**One-Stop Consortium of Local Workforce Innovation Area 23**

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023

**Welcome - Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the LWIA 23 Consortium Committee was called to order at 4:05 pm on Monday, March 20, 2023 by Kevin Bushur.

**Members Present:**

Gareld Bilyew, Casey Burgholzer, Kevin Bushur, Rob Jackman / Joy Kaurin (Perkins), Laurie Jennings, Carolynne Jorgenson, Nancy Purdy, Chris Strohl

**Members Absent:** Connie Waldrop

**Others Present:**

Tony Logue, Debbie Whitacre, Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Carol Tracy, Kala Lambert, Lori Poorman, Elaine Nuding

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no questions or concerns after reviewing the December minutes. Gareld Bilyew made a motion to approve the minutes and Chris Strohl seconded. Motion Carried.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

No conflicts were disclosed.

**Business Services Update**

Jamie stated the BST has been discussing holding an Employer Summit in September for Workforce Development Month. There have discussions the last several meetings regarding TPM and how to get companies more engaged in the philosophy. The Regional Plan will begin to be updated later this year for submission in 2024. IDES have been conducting Re-Entry job fairs for those recently released from incarceration. DRS’ offices are slowly opening for walk in participants around the State. Upcoming area and state events were discussed as well as it was mentioned that several businesses have been met with recently and chamber events were attended. Joy Kaurin introduced herself as the new Lake Land College Perkins Specialist.

**MOU Updates**

Tony mentioned that the MOU has been updated with any changes that partners requested. The MOU budget has been approved and Tony is in the process of obtaining all partner signatures to be submitted to DCEO on May 31.

**One Stop Operator Report**

Laurie stated that the One Stop Operator agreement with the Board needed to be revised due to some language that DCEO had requested be in all agreements. Those changes were made and sent back to DCEO. The numbers of participants that are entering the One Stop are slowly increasing as the word gets out that the facility is open to the public for Title I customers. They discussed restarting cross-training of front line staff on all different services offered to customers in July. All Title’s will give a brief outline of services offered.

**Other Agenda Items Discussion**

Kevin asked the committee if there are any other items they would like to see on the agenda moving forward. He suggested that at each meeting we have a representative talk about the services their agency provides to give everyone a little knowledge of who to send referrals to based on customer need.

**Partner Reports**

WIOA – None

LLC Adult Ed. – GED classes are starting around the area as well as ESL classes. There has been an increase in the need for ESL classes for several businesses in our LWIA. LLC is offering welding and BNA classes. Joy Kaurin has been working on the new Perkins budget for next year.

DRS – None

Title V – None

CSBG – CEFS is offering scholarships for eligible participants. They have $8000 and usually only have 2-3 people apply. Kevin also mentioned that as of April 1, 2023, after the winter weather is over, utilities can be shut off due to non-payment. LIHEAP has funds to help these customers.

ERBA CSBG also is accepting applications for scholarships. They have $10,000 and historically have more applications than CEFS. They are helping with tuition for skills training programs such as CDL and CNA.

DHS – None

Perkins – None

**Old Business / New Business**

None.

**Public Comment**

Next meeting is June 12, 2023.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. Carol Tracy made the motion, Chris Strohl seconded. Meeting adjourned.