

Members in Attendance: Bob Bower, Russ Ashton, Sue Baldauf, Louise Meyer, Kim Votruba-Matook, Jane Willshire

Members Absent: Scott Coleman, Chris Duane, Cathy Glover, Yolanda Ortiz, Elizabeth Watson

Staff in Attendance: Kelley French, Jan Iacovelli

Guests: Tricia Lucier

March Minutes

Bob called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the March minutes. Sue made a motion to approve the March minutes and Louise seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Updates

Kelley brought the Board up-to-date on the status of the budget. No federal allocations have been released, so budgets will be reviewed and approved in the fall. Bob mentioned the state was looking at possible budget cuts for FY18.

ETA will be its own entity as of July 1, 2017. The Board of Directors and John Carol of Norwood determined that the youth program would reside with the fiscal agent so there will no longer be a need for youth procurement.

The Career Center operator will be selected on 6/21, with the expectation that the center will be operational by September. There is a transitional plan to continue basic services until the new career center operator is in place.

WIOA: Reviewing Career Connections Program Design for FY18

Kelley asked Tricia Lucier to explain the parameters of her program, including services to those with disabilities, the population which is a primary focus of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act. Tricia explained how Career Connections serves youth with disabilities. Case Managers are part of both the IEP meetings and transitional plans. Currently, 60% of those enrolled in Career Connections have a documented disability. Tricia emphasized that the program has always served youth with disabilities, but now the Department of Labor will be looking more closely at all youth served.

There was a discussion of the barriers, eligibility and general services provided through the youth program. Tricia explained that many of the barriers formerly identified under the WIA program are still applicable in WIOA, but that often income is not required for out-of-school youth. For example, barriers such as pregnant or parenting and homelessness do not require an income requirement for eligibility. Under WIOA, the in-school students need to meet income requirements in addition to a documented barrier.

Bob Bower called for a vote on the Program Design to be implemented July 1, 2017. Sue made a motion to approve the program design, Kim seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Bower called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Russ made the motion, Sue seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.