



System Alignment Taskforce

September 3, 2014

**Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room 1
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Rep. Steve Braun, JR Gaylor, Teresa Lubbers, Neil Pickett, Carol Rogers, David Shane

Members Not Present: Brian Burton, Brooke Huntington, Joe Loughrey, Derek Redelman, Eric Shields

Staff Present: Jackie Dowd, Nate Klinck

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Taskforce Chair Neil Pickett called the meeting to order at 9am and welcomed members in attendance.

II. Review and Approval of August 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Following review of the minutes from the August 12th meeting, Ms. Lubbers moved approval; Ms. Rogers seconded; motion carried.

III. Overview of National Governors Association Policy Academy

Ms. Dowd provided the taskforce with an overview of the State to participate in an NGA Policy Academy that will focus on aligning the education and training pipeline with the needs of the economy. She explained that Indiana's participation in the academy will help build upon the goals and objectives within the Career Council's strategic plan. It will allow staff to interact with and learn from other states and national experts.

IV. Review of Taskforce Charter and Expected Deliverables

Mr. Pickett asked Mr. Klinck to walk through the duties of the taskforce, as assigned by the Career Council. This item was suggested at the previous meeting of the taskforce, in order to ensure that the taskforce was focusing on the duties it has been assigned. Mr. Klinck shared a presentation that touched on the three primary duties assigned to the taskforce:

- Conduct analysis and develop recommendations for streamlining the governance structure of Indiana's education, job skills training, and career development system;
- Oversee the development of inter-agency and inter-organizational policies among DWD, CHE, FSSA, and Ivy Tech; and

- Monitor the development of and enhancements to the Indiana Network of Knowledge.

V. Brief Review of Taskforce Discussions to-Date and Key Takeaways

Following the review of the taskforce duties; the taskforce briefly reviewed the discussions they have held in previous meetings. As a part of fulfilling its first duty, the taskforce has looked at streamlining the governance of the system in three parts: state executive agency organization, system governance/boards alignment, and regional service delivery maps. It has reviewed the current structures, including how clients, both workers and businesses, interact with and receive services from the system, and has reviewed the potential impacts that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) might have on system alignment.

VI. Discussion of Potential Criteria/Data to Use in Defining Workforce Regions

This discussion focused on what data might be used in determining the appropriate workforce regions within the State. Mr. Pickett reminded taskforce members of the multiple maps that the taskforce had reviewed at previous meetings; maps that showed that many system partners (WorkOnes, FSSA, IEDC, etc.) have established regions with different boundaries.

Ms. Rogers shared an electronic tool that the Indiana Business Research Center at IU is developing that could help the taskforce determine appropriate, data-driven approaches towards establishing the regions. The tool, which is in a beta version, allows individuals to group counties into a region and to see numerous data points that indicate economic and demographic differences or similarities within the region. Some of the data that is already included in the tool are commuting patterns, unemployment rates, educational attainment levels, primary industries and employers, and average and median wages. IBRC is planning to include post-secondary institutions within the map as well as showing key thoroughfares. Following Ms. Rogers's demonstration, taskforce members discussed additional data that could be helpful in making determinations. Ms. Rogers agreed to continue working on the tool, and that it would be shared with taskforce members as it is updated.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Pickett adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.