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Governor's Workforce Cabinet

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

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Present (via Webinar): Jenà Bellezza, Rob Carter, Maurice Coates Jr, Sue Ellspermann, Jody French, Megan Glover, Anne Hazlett, Joyce Irwin, Dr. Chuck Johnson, Dr. Katie Jenner, Mark Kara, Teresa Lubbers, Blair Milo, Fred Payne, Paul Perkins, Dr. Ronald Rochon, Dr. Jennifer Sullivan, Rebecca Schroeder, and Tony Vespa.

Absent: Amy Brown, Jason Ells, Representative Behning, Senator Raatz

Welcome and Call to Order - Chair Teresa Lubbers

      a. Meeting called to order at 10:00am ET.

II. Roll Call of Cabinet Members
      a. P.J. McGrew called the roll for Workforce Cabinet members; a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes and Bylaws
      a. Fred Payne motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jenà Bellezza seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Reports
      a. Chair's Report (Teresa Lubbers)
      b. Executive Director's Report (P.J. McGrew)

V. New Business

      a. Community Health and Ascend Partnership
            i. Stephanie Bothun from Ascend Indiana and Cabinet member Joyce Irwin from Community Health Network presented to the Cabinet regarding current needs in the healthcare field. Their presentation specifically focused on needs in the nursing and behavioral health fields and strategies Community Health has implemented to address workforce needs in these areas. Cabinet members discussed ways the Cabinet can help facilitate collaboration across the employer community, postsecondary institutions, and others to help address workforce pipeline needs in these areas on a statewide basis.

      b. Discussion and Approval of Local Workforce Plans
            i. PJ presented the local workforce plans developed by the 12 regions. The local plans are a required step after the submission of the state workforce plan submitted under WIOA. PJ reviewed some goals of the state plan and then a summary of each local plan. Commissioner Lubbers, Commissioner Payne and Secretary Jenner commented on how it was encouraging to see

the focus on alignment in the plans and the focus on other areas the GWC has been helping lead efforts around.

1. Local plans underwent an initial review by Department of Workforce Development staff and a recommendation was made to the Cabinet. The recommendation made by DWD was for 8 plans to receive full approval and 4 to receive conditional approval. PJ asked for a motion to be made to vote on the recommendation. A motion was made by Joyce Irwin and seconded by President Ellspermann.
2. Vote on DWD Recommendation for Local Workforce Plans:

Cabinet Members (voting members)	Vote
Chair Teresa Lubbers	Yes
Secretary Katie Jenner	Yes
Jenà Bellezza	Yes
Commissioner Fred Payne	Yes
Maurice Coates Jr.	Yes
Dr. Sue Ellspermann	Yes
Jody French	Yes
Megan Glover	Yes
Anne Hazlett	Yes
Joyce Irwin	Yes
President Chuck Johnson	Yes
Mark Kara	Yes
Paul Perkins	Yes
President Ronald Rochon	Yes
Rebecca Schroeder	Yes
Tony Vespa	Yes

a. Local plans fully approved: Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11
b. Local plans conditionally approved: Regions 1, 2, 7, 12

c. CTE Update
i. PJ provided an update on several topics related to CTE. This included that course standards for NLPS courses have been completed and instructor workshops begin next week. He also shared some data that will be included in an upcoming report from the Office of CTE.

d. Member Updates
i. Commissioner Payne encouraged the group to continue to focus on ways the Cabinet can help improve the state's labor force participation rate as the state's unemployment rate gets back to close to pre-pandemic levels.
ii. Secretary Jenner highlighted what the Department of Education is doing to assess learning loss resulting from the pandemic and efforts related to accelerated learning for this upcoming summer/school year.

VI.   Old Business
   a.   There was no old business to discuss.

VII.   Adjournment
   a.   Commissioner Lubbers asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Payne made a motion, it was seconded by Secretary Jenner.
   b.   The meeting adjourned at 11:55 ET.