

**Workforce Development Council
Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2012**

Dimitri Mandelis called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

Directors Report

The WDC bi-annual recertification is due Olympia July 1. There is a business vacancy in Okanogan left by the departure of Georgia Nelson. Terry Brewer, Grant County Economic Development, and Bill Bonaudi, Big Bend Community College, are retiring this year. Deb Shultz, Genie Industries, is being transferred to Minnesota. Dave has a meeting scheduled with the County Commissioners in mid June.

Graduations in Omak, Wenatchee, Moses Lake and Othello happen next month. Dave encouraged all who could to attend.

Enclosed with the committee reports are 12-13 proposed budgets. Formula grants increase by 11% yet total revenue decreases by \$280,000. The decrease is in discretionary funding sources such as Rapid Response, Governors 10%, and a National Emergency Grant for long-term dislocated worker on-the-job training that expires June 30. There is a personnel impact in Grant/Adams. Implementation of cutbacks will be decided in July or August after we hear about a new statewide grant application to train long-term dislocated workers on-the-job.

Meeting Minutes

Mike Bolander moved and Shaun Koos seconded to approve the February 21, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Okanogan Committee Report

John Butler reported there was no drastic change in the proposed budget and the committee approved it as presented. There is a furlough budgeted for instructional staff and one trainer. Also one trainer is planned to work a reduced schedule in addition to the furlough.

Dave reported that there was no word yet from Brewster School District regarding our offer to sell them the facility. Rich McBride mentioned that the Superintendent will be in Wenatchee sometime before the school year ends and he will set up a meeting with the three of them to discuss the issue.

John Butler moved and Duane Johnson seconded to approve the Okanogan County 12-13 Service Delivery budget as presented. Motion passed. Marcia Henkle abstained.

Grant/Adams Committee Reports

Mike Bolander reported that Terry Brewer and Bill Bonaudi were recognized for their years of service at the committee meeting. Staff are finishing training on the Center's new WorkSource Service Delivery System procedures. Employment Security Manager Gary Warren shared that since July 1st 11,000 job seekers came into the center. These are Employment Security customers and do not include customers of SkillSource and partner agencies. Five thousand (5,000) is the official number of unemployed workers. The remaining 6,000 are likely underemployed and looking for full-time employment. SGL, Genie, and Amway are all adding positions. Ephrata has been experiencing some development and Quincy is experiencing growth with server farms. Food processing has remained steady.

The proposed budget is down 11% compared to the current year. The decrease is due completion of the National OJT ACF-SGL and Rapid Response grants and contracts. Also, Grant/Adams share of Dislocated Worker formula funding dropped from 41% to 38%. The three major federal grants (Adult, Youth & Dislocated Worker) are formula formula by County. Those percents are followed to calculate each subarea share of grant revenue. Othello is included in the budget. Clyde Rasmussen reported that Big Bend received \$700,000 to expand aerospace education. \$40,000 is contracted to SkillSource (\$20,000 each Grant/Adams & Okanogan) to help Big Bend and WVC fill these new classes.

Mike Bolander moved and Karl Allison seconded to approve the Grant/Adams 12-13 Service Delivery budget as presented. Motion passed.

Chelan/Douglas Committee Report

The Chelan/Douglas success story was laid off in Yakima, relocated to family in Wenatchee, and retrained as a truck driver in Moses Lake. Wenatchee SkillsSource and Big Bend Community College coordinated financial aid for the CDL course. ESD allowed college UI. After passing the CDL license exam, he landed a job driving for Milky Way.

The proposed budget has a 5% decrease. Furloughs and reduced schedules are proposed but no layoffs. Two longtime employees accepted positions at the Chelan County PUD & Eastmont School District this year. One position was not refilled the other was only replaced half time. This eliminated the need for a reduction in force.

Mary Watson moved and Mike Bolander seconded to approve the Chelan/Douglas 12-13 Service Delivery budget as presented. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Report

Dimitri reported that the budget was approved with the addition of \$5,000 for advertizing. Calendar alternatives and other cost sharing ideas to inform the business community were discussed. Furloughs are included for Dave, Lisa, and Laura.

Mike Bolander moved and Tom Boyd seconded approval of the 12-13 Executive Budget as presented. Motion passed.

Dashboards and Graphs

Dashboards depict the number of individuals registered compared to total. All areas have met or exceeded their annual registration goal. Obligation dashboards depict the percent of obligations against a desired range for that quarter. All subareas are within desired range with the exception of Okanogan Adult and Chelan/Douglas Youth. Okanogan adult is above the desired range (yellow) which means that staff has obligated all direct training ahead of schedule. This is not an indication that they will be overspent. Chelan/Douglas Youth is below the desired range (red) which means enrollment into direct training activities is behind schedule.

The bar charts depict a few of the characteristics collected about registrants. Twenty years ago, women comprised one-third of dislocated workers while women now comprise nearly two-thirds. Eighty-three percent (83%) of youth are basic skills deficient (test below the 9th grade level). Seventy-eight percent of Adults meet economic Priority 1 (receiving public assistance or below 70% of the Lower Living Level (poverty). Priority 2 Adults earn up to 175% of the Lower Living level and Priority 3 Adults earn over 175%. This economic criterion does not apply to Dislocated Workers. However, 95% of Youth must be impoverished.

2010 Washington State Employer Needs Survey Report

Select pages of the most recent survey were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Members Present:

Dimitri Mandelis
Karl Allison
Mike Bolander
Bill Bonaudi
Peggy Gill
Marcia Henkle
Rich McBride
Mary Watson (Jim Richardson alternate)
Tom Boyd
Shaun Koos
John Butler
Duane Johnson

Members Absent:

Terry Brewer
Barn Dronen
Oscar Garza
Roni Holder-Diefenback
Armando Lopez
Roger Thieme
Michelle Price
Mike Wade
Deb Schultz
Debi Clark
Eric Ercanbrack
Heidi Myers
Keith Goehner

Staff:

Dave Petersen
Lisa Romine
Laura Leavitt