

## MINUTES

April 21, 2022 • 3:00 – 4:30  
Virtual via Zoom

**Attendees:** April Betts-Gibson, Deb Tuggle, Patty Rose, Dale King, Jolita Perez, Norton Sweet, Taliesha Garrett, Ann Medalia, Blaine Wolfe, Dona Ponepinto, Irene Reyes, Dave Shaw, Nathe Lawver, Jenna Pollock, Robin Baker, Kristina Maritzczak

**Staff:** Katie Condit, Jan Adams, Josh Stovall, Deborah Howell, Steve Grimstad, Tamar Jackson

**Guests:** Elijah S, Kelly Blucher, Gloria Brickhouse

- **Welcome**

April called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

- **Consent Agenda**

- **Minutes**
- **Finance Report**

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Dale; seconded by Nathe. Approved

- **National Association of Workforce Boards – April Gibson, Deb Tuggle, Bruce Kendall**

A group of 8 attended the National Association for Workforce Boards convening in DC last week. Those who attended shared their learnings and takeaways. Deb noted our WDB was called out for providing much needed data.

- **Budget Draft #1 – Steve Grimstad**

Steve gave an overview of the budget comparison noting we give an early look at the draft budget to give them time to review before the request for approval in June. Katie discussed the emergency work grants that were put out two years ago due to the pandemic. Irene asked how is about budget going to adapt the increase in prices we are currently experiencing. Katie noted that we have the opportunity to apply for competitive grants. She also noted that we have decreased budget for operations to accommodate some of the changes. Dave asked if we are still funding our core values even with the budget cuts – how are we balancing this out. Nathe asked if the budget cuts were affecting the pre-apprenticeship programs. Katie noted the funding is still there but under the reskill/upskill

- **Workforce Innovation Fund – \$50 million- Katie Condit**

Katie gave an overview of the progress on the statewide Workforce Innovation Fund. She noted we are working on diversifying our funding streams.

- **Mobile One-Stop Model – Deborah Howell & Kelly Blucher**

Deborah gave an update on the successes and outcomes of the new mobile on-stop center model the community (aka Collaboration for a Cause), engagement team has been implementing in partnership with Goodwill. She noted the last one was done in Puyallup and served 100 families and the next one will be in Fife. Deborah said we have served 3,500 people. She noted we go to the community first and ask what the needs are. Kelly followed with more comments on the program and the collaboration among many organizations that makes the program a success. There was some discussion about the common referral system powered by 211.

- **Experiences with the Local Workforce System – Gloria Brickhouse & Elijah**

Two community members joined to share their stories from connecting with our local workforce systems. First, Elijah told about his connection to the Hire Pierce program and what he gained from that experience and his successes in school and in the areas he wants to pursue. Katie gave an overview of the NextGen program.

Gloria Brickhouse, a community member told her incredible story and journey and how the local workforce system was a part of that.

Dave asked how we can get their stories out beyond the WDB.

- **Other Business- Katie Condit & Board**

- **WorkForce Central Strategic Planning**

Katie discussed the progress of the strategic planning.

- **CEO Review Committee**

Katie provided information on how the CEO review will be conducted and facilitated by the City of Tacoma HR. She asked for people to participate.

- **Board Retreat**

Katie encouraged everyone to participate in the retreat in June and noted a few of the agenda items.

- **OSO and Young Adult Services Vote**

Katie noted the electronic vote that took place via email in May 2021 approving the selection of Career Team as the OSO and another electronic vote via email in April 2021 approving the selection of four Young Adult Providers which included KWA, Palmer Scholars, Northwest Education Access and Equus (our current provider).

- **Good of the Order**

Katie thanked Taliesha, Deb and Irene for their strategy session to refine our approach in the business community

Motion to adjourn made by Irene; seconded by Nathe. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.