



Wyoming Workforce Development Council Meeting Summary

May 12-13, 2016

Casper College, Gateway Building, 2nd Floor

Council Members Present

Gary New	Fabian Lobera	Scott Norris
Rocky Anderson	Brenda Birkle	Sid Gressette
Tony Haller	Ray Fleming Dinneen	Stacy Strasser
John Walsh	Mark Madsen	Katie Legerski
John Cox	Jim Engel (Chair)	Leonard Scoleri
Ron Van Voast	Michael Von Flatern	Del McOmie
Shawn Reese	Kevin Kershishnik	Felix Carrizales
Jim Rose		

Council Members Absent

Governor Matthew Mead	Robert M. McKim	Keith Zabka
Randal Six	Larry Barttelbort	Shannon Buller
Jillian Balow	Steve Corsi	

Council Members Designees Present

Corrine Livers	Laurel Ballard	Lisa Osvold
Jacqueline Herb		

Others Present: Laura Jeffrey, DOL, Veterans Training Services, Director; Mike Griffin, DWS; Chris Wiederspahn, DWS; Hayley McKee, DWS; Tobi Cates, DWS; Bill Schilling, Wyoming Business Alliance; Carmalee Rose, DWS; Tom Gallagher, DWS; Tony Glover, DWS.

Call to Order Welcome and Introductions

Jim Engel, WWDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Rocky Anderson noted that the agenda did not contain a public comment item. Chairman Engel stated that the public will be invited to comment at 11:30 a.m. on May 13, 2016.

Rocky Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Michael Von Flatern seconded the motion, and it carried.

Approval of the March 29, 2016 Minutes

Approval of minutes as written.

WIOA Council Orientation – Tab 3

Laurie Knowlton provided the Council orientation related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. She noted that the Department of Workforce Services has implemented needed changes to comply with the effective date and final guidance in the form of Rules and Regulations is scheduled to be provided to states in June 2016.

Ms. Knowlton also provided an overview of the total federal allocations for Program Years 2014 – 2016 and an overview of the Council's structure as well reference to the in-depth council committee descriptions contained in the meeting materials. She also reminded the Council that Wyoming is a single area state – that Wyoming has one, state level board appointed by Governor Mead from a variety of industries.

The functions of the Council were reviewed with emphasis placed on the three critical hallmarks of excellence: The needs of business and workers drive workforce solutions, one-Stop Centers provide excellent customer service to jobseekers and employers, and focus on continuous improvement, and the workforce system supports strong regional economies and pays an active role in community and workforce development. Ms. Knowlton also discussed aligning the 6 core programs which are Adult Education, Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Wagner-Peyser and sustaining a talent pipeline.

The Governor's Vision and Goals were discussed as well.

WIOA Core Programs Orientation – Tab 4

Chris Wiedersphan discussed a brief history of the public workforce system, the vision of WIOA, six broad goals of WIOA, and program alignment

Dr. Jim Rose discussed the importance of partnerships between Adult Education, Workforce Services, and the Workforce Advisory Groups, integrating education and training, career pathways, workforce preparation, and integrated English literacy and civics education services.

Michael Griffin explained Wagner-Peyser, services provided to individual customers, services provided to business customers, and how those services are delivered. Wagner-Peyser also has an agricultural outreach to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Jeff White discussed the opportunities, partnerships, the fact that WIOA emphasizes competitive integrative employment and allows for an expansion of services to support transition of students and youth with disabilities.

Summit Update

June 22-23, 2016 in Cheyenne @ Little America

Theme: Connecting the Dots for Success

Keynote Speaker selected and in the contracting process. We have done several keynotes in past years, but we will do one opening keynote. High quality speaker.

Breakout speakers are being selected. Looking at many different areas including a potential Economic Update Panel, how to develop a registered apprenticeship, Social media and Facebook for business, morale in the workplace, etc.

Awards: Council sponsors awards for outstanding individual and business contribution to the workforce. Received 3 for individuals, need business. Please encourage employers in your area to submit nominations. Nominations close May 28.

Registration: Numbers are coming up and we are hoping to have the same attendance as in past years. Please also encourage employers in your area to attend. Registration is linked from the Council's website at wyowdc.wyo.gov under 2016 Summit.

Sponsorships: If you know of an entity that would like to sponsor, please have them visit the registration page. Of course, the more sponsorships, the less funding the Council will need to provide.

Will be doing a military tribute this year.

WWDC is one of three organizing partners of the Summit. We work with Wyoming OSHA and the Wyoming Oil & Gas Safety Alliance.

Tour 23

Mr. Bill Schilling discussed that Tour 23 was a Wyoming Business Alliance inspired and organized to reach out, listen, report back. With community leaders across Wyoming, four hour facilitated sessions were held in each of Wyoming's 23 counties. The Wyoming Business Council was a strong partner to the multi-county effort. Wyoming Business Alliance President Billing Schilling led a five team member effort involving himself, Anne Alexander from the University of Wyoming Fred Catchpole as the Vice-President of the Alliance, Jennifer Duncan, the Alliances' Office Manager, and Jordan Harper, a University of Wyoming journalism Student. Mr. Schilling further discussed the successes, Wyoming Hallmarks, and strategies.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m.

The Council enjoyed a reception at Bill Schilling's home in Casper.

The meeting reconvened at 9:13 a.m. after a tour of the Casper Workforce Center.

Economic Update – Tab 5

Mr. Tom Gallagher reported to the Council related to the work Research & Planning does and who the division's customers are. Mr. Gallagher went on to provide context of Wyoming's current economic downturn through discussion regarding employment and wages and Unemployment Insurance claims, regional trends during Wyoming's downturns, and provided *The Education and Work Experience of Youth in Wyoming's Counties, Occasional Paper No. 8, February 2016*.

Council Budget – Tab 6

Laurie Knowlton and Roxanne Parsonneault outlined the budget discussion: WIOA allocations generally; historical funding allocations; the Governor's set-aside; highlights of proposed program year 2015 budget; non-discretionary funds; discretionary Council activities (PY14 budget, PY14 Expenditures, and proposed PY2015 budget); discretionary reserves (PY14 budget, PY14 Expenditures, PY 15 proposed budget); non-discretionary funds (actual expenditures vs. proposed budget for PY15); discretionary Council Activities (PY15 and expenditures).

Leonard Scoleri moved to approve the PY2015, past 9 months expenditures. John Walsh seconded the motion, and it carried.

Leonard Scoleri moved to approve \$15,000 for the Summit. After some discussion Brenda Birkle seconded the motion, and it carried.

Senator Michael Von Flatern moved to approve the following 9 month expenditures. After discussion, Leonard Scoleri seconded the motion, and it carried.

Committee Descriptions – Tab 7

Laurie Knowlton provided a brief overview of the executive committee and invited Carmalee Rose to discuss the Sector Strategies committee. Career Pathways and Apprenticeships was presented by Michael Griffin with discussion from Dr. Jim Rose. Compliance & Finance Committee overview was provided by Chris Wiederspahn.

Meeting adjourned.