



Northwest Wisconsin Chief Local Elected Official Consortium Workforce Development Area #7

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The mission of the Consortium is to maintain the integrity of the WIOA funds.

Date & Time: Wednesday – April 19, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: CEP, Inc. Office – Ashland, WI & Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

CLEOs/LEOs Present:

Rollie Thums, Taylor County
Terry Wedwick, Rusk County
Charlie Glazman, Douglas County
Emmett Byrne, Burnett County
Larry Fickbohm, Bayfield County
Joe Pinardi, Iron County, - via Zoom
Patricia Stephan, Price County
Elizabeth Franek, Ashland County – via Zoom
Brent Blomberg, Burnett County –alternate Burnett County

Excused:

Michael Maestri, Sawyer County

Staff/Guests:

Jeff Muse, CEP
Jennifer Decker, CEP
Mary Zinnecker, CEP
Bob Kopisch, CEP
Mari Kay-Nabozny, WIB
Dave Willingham, CEP

Call Meeting to Order

Rollie Thums, Consortium Vice Chairman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call & Report of Public Meeting Notice

Roll call was taken, a quorum was present. The public meeting notice was published on the CEP website, social meeting, area library websites and County Government websites.

Approval of the 2/15/23 Meeting Minutes

Charlie made a motion to approve the 2/15/23 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Joe Pinardi. Vote taken, carried unanimously.

Mission Statement

Larry Fickbohm stated that the mission of the Consortium is to maintain the integrity of the WIOA funds by the Chief Local Elected Officials.

Discuss CLEO Consortium Officer Vacancy

It was noted that there is a vacancy for the CLEO Consortium Chairperson position due to the passing of Tom Mackie, Washburn County Board Chairman. Jeff noted that Rollie Thums is currently the Vice Chairperson of the Consortium. Nominations were called for the Consortium Chairperson.

Terry Wedwick nominated Rollie Thums as the Chairman of the CLEO Consortium. Emmett Bryne moved to close the nominations. Joe Pinardi seconded motion. Vote taken, carried.

Nominations were called for the Vice Chairperson of the Consortium.

Joe Pinardi made a motion to nominate Charlie Glazman as Vice Chair of the CLEO Consortium. Larry Fickbohm made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Rollie Thums. Vote taken, carried.

New NWWIB Board member

Mari explained that there's a vacancy on the NWWIB in the economic development sector. Mari noted that Crystal Rhode, Executive Director of NWRPC completed an application which was in the CLEO meeting packet.

Joe Pinardi made a motion to approve Crystal Rhode to the NWWIB Board. Charlie Glazman seconded the motion. Vote taken, carried.

Quest Grant

Mari Kay-Nabozny, NWWIB CEO reported that the Department of Workforce Development received a grant for childcare working with DCF. She explained the breakdown of grant services to various entities in the state, including state WIBs.

Discussion took place regarding CEP and WIB having a non-compete agreement between the entities on grants. Rollie noted that the CEP and WIB should not compete for the same grant since they're both funded from WIOA and should work together, not compete as it would be counterintuitive in the mission of helping others. Mari and Jeff agreed.

WIOA Performance & Expenditures

Mari noted that the WIOA performance dashboard is through December 31st which she explained, we're two quarters in.

NWWIB Program Update

Mari gave an update with various programs the NWWIB is operating which was included in a handout.

WIOA Youth Procurement

Mari explained that the Youth Procurement closed and they received two proposals from CEP and In the Door Community. Negotiations and decisions will happen in May

PY22 Monitoring Update

Mari noted there is nothing new to report.

NWWIB Financial Audit

Mari explained the NWWIB Financial Audit was included in the packet. There were no issues, a clean audit. It was filed with the state and went to the federal clearing house. She'll have a budget for the Consortium to approve in June.

WIOA Policy Overhaul

Mari explained that NWWIB is taking on the WIOA policies for updates and CEP will have the procedures and deliver the programs under the policies.

Recap on Consortium Roles & Responsibilities/Summarize/Plan Next Steps

It was noted this topic will stay on the agenda when there is more time.

Jeff noted that he and some CEP staff will be attending the WIOA Roundtable in Steven's Point on May 2-3rd.

Comments & Announcements

Mari reported that they will hire someone to coordinate the Quest grant.

Next Meeting Date & Location & Adjournment

The next meeting of the Consortium will take place at the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

