

FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES

February 10, 2022 • 3:00 – 4:30
Virtual via Zoom

Attendees: April Gibson, Irene Reyes, Patty Rose, Nathe Lawver, Deb Tuggle, Micha Ide, Taliesha Garrett, Dave Shaw, Norton Sweet, Deanna Keller, Dale King, Robin Baker, Dona Ponepinto, Lynn Strickland, Ann Medalia, Rachael Pease, Jolita Perez, Jenna Pollock, Lin Zhou, Blaine Wolfe

Staff: Katie Condit, Jan Adams, Josh Stovall, Karen Downing, Deborah Howell, Steve Grimstad, Teresa Delicino

- **Welcome**

- **Introduce new board members**

- **Taliesha Garrett, Program Leader, Executive Leader Acceleration, Boeing**
- **Jolita Perez, System Manager Workforce Development, MultiCare Health System**

- **Role Changes**

- **Robin Baker, Program Manager, Amazon Web Services**
- **Kristina Maritzak, Chief Risk Officer/Compliance Officer, Tegria**

April called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. She then asked all members to introduce themselves for the new members' benefit. She then introduced two new members as well as noting updates on two other members.

- **Consent agenda**

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

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

- **Budget Timeline- Steve Grimstad**

Steve gave the highlights of the timeline and next steps.

- **Recovery Projections- Data to Set up Strategy – Josh Stovall & Board**

- **Strategic Plan Set up**

Josh gave a brief background on the process and shared the data that will be used to help the process. Nathe asked how we would be factoring State initiatives. Jolita asked about the job classifications. Ann asked about the plan on meeting the needs for soft skills. Discussion continued around the strategic planning process.

- **Workforce System Navigators- Katie Condit, Jenna Pollack & Board**

Katie gave an overview the workforce development system and the workforce system navigators program. Jenna spoke about the proposal of a group of navigators and how that might work. Ann asked where in the community the navigators actually work. Dona offered United Way's help on training the navigators. Taliesha asked that the navigators are reflective of the community and have cultural agility. Discussion continued around the proposal, how it will work and next steps.

- **Report**

- **Upskill-Reskill Initiative- Deborah Howell**

Deborah gave a background and update on the initiative noting we have approved 16 of the proposals received in response to our RFQQ. She spoke briefly on some of the providers.

- **HIRE Pierce: Next Gen- Deborah Howell**
Deborah provided an overview of Hire Pierce Next Gen
- **Funding allocations and advocacy- Katie Condit**
Katie noted our funding is being cut again and advocacy on the federal level.
- **Pathways Narrative- Katie Condit**
Katie discussed the idea from the WDC Strategy Committee to work on pathways narrative from people and their journey. Lin and Deanna offered to participate.
- **City-County Interlocal Agreement- Katie Condit**
Katie noted the City and County are in the process of revising the interlocal agreement.
- **Good of the Order**
Deanna noted she met with new tenants and are looking to hire such as aluminum welders.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave; seconded by Irene. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.