



MINUTES

ROGUE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP • CORPORATE DIRECTORS

October 19, 2017 ♦ 100 E. Main St., Suite A - Board Room ♦ Medford, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Rick Dyer
Commissioner Dan DeYoung
Chair, Jessica Gomez
Vice-chair, Michael Donnelly (via phone)
Shawn Hogan
John Underwood

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nikki Jones
Paul Macuga

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Fong, Executive Director, Rogue Workforce Partnership
Sherri Emitte, Director of Administration, Rogue Workforce Partnership (via phone)
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 3:07p.m. Introductions were made.

2) Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER DYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2017, AUGUST 17, 2017, AND AUGUST 30, 2017 RWP CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHN UNDERWOOD AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3) Approval of Policies

Aurora summarized the policies that were briefly discussed in the September Workforce Board meeting.

4) Funding K-12 Education Coordination Capacity

Jim updated the group indicating that the need is ever present to reach out to the K-12 school districts asking them to contribute to the funding of the RWP Business Service Manager dedicated to supporting the Business-Education Partnership and College and Career for All work with the K-12 school districts. Jim asked Directors to join him in meeting with individual superintendents to make this ask. The thought is to start with Medford, Central Point and Grants Pass school districts first and then coordinate with SOESD on the remaining eight districts. Mike and Jessica both indicated their willingness to go meet with superintendents; however, they want to insure that a clear description of deliverables as well as the position's job description is available to share during the meeting.

5) State General Funds & Investment Strategy

Jim reviewed the attachments in today's packet consisting of an email from Karen Humelbaugh, and a 2017-2019 General Fund Breakdown and Descriptions of the three components of the general fund contract (Local Competitiveness Strategies (formerly Board Support), Work Experience (formerly Back to Work Oregon) and Industry Engagement (formerly Sector Partnerships)). Jim reviewed the spreadsheets with the group going over the allocations in each category and noted that this biennium's change in allocation methodology and investment priorities was done without input from local boards.

Jim added that the state has never fully funded workforce boards to do the work they are required to do under WIOA. Jim asked how the Directors felt about signing on with WSI who is advocating for the Governor's federal workforce discretionary dollars to fund the boards instead of the State workforce general funds. Jessica indicated that she would like to know/understand where those federal dollars are going now, if they are not coming to the local boards. Commissioner Dyer indicated that an action would have to be taken by each board of county commissioners before taking a position on signing a letter.

Jim went on to review the Local Competitiveness Strategies actual expenses and the 2017-2019 Industry Engagement draft budget and asked for the Director's guidance and feedback. The ask for funding the BEP position would be about \$150,000 divided by the number of school districts. The way funds would be allocated is still to be determined. The group indicated they are comfortable with the budget, and can come back and review as holes are filled in.

6) Agenda Prep January Workforce Development Board Retreat

steps. There is also a business representative position vacant that Jessica and Jim are working on to fill.

9) Conflict of Interest Discussion

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10) Other Items

Cost Sharing / Infrastructure Funding Agreement

Jim reported that there have been communication snafus with some of the core WIOA agency partners, and we're now at an impasse with the Cost Sharing / IFA. We have a week to come to an agreement. Jim will update the Corporate Directors as this work progresses.

With no further business, the RWP Corporate Directors meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tami Allison
Senior Project Manager



Approved _____ Date _____
Jessica Gomez, RWP Chair