

Executive Committee MINUTES



Executive Committee Meeting

4/8/2024

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Attendees:

☒ Judy Aspling

☐ Kerri Trubachik

☒ Dale Kelm

☒ Kelly Klein

☒ Dick Nystrom

Staff & Guests:

☒ Mari Kay-Nabozny

☒ Bella Potack-Rettler

1) Welcome and Opening Meeting Business

a) Call to Order 10: 03 am

b) Roll Call

c) Public Meeting Notice

NWWIB staff sent the NWWIB meeting notice to regional Class A newspapers and regional library systems. In addition, the meeting notices were also posted on the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board website and all social media outlets.

d) Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Previous Meeting Minutes

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from February 12th, 2024

Motion to approve: Dick Nystrom

2nd: Dale Kelm

Motion carries unanimously.

Program Highlights | Mari Kay-Nabozny

WIOA | Mari Kay-Nabozny

WIOA Local Plan

Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that the local plan is currently out for public comment. She shared that there are no comments yet on the WIOA Local Plan. Mari Kay-Nabozny also shared that the NWWIB will be having WAI and that Pathways Home 2 monitoring this month.

Budget Discussion for PY24

Mari Kay-Nabozny reported on her recent meeting with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) regarding CEP's proposed 7% budget reduction from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) budget allocated to the board. Mari explained her attempts to contact Jeff Muse regarding this issue, citing his health concerns as a barrier to communication. Despite sending an email to Jeff Muse and his two operations directors there has been no response or update. Mari Kay-Nabozny stated that DWD offered technical support during the Chief Consortium CEP meeting to address this matter and emphasized the violation of Department of Labor (DOL) agreements in the proposed fiscal language.

Kelly Klein inquired about any deadlines associated with the matter. Mari Kay-Nabozny responded by indicating DWD's suspicion of budget issues within CEP and suggested setting a deadline in May to be prepared for the Board meeting in June.

Dick Nystrom questioned the legality of the proposed cuts and whether they were for the next fiscal year. Mari Kay-Nabozny clarified that she was unsure about the motives behind the cuts and highlighted the inability to reduce funding for youth programs. She also noted the necessity of signing the PY25 fiscal budget by June 30th.

Judy Aspling asked if DWD specified the extent of the proposed cuts. Mari Kay-Nabozny confirmed that no specific figures were provided by DWD.

Dick Nystrom inquired about DWD's upcoming meeting with the Consortium. Mari Kay-Nabozny indicated that she believed such a meeting was scheduled.

Mari Kay-Nabozny reiterated the process of budget approval by the workforce board and Chief Electives and emphasized the importance of documenting all communications.

Kelly Klien mentioned the introduction of a new candidate in Iron County who may require assistance understanding the situation. Mari Kay-Nabozny suggested leveraging DWD's technical support to convey the message effectively.

Mari Kay-Nabozny discussed the challenges faced by CEP in meeting their youth contract goals and the potential repercussions, including the risk of losing the contract. She highlighted the competitive landscape involving other entities such as NTC and CESA. Mari Kay-Nabozny concluded by stating that she did not require further assistance now but would keep the group informed as she continued outreach efforts.

Kelly Klein requested to be copied on future correspondence, to which Mari Kay-Nabozny agreed.

No further questions were raised.

Grant Updates

Duluth Superior Community Funding Grant

Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that the NWWIB received the Duluth Superior Community Funding Grant. This grant will be used to help with the workflow processes of the NWWIB. A portion of this will

Kelly: Will it help with monitoring (MyOneFlow) Mari: Yes.

go to website redesign. Will help operations tremendously. Will roll out the MyOneFlow in late summer.

Senator Baldwin appropriation

Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that seven workforce boards in the State wrote a grant with a company called ThirdSector. Originally, the grant was denied but then ThirdSector applied for it through Senator Baldwin's office and got it. WDA4 - Fox Valley is going to be the fiscal agent for this grant. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that she has reached out for a budget and is still waiting on it. Mari Kay-Nabozny also shared that it focuses on human based design with how participants are flowed into our programs and disadvantage communities.

Mari Kay-Nabozny also gave an update that the NOAA grant is still out there and the NWWIB is waiting to hear a response. Mari Kay-Nabozny reported on partnering with Bayfield County for a Public Service Commission grant. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that herself and Melissa Rabska are in the early stages of brainstorming this grant to provide a Digital Device Library to the community and allow the NWWIB to step into digital navigators space. Mari Kay-Nabozny also shared that the NWWIB is looking to pursue a UW-Extension grant and a new DOL grant that comes out Thursday. Finally, Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that the NWWIB received the TEACH grant.

There were no further questions or comments.

Upcoming Events| Mari Kay-Nabozny

Workforce and Waffles

Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that Workforce and Waffles will be happening on April 16th. Currently, the NWWIB has 23 individuals registered for the event. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that attendees of the event will get beverages, breakfast, sit and listen to an hour long presentation and leave with an specific industry report. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that the NWWIB will have just enough to cover the cost for the event and whatever cannot be fulfilled, the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will cover.

Dick Nystrom had a question on when the Workforce & Waffles event will be held in Hayward. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that a Workforce & Waffles event will not be held in Hayward until Fall 2024. W

TDCON24

Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that from the NWWIB, Bella Potack-Rettler, Melissa Rabska, Ryce Davis, Jay Anderson and Mari Kay-Nabozny, herself, will be attending TDCON24 in Lacrosse on April 9th-10th. There was mention that NWWIB Board members Brad Gast and Crystal Rhode will be in attendance for the conference too.

There were no further questions or comments.

Partner Updates and Comments | All

Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that the NWWIB is still in talks with WDA 10- South Central about preparing a fiscal agent agreement and potentially keep Dawn Knapp on at the NWWIB as the fiscal agent for the board. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that the NWWIB will be putting on a Winning with Wisconsin event on May 29th.

Judy Aspling shared that her husband won the 21st seat for Douglas County.

Dick Nystrom asked Mari Kay-Nabozny if she felt it would be good for the CEP Board to meet with the NWWIB Executive Committee. Mari Kay-Nabozny shared that, that was probably a good idea and should shoot for no later than in the fall.

Adjourn

Next Meeting date: May 13th at 10:00 am or at the call of the Chair. Adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Additional Instructions:

Related meeting items are included in the packet for your review prior to the meeting. Thank you.