

NEBRASKA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Executive Committee
Minutes

Nebraska Department of Labor
Room 311
550 South 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
December 13, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #1 – Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (NWIB) Executive Committee was called to order on December 13, 2013 at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Gayle McClure, Chair.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Members present: (7)

Dennis Baack	Gayle McClure
Bruce Cutright	Mark Moravec
Mathew Fleischer	Becky Stitt
Catherine D. Lang	

Members absent: (4)

Michael Geary	Michelle Olson
Don Nordell	Kerry Winterer

Nebraska Department of Labor Staff:

Seth Fager	Kelley McKay
Mary Findlay	Joan Modrell
Jan Fox	Rebecca Schademann
Nancy Leonard	Tom Ukinski
Jason Mauseth	

Other Guests:

Gregg Christensen	Erin Porterfield
Jan Norlander - Jensen	

Agenda Item #3 – Notice of Publication

Nancy Leonard, recorder for the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board, stated that notice of a public meeting was both posted and advertised in accordance with the Public Meetings Law. Notices were marked as exhibits and made part of the formal record of the meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Bud Fleischer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2013 meeting of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee. Becky Stitt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Chair McClure stated that dates, agenda, minutes and handouts for the Executive Committee as well as the full board and the Performance Committee can be found on the website at www.dol.nebraska.gov under the heading of “Workforce Investment Act.”

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

a) *Local Plan Modification*

Jan Fox, Policy Coordinator with the Office of Employment and Training, indicated that the agenda that was provided to the Executive Committee members prior to today’s meeting included the consent agenda. The consent agenda originally had two modifications to consider, one related to Greater Nebraska and another related to Greater Omaha. Upon further review of Greater Omaha’s modification request, a few technical items were discovered that needed to be amended.

Greater Omaha’s modification requested that \$150,000 of the FY 13 Dislocated Worker funds be transferred to their FY 13 Adult Program. In a previously approved modification, Greater Omaha transferred a total of \$120,000 FY 13 Dislocated Worker funds to their Adult Program. When adding these two figures, Greater Omaha was requesting to transfer a little over 50% of the FY 13 funds from their Dislocated Worker Program. The maximum any local area may transfer is 50% or less of that program’s annual allocation.

Another technical item that needs to be amended within the Greater Omaha Modification is to fully acknowledge the ten day review and comment period stated within the Greater Omaha Inter-local Agreement between the City of Omaha, Sarpy County, Douglas County, and Washington County. Per the Inter-local Agreement each partner must have at a minimum ten days to review and comment on the modification.

Because of these two technical issues, the Greater Omaha modification was officially denied. The Greater Omaha Local Area is strongly encouraged to address these two concerns and resubmit the revised modification.

The modification request that will be considered today is from Greater Nebraska. The local area is requesting to transfer \$150,000 from the FY 13 Dislocated Worker funds to the FY 13 Adult Program. The State has reviewed the request and there are not any issues.

Dennis Baack made a motion to approve a request from the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Area for a modification to their local plan. Mark Moravec seconded the motion.

Roll call vote follows:

FOR: Seven (7)

Dennis Baack
Bruce Cutright
Mathew Fleischer
Catherine D. Lang

Gayle McClure
Mark Moravec
Becky Stitt

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAINING: None (0)

NON-VOTING: None (0)

ABSENT: Four (4)

Michael Geary

Michelle Olson

Don Nordell

Kerry Winterer

MOTION CARRIED

b) *Business and/or Partner Update*

Business and/or partners provided a brief snapshot of conditions in their industry, business, or agency and any new initiatives or trends.

c) *Labor Market Information (LMI) Update*

Mary Findlay, Research Analyst, reported on Labor Market Information. She handed out a document titled Nebraska Labor Market Trends. She reviewed the new Economic Development Regions, now that Grand Island is considered a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) based off the last census data. She provided information on how the new regions were determined. Findlay also reviewed the Unemployment Rates by County for 2013, and identified Areas of Substantial Unemployment throughout the state. An update regarding the Northeast Nebraska Labor Shed Study was also provided.

d) *reVISION Initiative*

Gregg Christianson, Entrepreneurship & Career Education Specialist, Nebraska Department of Education, provided an update on the reVISION Initiative, which is a collaborative effort between the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Department of Labor, Partnerships for Innovation, and Nebraska Department of Economic Development. The reVISION Initiative has four goals:

- 1) Align and support Career and Technical Education Systems with Nebraska's Economic Initiatives.
- 2) Develop Nebraska's talent pipelines for economic growth and workforce development.
- 3) Strengthen high school CTE programs to align with Nebraska postsecondary education entrance expectations.
- 4) Create a common language between local employers and education.

Christensen discussed how these goals are being reached during the initiative's second year. He described in detail the five steps each of the participating schools complete during the one year timeline. The reVISION Initiative is the first step schools take in order to change the role of education within a community. Overall, the reVISION Initiative will ensure Nebraska students leave high school with the knowledge and skills required for employment in local/regional business, and it will also provide opportunities for students to experience a smoother transition from high school to postsecondary education.

e) *Career Tour Video Update*

Joan Modrell, Director, Office of Employment and Training, provided an update regarding the Career Video Tours that were formally made available to the public in November. Modrell informed the Executive Committee that three of the pathways have been completed: Information Technology; Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics; and Manufacturing. The next pathways that will be highlighted with a Career Tour Video are:

- 1) Architecture and Construction,
- 2) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math,
- 3) Health Sciences, and
- 4) Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources.

Modrell proceeded to identify the Nebraska companies that will be within these career tours.

Since the launch of the first three pathways at the Nebraska School Counselor's, Modrell and Rebecca Schademann provided google analytics information on the number of individuals who have watched the videos and their geographic location.

f) *CY 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Dates*

Gayle McClure, Chair, stated that the next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2014 and Friday, December 12, 2014.

Agenda Item #6 – Next Performance Committee Meeting

The next Performance Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2014.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment

Mathew Fleischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Moravec seconded it. A vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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December 26, 2013