

**May 16, 2006
WDC Meeting**



Council Action

- February 21 Minutes
- 06-07 Okanogan Service Delivery Budget
- 06-07 Grant/Adams Service Delivery Budget
- Increase One Stop Building Budget to \$4 million
- Loan Resolution Security Agreement
- 06-07 Chelan/Douglas Service Delivery Budget
- 06-07 Executive Budget

06-07 Budgets:

Our workforce area's share of federal grants jumped in the early part of the decade as Washington's unemployment rate was second highest in nation. That trend is reversed. This March Washington's unemployment rate was below the national average for the first time since 1998. In addition, the national appropriation is some \$600 million less than five years ago. As a result next year's service delivery budget will be 35% or \$2.9 million less than four years ago.

The federal workforce investment grants require three service categories. The first are career services (largely informational) available to the general public like skills assessment, career exploration, employer expectations and educational options, Most people receive these services by attending one or more workshops. Federal policy requires everyone start here.

The second category includes workplace basics like reading, math and writing, computer literacy, and positive work habits. These skills are generic to most jobs. Of course the math or writing skills required vary among different jobs. Federal policy requires individuals meet eligibility and priority criteria to receive basic and occupational services at no charge.

The third category is occupational services, principally vocational education at community colleges, on-the-job training or a combination. Federal policy requires individuals receive career and basic services first.

Bill Bonaudi welcomed everyone to Big Bend and the Advanced Technologies Education Center (ATEC). Grant County invested heavily in the building and it is a key factor for economic development. The facility is a community resource and in constant use. A new research library and its computers are available to the public and provide resources for those pursuing all levels of education. ATEC also houses Heritage College and Central Washington University.

Chelan/Douglas 06-07 Service Delivery:

- Projected revenue down 11% percent (\$200,000)
- Total customers 924 (same as current year)
- Over 400 scheduled for workplace basics
- 200 will receive vocational training

Executive 06-07 Budget:

- Budget decreases 17% (147,300) from current year
- Executive staff decrease from 8.5 to 6.10 FTE

Okanogan 06-07 Service Delivery:

- Projected income decreases 10% (\$100,000)
- Total customers 600 (current year 630)
- 240 will receive basic services
- 100 are budgeted to receive vocational training

Grant/Adams 06-07 Service Delivery:

- Projected revenue down 4% percent (\$75,000)
- Total customers 1,254 (same as current year)
- At least 500 will receive basic services
- 260 will receive occupational training





Wenatchee Valley Medical Center

Shaun Koos, Administrator of Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, provided an overview of their philosophy and practice developing employees. Shaun has been with the Medical Center 24 years. In 1940 three doctors decided to bring a Mayo Clinic styled facility to the Wenatchee area. The Medical Center expanded in 1979 adding the Moses Lake clinic followed by offices in Omak, Oroville, and Tonasket. Area-wide 140,000 patients visit the Medical Center's five locations 640,000 times per year. Sixty percent of its patients live outside the Wenatchee area.

The Medical Center looks for employees who enjoy providing excellent service. Training reinforces an open, warm attitude and tolerance towards others. Staff are the Medical Center's greatest asset. The skill requirements range from housekeeping to physicians. Every position is valued and makes a significant impact on the care provided. Everyone is expected to be professional. The Education Department consists of five full time staff members devoted to employee training. All new staff attend a three-day core orientation followed by three days of technical training and then department training. The Medical Center encourages employees to climb the career ladder spending about \$1 million annually on training. This includes 50% tuition reimbursement for staff working toward nursing degrees and five competitively awarded scholarships to local community colleges. The Medical Center has collaborated with SkillSource and Central Washington Hospital to train operating room nurses and medical assistants and funds an instructor in Wenatchee Valley College's Nurses for Tomorrow program.

Meeting Highlights

- Welcome by Bill Bonaudi, President, Big Bend Community College
- Wenatchee Valley Medical Center overview, Shaun Koos, Administrator
- Approve February 21 Meeting Minutes
- Approve 06-07 Okanogan Service Delivery Budget
- Approve 06-07 Grant/Adams Service Delivery Budget
- Increase One Stop Building Budget to \$4 million allowing more for contingencies
- Approve Loan Resolution Security Agreement required for USRDA loan
- Approve 06-07 Chelan/Douglas Service Delivery Budget
- Approve 06-07 Executive Budget



Mark your Calendar !

Recognition Banquet is November 17 in the Advanced Technologies Education Center (ATEC) at Big Bend Community College.



Summer Meeting Schedule

- Okanogan Committee: Monday, August 7, 12:00 Noon, Main Street Learning Center, Brewster
- Grant/Adams Committee: Tuesday, August 8, 12:00 Noon, SkillSource, Moses Lake
- Chelan/Douglas Committee: Wednesday, August 9, 12:00 Noon, SkillSource, Wenatchee
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m., Winthrop