

MINUTES of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
February 14, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
TEAMS video/audio call

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Pat Bertagnolli, Stan Schauer, Wayde Sick

Ex Officio members present: Katie Ralston Howe

Commerce staff and Job Service staff present: Tammy Barstad, Ruth Lacher, Sherri Frieze

Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Wayde Sick seconded by Stan Schauer to approve the administrative committee minutes of November 15, 2022. Motion carried.

POLICY REVIEW - Tammy Barstad
Adult Dislocated Worker Funding Transfer
Common Exit
Data Validation
Individual Training Account

Tammy gave an overview of three of the four WIOA Policies that have needed changes. The Common Exit policy and the Individual Training account had no changes to them but needs to be reviewed. The The polices are for approval at today's meeting and will be brought forth at the next executive committee meeting for reference only.

MOTION: It was moved by Wayde Sick and seconded by Stan Schauer to approve the amended polices as presented during today's meeting. Motion carried.

WIOA PARTNER UPDATES
With Legislative Update

Stan Schauer – Adult Education

- HB 1398 – Cybersecurity bill went well and looking for no opposition.
- SB 2013 – DPI budget bill - ESSR funding used last biennium to be included permanently in the DPI budget.

Wayde Sick – CTE

- HB 1019 – Appropriations bill – \$14.2M for CTE programs; including Advisors and Work Base Coordinators.
- HB 1199 – CTE has loan authority for projects to move forward. Federal dollars will be used once received for payback.
- HB 1032 – High demand CNA and CDL Training.
- HB 1232 – Virtual Reality Career Exploration for RU Ready ND platform through Be More Colorful, if awarded the contract.
- HB 1241 – Funding to be granted out to Higher Ed. for startup of new programs. This has been modeled after the Workforce Enhancement Grant.
- HB 1379 – Legacy Fund earnings framework - for Workforce Development and Enrichment Funds for strategic workforce development, technical education workforce diversification, and workforce guidance and support. This is a continuation of the streaming bill in 2021.
- HB 1382 – Students to use scholarship for registered apprenticeship expenses.

- HB 1383 – Apprenticeship tax credit for employer to claim every year, apprenticeship tax credit for up to 5 apprentices.
- HB 1519 – CTE – appropriation to CTE for grantee dollars to Train ND for ND UAS program.
- SB 2170 – Minor on construction site with parental approval
 - Education and training – must be included and used for only. Wayde to lobby for bill changes. Bill is not worded sufficiently.
- SB 2288 - sets a side funding for a 1:2 match for nursing program in post-secondary level for expanding of program.

Other

- CTE has currently trained 20 work base learning (WBL) coordinators with another 30 to be trained this spring.
- Working on education side to expand WBL. Have met with Pat Bertagnolli and Phil Davis to discuss training needed for employers and how Job Service can help work with K12. Will have similar future discussions with EDND and the Commerce Department/Main Street team and the Workforce Team to get students and schools involved.

Pat Bertagnolli – Job Service

- **Virtual Job Fair** on February 8th went very well. Employers in healthcare, education, transportation, government, engineering, information technology, and other trade skills were at the virtual fair.
 - 100 employers attended
 - 450 job seekers from 29 states and 14 countries
- **Job Service Legislator Open House** on January 5th went very well. Over 30 percent of legislators were in attendance, along with Lt. Governor Tammy Miller. Many legislators thanked Job Service for the event.

Katie Ralston Howe – Commerce Department

- RWIP – 60 projects across the state have been funded.
- TSTG – This is the easiest grant to administer.
- WIG – Has not been launched yet. To be launched by next week. This grant will help private business. This wasn't launched sooner due to small team in workforce division.
- FTGL – Media has made negative comments to the program, with the small number moving to ND.
 - Complexities around moving are not taken into perspective and many people moving to ND, don't use the FTGL service.
 - Asked for 25M in Governor's budget for Talent Attraction, it has been cut to 8M.
- SB 2142 – Immigration Office within Commerce – many changes have been made with an expanded focus. The number of full-time employees has been cut from 5 to 1. Challenges exist with workload for one person and overlap of services with Department of Health and Human Services.

NGA Conference – Washington, DC

- Dave and Katie attended the NGA Conference last week in Washington DC. Every summer a state is chosen to host the summer conference. Katie presented ND to host the 2023 Summer Conference, going up again Los Angeles and Seattle. Fargo was chosen to host the NGA National Summer Conference with the Governor to be in attendance. Many thanks to Katie for her presentation of ND.

WDC MEETING
March 2 – TEAMS meeting
Katie Ralston Howe

Katie discussed the Q1 WDC meeting that will be held virtually next month, due to a shorter meeting. The meeting is currently blocked for a five-hour meeting to members' calendars and will be adjusted once discussions take place at the executive committee meeting to be held this week.

Agenda timeline:

- WIOA updates
- WIOA program update
- Legislative updates
- Agency budget bill discussion
- Member industry update
- Preliminary discussion for meeting locations in Q2 & Q3.
- Once bills pass, this will move the landscape of WDC. Where does the council see themselves for the next biennium.
- Open discussions to take place at the Q2 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Stan Schauer, seconded by Wade Sick to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.