

MINUTES

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

Attendees: Irene Reyes, April Betts-Gibson, Norton Sweet, Dale King, Bruce Kendall, Lynn Strickland, Ann Medalia, Taliesha Garrett, Jenna Pollock, Robin Baker, Blaine Wolfe, Deanna Keller, Jolita Perez, Nathe Lawver, Dona Ponepinto

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

Guests: Tim Foster, Jermane Easterlin, James Hughes, Gerrit Nyland

Welcome

April called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda (*Board Vote*)

- **August 2022 Minutes**
- **PY21-FY22 Financial Report September 2022**
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented made by Bruce; seconded by Deanna. Approved

Funding Updates – Katie Condit

- **QUEST National Dislocated Worker Grant**
- **Economic Security for All**
Katie gave an overview of the additional funding we will be receiving. She noted the coordinated outreach, engagement with local and regional businesses, supportive services with a focus on placing participants into unsubsidized high-quality employment. Katie also noted the QUEST grant of \$2,043,771.00 and the EcSA funding of \$745,364 will be used to cover such things as outreach, training, navigator and supportive services.

JBLM WorkSource Impact – Jermane Easterlin & James Hughes, Career TEAM

Katie introduced James and Jermaine who provided an overview and impact of the WorkSource site at JBLM. The site has been recognized nationally and this model is being replicated in other WDCs across the country. They discussed the businesses and positions the participants obtained at these businesses.

WorkSource Site Locations & Expansion

- **Site certifications – Katie Condit & Shellie Willis**
- **South Hill mall Expansion – Shellie Willis**
- **Board Discussion – Katie Condit & Board**
Katie gave an overview of the WorkSource System in Pierce County. Shellie noted we have a total of 26 sites throughout Pierce County one of which is located on JBLM making it the first and only operating WorkSource on a Military Base. We have our new pilot site in eastern pierce county at south hill mall, which is a walk up and where we have had 4 people hired just simply from receiving job skill support. We are seeking out new locations based on where we need to be to provide access to the workforce system. Discussion continued around the certification process and possible locations. Taliesha asked for more information on the committee and what it involves. Shellie gave a brief description of the process. Ann also volunteered.

Re-skill-Upskill Trainings – Deborah Howell

- **Progress to date**
- **Board input**

Deborah provided an overview of the program and process. She noted the feedback from businesses has been key in program. Deborah noted another area is layoff prevention. She highlighted the areas in which businesses were asking for assistance. Discussion continued around the program and how it works and what is involved. Irene asked if we could quantify the impacts in future reports.

Strategic Plan Finalization – Katie Condit and Board

Katie shared an overview of the progress of the development of the Strategic Plan. She asked for input on our organization evolutions goals that are internal to the organization.

Other Business

- **Board Meeting Schedule**

Katie asked for feedback on the scheduling every other month for the WDB 2023 meetings.

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Bruce noted the United Way, Chamber and EDB events. He provided an overview of the EDB and Chamber events. Dona gave a brief overview of the United Way Poverty to Possibilities. Robin provided an overview of the Amazon apprenticeship event. Deana the Port of Tacoma is increasing the budget for workforce development.

Motion to adjourn made by Deanna; seconded by Bruce. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.