

MINUTES of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
May 16, 2023 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
TEAMS video/audio call

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Pat Bertagnolli, Stan Schauer, Damian Schlinger, Wayde Sick

Ex Officio members present: Katie Ralston Howe

Commerce staff and Job Service staff present: Tammy Barstad, Sherri Frieze

Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Stan Schauer seconded by Damian Schlinger to approve the administrative committee minutes of February 14, 2023. Motion carried.

MOU UPDATE

Katie Ralston Howe

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is updated every three years through members of the Workforce Development Council, core program partners, required partner agencies, Jobs Corps in Minot, and Tribal Chairs for tribal colleges. The purpose of the MOU is to establish cooperative and mutually beneficial relationships between partners, and tribal colleges whose participation has been determined to be vital and effective for a one stop delivery system. This year the agreement was created electronically through the Adobe Sign platform, to create efficiency for electronic signatures. The agreement will need to be signed by the end of June and will become effective for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.

WIOA POLICY/PROGRAM UPDATES

TERM LIMITS

Tammy Barstad

Katie Ralston Howe

Tammy talked about the federal review that will take place at the Job Service ND onsite; August 14-18 and the virtual review that will be August 21-25.

Katie talked about the Workforce Development Council members that have terms that will expire at the end of June 2023. Council recruitment is needed as eight members will leave the council, due to them not being eligible for reappointment. With the WIOA review coming up in August, it is imperative that the new appointments be in place for compliance with the WIOA rule.

IN DEMAND JOBS LIST

Katie Ralston Howe

Katie and Tammy walked through the In Demand Jobs list, discussing the added jobs to the list and justification for jobs taken off the list. Jobs such as childcare, hairdressers, hairstylists, cosmetologists, sheet metal workers, steel workers, glaziers, millwrights, commercial pilots, power plant operators, butchers and meat cutters were discussed. This list will be edited by Katie for additions and reductions and brought forward to the Executive committee.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Pat Bertagnolli – Job Service

- **HB 1016** – DOCR pilot project for Bismarck and Fargo that received funding.
- **H2A Foreign worker program** – program with state funding will help to add 2 FTEs with the program and opportunity for return on investment for ND.

Stan Schauer – Adult Education

- **Integration and Education Training (IET)** – ESSR funding was used for the past two years, and now it will receive state funding of \$250 K each biennium.

Damian Schlinger – Voc. Rehab

- **Employment tax credit for businesses** employing a person with behavioral health or a diagnosed disability.
- **Pre employment transition students** – career interest match early in high school for college

Wayde Sick – CTE

- **HB 1019** – \$3.5 M funding with new and expanding centers for \$10 M, no funding for career advisors, work base learning coordinators 1.5M for schools and centers.
- **CTE Funding** – \$68.3 M line of credit with BND is in place, in case federal funding for CTE centers does not come through. Wayde has submitted his 6th ask to the federal government for those funds.
- **ITD broadband money** – clause in the ITD budget, stating “if any funds are not used by Oct. 1, they will be transferred to CTE of \$7-8 M.”
- **Inflationary impacts** – \$40 M close to.
- **CTE Centers** to break ground soon.
- **RU Ready ND virtual platform** - \$.5 M for funding
- **UAS workforce training** - \$475 K for workforce training center for UAS Training.

Katie Ralston Howe – Commerce Department

- **RWIP** – \$20 M cut to \$12.5 M. Looking at the projects that will be allowable with state funding compared to the federal funding that was used last biennium.
- **Operation Intern** - \$1 M funding
- **TSTG** – \$2 M
- **FTGL** – Media has made negative comments to the program, with the small number moving to ND.
- Complexities around moving are not taken into perspective and many people moving to ND, don’t use the FTGL service.
- Asked for \$25 M in Governor’s budget for Talent Attraction, it has been cut to \$8 M, ½ the dollars for Tourism and ½ for Workforce.
- Office of Legal Immigration created within Commerce - \$2M, 2 FTEs.

WDC MEETING

June 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Campus

Katie Ralston Howe

Katie discussed the Q2 WDC meeting that will be held in Fargo at the Microsoft Campus.

Agenda timeline:

- Review and approve the In Demand Jobs list.
- WIOA Updates.
- Term limits reviewed.
- WDC perspective over 5, 10 years and where is the trajectory of the council.
- Legislative debrief.
- Local highlight – NDSCS; increasing apprenticeship opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:00 p.m.