



**MINUTES**

**ROGUE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP • CORPORATE DIRECTORS**

August 30, 2017 ♦ 100 E. Main St., Suite A - Board Room ♦ Medford, OR

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Rick Dyer (via videocall)  
Michael Donnelly (via videocall)  
Nikki Jones (via videocall)  
Jessica Gomez (via videocall)  
Shawn Hogan (via videocall)  
Paul Macuga (via videocall)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Dan DeYoung  
John Underwood

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jim Fong, Executive Director, Rogue Workforce Partnership  
Sherri Emitte, Director of Administration & Finance, Rogue Workforce Partnership (via videocall)  
Aurora King, Chief Operating Officer, Rogue Workforce Partnership  
Tami Allison, Senior Project Manager, Rogue Workforce Partnership

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jessica Gomez at 3:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

**2) One-Stop Operator Selection – Action Item**

Jim Fong informed the Corporate Directors that one proposal was submitted in response to the RWP's Request for Proposal to serve as the One-Stop Operator for the Rogue Valley region. This proposal was submitted by the Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

A consortium of local partners were not able to reach the required 3-member minimum, so we did not receive a proposal from either a consortium or any of the other local workforce partners.

OMEP's particular expertise is in helping organizations apply "Lean enterprise thinking and tools, particularly Value Stream Mapping to measure and see barriers to flow, areas of waste, and opportunities for the application of high performance tools. Originally developed for manufacturing, this approach is equally effective when applied to product / service and information flows."

OMEP has had a long-standing series of partnerships with Local Workforce Boards throughout the State of Oregon. They have previously applied Value Stream Mapping in the WorkSource Portland Metro One-Stop Centers, and have also just recently been selected as the One-Stop Operator for five other Workforce Regions in Oregon – Clackamas, Mid-Willamette (Salem), Northwest Coastal, Lane, and East Cascades.

Because of our strong Local Leadership Team of service partners, staff feel that contracting with OMEP to serve as the One-Stop Operator will add value and benefit to improving the service delivery in our workforce centers and system.

Based on the expertise and experience of OMEP, and the value they can bring in serving in the role of One-Stop Operator, staff recommended that the RWP-Corporate Directors approve the selection of OMEP as the One-Stop Operator, and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with them. This decision will require an affirming ratification vote from the full RWP – Workforce Board at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**COMMISSIONER DYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE OREGON MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP AS THE ROGUE VALLEY REGION'S ONE-STOP OPERATOR, AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OMEP FOR UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$35,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAUL MACUGA AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **3) RWP Meeting & College & Career for All**

The CRLE Pyramid (*see attached diagram*) is a model for creating a regional business-education partnership framework for Career Related Learning Experiences for high school students. After doing much leg/prep work over the past many months, staff and key regional education partners think it's now timely to propose that cross-sector partners adopt this as a regional model. The proposal is to add this as an agenda item to the September 14<sup>th</sup> RWP – Workforce Board meeting, and invite more K-12 Superintendents, and informal education and other industry sector partners to participate in order to build a broad-based regional consensus.

We also want to cross-walk this discussion and decision-making process with all the K-12 Superintendents at their regular SOESD Superintendents meeting on September 18th. RWP Corporate Directors expressed strong support for moving in this direction. Suggestions were made to add to the CRLE Pyramid slide, including:

- Mike suggested adding a slide on the CRLE activities currently occurring and also those that could be outside the model

- Shawn suggested adding a slide listing what the issues are such as different districts approaching the work with students differently, and why this would be a better approach
- Jessica suggested that it would be beneficial to have industry leaders such as Mike, Shawn and herself speak to why this would be important to them as business leaders to have a coordinated structure and have industry help train the next generation of the workforce.

There was consensus to move forward in this direction.

#### 4) Executive Session

- Entered in to Executive Session at 3:47 p.m.
- Exited Executive Session at 3:52 p.m.

#### 5) Other Items

There were no other items brought before the Rogue Workforce Partnership Corporate Directors.

#### 6) Adjourn

With no further business, the RWP Corporate Directors meeting was informally adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tami Allison  
Executive Projects Manager

  
Approved

10-19-17  
Date

Jessica Gomez, RWP Chair

