

Meeting Minutes – Annual Funding Agreement

Friday, August 18, 2017

LOCATION Southeast Community College
8800 O St. Room U 104, 106
Lincoln, NE

DURATION 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Speakers:

Dylan Wren, Greater Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Labor
Erin Porterfield, Greater Omaha, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Jan Norlander Jensen, Greater Lincoln, City of Lincoln
John Albin, Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Labor
Angela Hansen Kruse, WIOA State Policy, Nebraska Department of Labor
Michael Phillips, Greater Omaha, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Lisa Wilson, Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board
Gary Targoff, Greater Lincoln Development Board

Partners and Guests in Attendance:

Susan Rabick, Proteus, Inc.
Doug Marthaler, Lincoln Housing Authority
Alejandra Sineco, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Dennis Headrick, Southeast Community College
Cheryl Holocomb, Central NE Community Action Partnership
Lorena Hernandez, Nebraska Department of Labor
Pierre Sagitteh, Literacy Center
Linda Butkus, Literacy Center
Cristi Thaut, Indian Center, Inc.
Cherisa Price-Wells, ResCare Workforce Services
Nancy Flearl, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Erin Brandyberry, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Carlos Servan, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Bill Brown, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Mark Schultz, Nebraska VR
Kristen Knobbe, National Able Network
Tori Conley, Heartland Workforce Solutions
Christine Jaynes, Heartland Workforce Solutions
J Kroll, ResCare
Ann Chambers, Central Community College
Diane Vesely-Robb, Southeast Community College

Tate Lauer, Nebraska Department of Education
Nancy Gewecke, Nebraska Department of Labor
Victoria Rasmussen, Nebraska VR
Shari Wurtz-Miller, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership
Rick Nation, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership
Aaron Bowen, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership
Margaret Blatchford, City of Lincoln
Sarah Wilson, Literacy Center
Matt Gotschall, Central Community College
Kim Schreiner, Nebraska Department of Labor
Deb Andersen, Nebraska Department of Labor
Bill Owen, Metro Community College
Thomas Ukinski, Nebraska Department of Labor
Connie Daily, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Welcome:

Gary Targoff (Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Board) welcomed the partners and guests to the Annual Funding Agreement Meeting.

Introductions:

Speakers and partners introduced themselves and stated what organization they were representing.

Comments:

John Albin, Commission of the Department of Labor, gave an overview of what would need to happen during this meeting and reminded everyone that if the partners and three local areas could not come to an agreement, the Governor would set the allocations for all of the partners.

Legislative Overview:

Angela Hansen-Kruse (WIOA Policy, Department of Labor) presented an overview of WIOA legislation on MOUs and the funding agreement.

Local Areas:

Representatives from each of the three local areas (Greater Lincoln, Greater Nebraska and Greater Omaha) gave overviews of their service areas and the number of participants that they serve.

Proportionate-Share Methodologies:

Michael Phillips, Finance Manager (Heartland Workforce Solutions), presented methodologies for the funding agreement. Those methodologies included full-time equivalents assigned to employment and training activities, square footage in the American Job Centers, and the number of participants served for employment and training.

Discussion and Questions:

Workforce Partners and representatives from the local areas divided into groups and shared their ideas for coming up with a formula for the funding agreement. Some of the concerns and ideas brought up were:

- Definition of the term “customers served”. Some customers are short term and some are long term.
- What are the benefits to the partner?
- Co-located partners paying based on square footage versus non-located partners paying for a portion of the common space.
- Having an access fee based funding for a common/resource room.
- How are partner costs considered?
- How are contributions at the state level being considered?

Closing Remarks:

The partners and representatives from the local areas discussed the possibility of meeting again because they did not come to an agreement.