

PacMtn Workforce Development Council

WDC Meeting Notes

Thursday, December 14, 2017 ▪ 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Olympic College Shelton Campus

937 W. Alpine Way ▪ Shelton, WA 98584



Board Member Attendees: Duane Evans, Jim Larson, Dru Garson, Steve Rogers, Michael Cade, David Schaffert, Anne Goranson, Mike Hickman, Paul Vertrees, Jason Reed

Consortium Member Attendees: Commissioner Gary Stamper

Absent: Peter Lahmann, Alyssa Shay, Derek Epps, Jacquelin Earley, Jim Sayce, Kairie Pierce, Cheryl Heywood, Dr. Jim Minkler, Bob Guenther, Dawn Murphy, Bob Hitt, Winfried Danke

Staff: Cheryl Fambles, Bridget Lockling, Corinne Daffern, Sean Murphy, Vanessa Wasman

Guests: Steve Perry, Employment Security Dept.

I. Welcome & Leadership Reports

- A. Establish Quorum & Review Today's Agenda - The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm and quorum was not established. There were ten members present and 12 were needed for quorum. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.
- B. Self-Introductions – The group went around the room and introduced themselves and what organization they represent.
- C. 2018 WDC Meeting Schedule – The proposed 2018 WDC meeting schedule was reviewed and no changes were made. Duane asked the group if anyone had a preference on the location of future Board meetings. One member said they prefer Thurston County, while others indicated no preference.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of November 2017 Board Minutes – Since quorum was not established, no action was taken on the minutes. These minutes will be placed on the March 2018 WDC meeting agenda for approval.

III. Board Learning Feature Topics

- A. WorkSource Operations Regional Collaborative (WORC) –
WORC is PacMtn's designated One-Stop Operator, pursuant to the 2014 federal legislation—Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Members include Anne Goranson, ESD Regional Director; David Schaffert, CEO Thurston Chamber; and Cheryl Fambles, CEO PacMtn. The WORC Agreement—Synergy for Success details the responsibilities and work. Steve Perry, WorkSource Systems Manager has been hired by WORC to carry out the duties, initiate projects and enact local workforce system changes. WIOA stresses the role the Board must have in oversight of the local workforce system. The One-Stop Operator is a neutral broker amongst WorkSource partners and is the Board's key advisor on the local workforce system. The WORC and all its work is guided by several key principles: Customer First Focus,

Integration, Accountability, Universal Access, Continuous Improvement and Learning, Partnership, as well as Regionalism and Unified Strategies. Following the overview questions were asked as a way to engage Members including:

1. What are the greatest opportunities and challenges in this innovative One-Stop model?
2. What are the WORC's priority activities and tasks in 2018?
3. What is most important to the Board in the oversight of the local delivery system?

The group had a brief discussion responding to these questions. The following were shared thoughts:

- Figure out how to best reach out to employers; what is the best strategy for this?
- The goal of the WORC and Steve Perry's role is to bring agencies together to help them all move in the same direction.
- Make sure the system is in sync with training and workforce and economic development councils and that everyone works together. Consider shared learning sessions on what is the role of the economic development council.
- How do other agencies interact with the system to achieve a common goal?
- What more can we do to make this is a cross-disciplinary process?

- B. Feedback on the 2017 Regional Economic Expo – Various members of the WDC and members of the EDCs said the Expo was a great event and seems to get better with each passing year.

IV. Good of the Order Items & Announcements

- A. Jim Larson was acknowledged by the Thurston Chamber as a Boss of the Year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm

The meeting adjourned and the group had an informal Year-End Celebration.

Submitted by: Vanessa Wasman, Administrative Assistant