

**Nebraska Workforce Investment Board  
Performance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Blue Cross/Blue Shield  
1919 Aksarben Drive, Omaha, NE  
October 31, 2014  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (CST)

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

The meeting of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (NWIB) Performance Committee was called to order on October 31, 2014 at approximately 12:20 p.m. by Ms. Becky Stitt, Chair.

**Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call**

*NWIB members present (9):*

**John Albin**  
**Cheryl Anderson**  
Randy Kissinger\*

**Dacia Kruse**  
Cherisa Price-Wells\*  
**Terri Ridder**

**Becky Stitt**  
**Carol Swigart**  
Thomas Warren\*

*NWIB members absent (3):*

**Matt Blomstedt**

**Vanessa Brown**

**Clyde Tyndall**

\*Indicates members who attended via conference call

**Bold** indicates voting members of the Committee

*Other Guests in Attendance (10):*

Shirley Carlson.....Heartland Workforce Solutions  
Seth Fager.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training Administrator  
Amanda Felton.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training  
Vicki Leech.....City of Lincoln – Urban Development  
Joan Modrell.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training Director  
Stan Odenthal.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training  
Erin Porterfield.....Heartland Workforce Solutions  
Brooke Siefker.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training  
Thomas Ukinski.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Legal Counsel  
Zoé Verboon.....Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training

**Agenda Item #3 – Working Lunch and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Stitt invited all of the Committee members and staff to partake in a working lunch. She then entertained a motion regarding the meeting minutes from August 20, 2014. Cheryl Anderson moved to approve the August 20, 2014 minutes as presented; Terry Ridder seconded. No discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Agenda Item #4 – Distribution Weights for Dislocated Worker Funds**

Chair Stitt invited Stan Odenthal forward to review the distribution statistics for the Committee. Mr. Odenthal summarized for the members the changes that will occur to Dislocated Worker (DLW) funds under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Ms. Modrell emphasized the ability to transfer 100% of funds between DLW funds and Adult funds. She encouraged the members

to think of the consequences this ability could have for Dislocated Workers. Ms. Modrell stressed that these are not “State” options, but rather options as a starting point for discussion. Anyone of the criteria could be weighted differently based on the input from the Committee.

Mr. Odenthal continued by discussing for the Committee the various ways that the calculations were formed for the previous year’s statistics. He explained how we took guidance from the State of Colorado in adding certain categories to the new weight breakdowns. He offered two different weight distribution options for the members to review and critique. Each option showed how the funding would have been effected over the last three years if used.

Discussion ensued regarding the options. Ms. Dacia Kruse inquired as to how often the weights distributions are reviewed. Ms. Modrell responded letting her know that there is no specified term for review, but that whenever a shift in the economy occurs is when a review is encouraged.

Mr. Thomas Warren asked if the calculations took into account the actual amount that was spent per fund source after transfers were complete, or if it was based on original allocations. Mr. Odenthal verified that it was based on original allocations. Ms. Terri Ridder commented that in either scenario, the Greater Nebraska area would take the largest hit to their funding numbers. Many members felt that further information was needed before a decision could be made. The State will provide a 3-year snapshot on the percentage of DLW expenditures per local area.

Chair Stitt suggested that another meeting be scheduled to review additional information. The Committee agreed upon the date of January 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. for their next meeting to review in the hopes to have a motion to present to the full Nebraska Workforce Investment Board at their January 23, 2015 meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Upcoming Meetings**

The Chair reminded the Committee to put the date of January 14, 2015 on their calendars for the next Performance Committee Meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #6 – Adjournment**

It was moved by Carol Swigart to adjourn. Terri Ridder seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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