**Meeting Minutes – Chief Elected Officials**

Fairfield Marriot, 805 Allen Drive, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803

9:30 – 11:16 a.m.

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| *January 9, 2017* |  |

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pam Lancaster called the Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board Meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. on January 9, 2017.

**ROLL CALL**

For establishing a quorum,roll call was called by Erica Wertz, Staff Assistant II for the Department of Labor.

**Members Present (4):**

Jack Anderson

Kent Greenwalt

Hal Haeker

Pam Lancaster

**Members Absent (7):**

John Fagot

William Stewart

Steve Erdman

Stanley Clouse

Hilary Maricle

Christian Ohl

Joe Hewgley

**Staff and Guests (8):** Dylan Wren, Shannon Grotrian, Erica Wertz, Chris Callihan, Ann Chambers, Lisa Wilson, Kim Schumacher, Matt Gotschall, Cherisa Price Wells

While there was a quorum when the meeting was established, there was not one at the time of the meeting.

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Pam asked Erica to read the notice of publication.

**“**Adequate legal notice of this meeting was posted in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub, Norfolk Daily News, North Platte Telegraph, Scottsbluff Star-Herald, and the Sidney Sun-Telegraph. Let the record reflect that the notice was published in accordance with the open meeting law requirement and published in the Greater Nebraska area. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is available at this meeting and can be obtained from the legal counsel or administrative staff”.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes could not be approved at this meeting since there wasn’t a quorum.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There wasn’t any Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 6-a, b, c, & d, ResCare’s Proposals\***

Lisa presented on this Item.OnSeptember 9th of 2016 the Department of Labor on behalf of the CEOB and GNWDB issued a request for proposal to provide the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title 1 Services. Four options for bidding included; One-Stop Operator, Adult and Dislocated Worker Service Provider and Youth Service Provider. ResCare submitted their proposals for four of the five options. No proposals were submitted for the Administrative Entity. On January 4th, 2017 the RFP Committee met with ResCare Workforce Services to conduct oral interviews.

Lisa Presented the Board Recommendations:

**Recommendation #1** – The GNWDB and CEOB ask Nebraska Department of Labor Commissioner, John Albin to continue providing WIOA Title 1 programs, one-stop operator services, and administrative entity services.

Lisa explained the reasons for this.

-The bidder has a lack of WIA/WIOA experience and actual performance history for a rural geographical area as big as the Greater Nebraska Area.

-Cost per participant were not as competitive as current for two out of three options.

-The number of participants served was not as competitive as current for two out of three options.

-For the past 10 years, NDOL has done an excellent job in program performance, enrollment goals and expenditure benchmarks.

**Recommendation #2** – The board remain open to issue a new RFP if the circumstances change in the future.

**Recommendation #3 -** Ask administrative entity to draft options for rebidding on the One-Stop operator role as soon as possible.

Lisa explained that it is important to make sure that clients are being served and making sure that the One-Stop Operator role is being addressed. Pam stated that she felt that Greater Nebraska is better served in the current situation. She then asked Hal Haeker if he add anything to add. Hal stated that was he was disappointed in the outcome of the oral interviews with ResCare.

**Agenda Item 6-e, Business Position for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board.**

Dylan pointed out that each board member receivednominations forms for candidates; 3 for education and 1 for business. Kim Shumacher from Cargill Inc is the Business Candidate. She presented at the last board meeting. Kim is present today. Dylan asked Kim share some information about herself.

Kim shared her desire for joining the board. Kim said that she was sad that the Columbus Works project was coming to an end but she felt that joining the GNWDB was the right path for her.

Dylan explained that Kim would be excellent addition to the board in many ways. She would provide much needed representation for Region 5. She also has a lot of experience working with NDOL and collaborating with Greater Nebraska.

**Agenda Item 6-f, Education Position for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board.**

During the meeting on September 29, 2016 a motion was made to table this item. Dylan continued on this item. Dylan pointed out that there were three Education Position candidates;one from Mid Plaines Community College, one from Central Community College and one from Southeast Community College. One of the candidates, Matt Gotschall was present from Central Community College. Matt is based in Columbus so he would also be representing region 5.

Matt explained that he has a lot of experience with One-Stops and even though he is based in Columbus, he has area wide responsibilities in a 25 county area.

The board could make a recommendation for Matt to be the Education Position. Dylan noted that there is another Central Community College member on the board. Ann Chambers, also from Central Community College noted that while she does work for Central Community College, she actually represents the Adult Literacy part of it. Pam then asked Thomas Ukinski if they were able to make a recommendation with only four members present. A recommendation could be made but any appointments would need to be done at a later date when a quorum is established.

**Agenda Item 6-g, Monitor Review**

One concern that came up during the Monitor Review, was that the board did not have a formal Workforce Development Oversight Policy Attachment in the local plan. Dylan said that a policy has been drafted and will be presented to the Workforce Development Board that afternoon, which will put the board back into compliance. Pam asked for a summary. Dylan explained that they will report details to the system coordination committee. These details include, ways of checking up on eligibility, making sure funds are being spent appropriately, etc.

State monitor findings included; not a complete oversight policy attached to the local plan. These were things that were already being done, but there was no formal policy. Adding an academic component for work experience. Up until this point there has only been the occupational component. The service provider is bringing the work experiences into compliance.

The Work Experience Program currently gives incentives for improving skills test scores, obtaining a GED, having a high GPA, or gaining a certification. Incentives must be directly tied to the results. Skills test improvements will no longer receive an incentive. They will be more focused on the end result. Current policies were reviewed and updated. The GNWDB will vote on the policy this afternoon.

**Agenda Item 6-h, Reduction of FY17 Funding**

Dylan presented information on the reduction of funding for FY17. This was a reduction in funding for the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs. This change is across the board for all local areas. Changes in local plan were made to adjust the funds. The budget now reflects that change. The enrollment totals are steady.

**Agenda Item 6-i, Finance and Performance Review**

Shannon presented the information for the finance review. She explained the tables on page 25 of the meeting materials packet, showing the current and projected totals for Adult, Dislocated Worker, Out of School Youth and In School Youth. Dylan pointed out that the program is very well funded at this point. The program was preparing for a transition to a new service provider. Dylan said that he did not believe those funds would be needed now for that. Dylan pointed out that the enrollment numbers would be reported to the board more often than in the past.

Shannon presented on the performance review. She explained that the Greater Nebraska programs are transitioning from WIA to WIOA and that anyone enrolled after July 1, 2016 will be on WIOA reporting. The WIA reporting has anyone enrolled before June 30th, 2016. She pointed out that as people exit the program, the totals will get smaller and smaller. Dylan mentioned that one of the positive things about the new performance measures is that they are shared with the core partners of WIOA.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES (2 MINUTES EACH)**

**Agenda Item 7, Finance and Performance Review**

Agenda Item 7 is Board Member Updates. Pam asked if anyone had an update.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

-Pam mentioned that is she on a national workforce development board and recently moved to the Executive Committee. She also talked about her positive experience with the Columbus Works program and Cargill Inc.

-Ann added that most of the people who participated in the Columbus Works program had returned to Cargill after completing their training which increased their life and work skills dramatically.

**MEETING DATES**

February 2, 2017 – Executive Committee – City of Grand Island City Library

May 25, 2017 – GNWDB and CEOB – Location TBD

October 26, 2017 – GNWDB and CEOB – Location TBD

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pam asked if there was a public comment. There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chief Elected Officials Board Meeting was adjourned 10:45am.