

Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County

Policy & Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

11:30am-12:30pm

Association of MN Counties

Present:

James McClean

Camila Mercado Michelli

John Perlich

Absent:

Lisa Guetzkow-EA

Sean Mullan-EA

Sheila Olson-EA

Staff/Guests:

Ling Becker, Ramsey County

Mariann Macalus, Ramsey County

Rebecca Milbrandt, Ramsey County

Funlola Soyomokun, Ramsey County

Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Lunch

Committee members in attendance enjoyed lunch and engaged in conversation. In Chair Mullan's absence, Becker called the meeting to order at 11:50am and read the land acknowledgement aloud.

Approval of January Minutes

Motion (Perlich/McClean) to approve the January 11, 2023, Policy and Oversight Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DOL Monitoring

Becker provided background on the Department of Labor (DOL) monitoring that took place last fall and provided an update on a policy change that will be needed as a result. Workforce Solutions' Priority of Service and Eligibility Policies will be separated into two policies. Once done, the new policies will be reviewed by Workforce Solutions leadership and then shared with staff, vendors and DEED. If needed, there will also be training for staff. Becker clarified that no residents were turned away from receiving services due to the policy. DEED is also revising their policy based on the technical assistance from DOL. The new policies will be shared with the WIB but does not need WIB approval.

Committee Work Plan Updates

WIB Legislative Efforts: Becker shared the MN Association of Workforce Board's three main funding priorities:

1. Minnesota Youth Program to prepare our future workforce.
2. Business-led Talent Solutions to meet workforce needs and support an equitable economic recovery.
3. Modernized career services to adults with barriers to employment in pursuit of an equitable economic recovery.

She also shared about the increase in funding for the Minnesota Youth Program. There was also a change in eligibility to 14–24-year-old. Becker asked the committee for advice on how to impact the governor's budget bill. Based on the discussion, Becker will reach out to Rep. Jay Xiong's office.

WIOA Adult and DW Credentials and Training Dashboard: Soyomokun provided a summary of the 2022 Training and Credentials among WIOA Dislocated Worker and Adult Program participants. Highest interest was in transportation, IT and project management training. Most of the interest in occupations is coming from Dislocated Workers who want to change careers.

Networking and Other

Networking occurred at the start of the meeting with lunch.

Adjourn

Upon completion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 3-4 PM