



**Southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Members present:** Laura Cesar, Angi De Jong, Derek D'Auria, Edgard Delgado, Nicholas Galich, Stephanie Henderson, Brooke Infusino, Amy Mlot, Paul Moeller, Tom Reiherzer, Tessa Springer, Matt Stinebrink, Matt Waltz, Toni White

**Members excused:** Ron Frederick, Alexa Haigh, Matt Janison, Loretta Olsen, Dave Riley, Cynthia Simonsen, Aaron Williams

**Others present:** Doug Bartz, Michelle Blanchard, Dustin Feeney, Alec Fischer, Rebecca Freund, Anthony Mundy, Beth Norris, David Rivera, Karen Sotak, Shannon Stricker, Tom Walsh

**LEO's present:**

**Call to Order:**

- Board Chair, Nicholas Galich, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

- Silent roll call completed by Rebecca Freund.

**Citizen Comments:**

- No citizen comments.

**Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2023 Board meeting:**

- Amy Mlot made a motion to accept the February 7, 2023 Board meeting minutes as written.
- Tom Reiherzer seconded that motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**Fiscal Report – presentation by David Rivera – Fiscal:**

- Fiscal Update as of March 2023:
  - Remaining Dislocated Worker Funds from PY21 – \$281,642; Training Goal is \$152,814 and as of March, that goal has been achieved.
  - \$97,694 left in Adult funds; Training goal of \$347,046 has been met.
  - Youth program has a remaining balance of \$94,963; Work Experience Goal of \$226,584 has been met.
  - Please note that WIOA PY22 funds will not be utilized until PY21 funds are exhausted.
- David gave a briefing of all the other grants: Rapid Response, Windows to Work, ARES, WAI, WIG, and Winning with Wisconsin Workforce.
- Tom Reiherzer made a motion to accept the Fiscal Report; Amy Mlot seconded that motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**Labor Market Information – Tom Walsh – DWD:**

- Tom discussed Population, Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment, and Unemployment Rate for Wisconsin, WDA 1, and then broken out by County – Kenosha, Racine & Walworth.
- Overall, population has gone up, but labor force numbers are down throughout the state.
- 4 Barriers that are affecting the workforce – Transportation, Childcare, Housing and Broadband access.

Tom Reiherzer asked what age range is calculated into Population and Tom Walsh stated that all ages are included and Tom Reiherzer asked about the age range in Labor Force and Tom Walsh stated anyone 16+.

**One-Stop Operator (OSO) Update – Beth Norris:**

- Beth gave an overview of the Regional OSO 4 year pilot activities: convening, learning, service delivery and metrics, as well as, customer satisfaction.
- Beth shared a link for the American Job Center network Satisfaction Survey and asks that all complete the survey and feel free to call/email with any questions.

Toni White asked Beth if she knew the Job Center website had the most current information regarding centers being opened. Beth stated that she's not sure if the website is current but believes all Job Centers in our region are open.

**NAWDP Conference Report – Chris Isaacson, DWFS:**

- Chris stated that DWFS presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual NAWDP (National Association of Workforce Development Professionals) regarding Staff Retention:
  - How designing a hybrid and flexible work model equals staff retention and increased customer engagement;
  - Why leveraging technology, from hiring to case management, empowers team members to own their outcomes and ensures job satisfaction and performance success, how non-traditional strategies and innovative approaches work to connect with customers and increase program outcomes.
- There were 68 attendees; a lot of interaction with many questions; 6 follow-up questions.

**RFP/Contract for Next Program Year – Shannon Stricker, Kenosha County:**

- Shannon explained, in detail, the process for Request for Proposal (RFP) Solicitations – Internal Review.
- One proposal was submitted for WIOA but they still had to go through the process.
- Award recommendation is for The Kaiser Group (DE) LLC dba Dynamic Workforce Solutions (DWFS).
- Amy Mlot made a motion to extend the contract for another year with DWFS; Toni White seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Amy Mlot asked if this is a one year and what happens next year. Doug explained that we can do an initial contract with up to 3 extensions but it has to go through each year.

**Other Items as Allowed by Law:**

- Conflict of Interest Form – we are required to complete a Conflict of Interest Form every year – we ask that you please complete, sign and send back. Doug mentioned that we can put it into DocuSign, if that would be easier.

**Board Chair Comments:**

- No comments today.

**Local Elected Official Comments:**

- No comments from the Local Elected Officials in attendance.

**Next meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Adjournment:**

- Tom Reiherzer made a motion to adjourn with Derek D'Auria seconding.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.