Holt	Steve Jurich
Craig Lee	Kevin Managhan	Julie Meyer	Diana Wilhite	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Bloom- WorkSource	Christy Doyle-SCC	Nick Hughes-CPS	George Iranon-CPS	Nick Hughes- CPS
Darrell Mihara- SFCC	Peg Waldron-ES	Jeff Zahir-ES	Anne Millane- ESD101	Marie Bjork- CPS
Angelique Signorelli- ESD101	Michele Harris-GW	Judy Cash-CPS		

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Mattke- Workforce Strategy & Planning Director	Gordon Gutterud- Accountant	Dawn Karber-Youth Involvement Coordinator	Anne Lockwood- Secretary	Lori Meakin- Workforce Development Program Specialist
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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Craig Dias, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

ITEM #1 – REVIEW MARCH 14, 2007 MEETING MINUTES:

On a motion and a second to approve the March 14, 2007 SAWDC Meeting minutes. Approved. None opposed.

ITEM #2 – WDC LOCAL OPERATIONS PLAN UPDATE:

The Strategic Plan is the vision for workforce. The Operations Plan is overarching our goals at the local level. There are many different roles and functions and different partners addressed in the Operations Plan. The Operations Plan is due May 15, 2007, with the final submission on June 11, 2007.

If the Workforce Investment Act is approved in Washington DC the WDC's will have to do the Strategic Plan and Operations Plan all over again.

ITEM #3 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – REPORT FROM REGIONAL FLY-IN TO WASHINGTON D.C.:

Amy Johnson and Mark Mattke presented the PowerPoint on workforce development that was used on the recent Regional DC Fly-In to Washington, D.C. during meetings with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor Employment and Training Administration and the Chiefs of Staff of our congressional delegation. This highlighted our collaborative efforts and regional initiatives which address four targeted industry clusters and promoted awareness of the worker shortages and skills gaps. Also emphasized were the efforts to improve outreach to youth and develop career pathway materials focused upon the targeted clusters.

Cantwell/Collins Dear College Letter

In response to an attempt to rescind unspent carry-in funds from the WIA program, Senators Cantwell and Collins are circulating a Dear Colleague letter in the Senate in order to education members and generate support for retaining current funding levels for employment and training programs. The funds in question are dollars that roll over each year and are obligated to serve participants and program services. These funds are an inherent part of the WIA structure and were part of its design from the inception. The rescission of these dollars would have a grave impact on our local workforce development system's ability to train workers and assist businesses.

ITEM #4 – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – SITE OPERATOR AND PROGRAM OPERATOR – PROVISIONAL CONTRACT AWARDS:

The Executive Committee was charged with reviewing the bidders' responses to this year's RFPs for Site Operator and Program Operator and awarding funding for PY07. Current service providers formed the Spokane Workforce Consortium and submitted proposals for both RFPs, with ES taking a lead role in the Site Operator, supported by Career Path Services and Educational Service District 101 staff, and Career Path Services the lead for the Program Operator with staff support from the Employment Security Department, Educational Service District 101, and Goodwill Industries of the Inland Northwest. The committee voted to approve both bids. Congratulations! Staff and providers look forward to implementing the new model and much work remains to be done to accomplish the transformation and launch the new One-Stop.

There will be an award letter going out after negotiations conclude, followed by the subrecipient packages.

Other Business

1. The 2007 Economic Symposium will be held on May 23, 2007, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at the MAC in Browne's Addition. This is an opportunity to hear from state and local economists and discuss our regional economy. Tom O'Brien, the Director of the Eastern Washington Workforce Development Council, and Mark Mattke will participate on a panel and discuss their respective region's economies, as well.
2. The Trustee's Association of Community and Technical Colleges of the State of Washington will meet at the Davenport on May 17 and a panel discussion on the topic of Regional Partnerships in the Local Area will feature Amy Johnson of Greater Spokane Incorporated, Craig Dias of Haskins Steel, and Mark Mattke.
3. It was noted that the Spokane Area Workforce Development Council is the first in the state to provide strategic leadership to the K-12 system through the approval process of Carl Perkins plans for Career and Technical Education.
4. The Pizza, Pop and Power Tools was held Tuesday, May 8th and Wednesday May 9th. This very successful event is in its third year and has now grown to a two full days with over 400 middle school age girls from around the region participating. Each student was able to work with local trades people, assisting with hands on demonstrations of welding, heavy equipment operation, carpentry, plumbing, painting, and other trades. These youth will be tracked to determine if their choice of classes and careers are influenced by this event. Information will be provided them at intervals throughout their education to ensure they have the tools to make sound career decisions.
5. The WAVE Scholarship Awards are next Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 6:30 pm.
6. The hiring process has been completed for the SAWDC Office. Peg Waldron is the new Assistant Director – Workforce Operations, and Dawn Karber is the new Youth Involvement Coordinator.
7. Christine Burgess and Steve Hanson have announced their retirement. Both have long and distinguished careers in education. We thank them for their service and wish them all the best.
8. Mark awarded Gordon Gutterud, SAWDC Accountant, his 35 year pin for service to the City of Spokane. Congratulations and Thank You for your work in support of the SAWDC and our workforce development system.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 am.

NEXT MEETING:

The next WDC Meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at the Skills Center 4141 N Regal.