

Quarterly Meeting Minutes
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.
Zoom Meeting
June 29, 2022 – Noon to 1:30pm

Board Members Present: Brenda Reetz, Scott Baker, Kevin Bush, Linda Henderson, Dustin Gabhart, Terry Pittman, Trent Todd, Brian Shockney, Elizabeth Green, Pam Metz, Scott Adams, Adam Gross, Michelle Ellis, Jeff Pipkin, Scott Wilcoxon, Jim Parsch, Lisa Hein

Others Present: Rob King, Shannon Laurent, Randy Wells, Carla Crowe, David Tucker, Susan Neal, Don Kent, Sandy Friedman, Erin Brewer, Robin Branch, Brian Rawlins, Joe Timbrook, Regina Ashley, Noah Shelton, Charlie Baer

Board Members Absent: Michael Stieglitz, Jennifer Pearl, Teresa Hudson

Call to Order

Brenda Reetz called the meeting to order at Noon. Rob King welcomed Board members and a quorum of the Board was confirmed as present.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Parsch moved to accept the minutes of the 04/27/2022 meeting of the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. Brian Shockney seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Financial Reports

Carla Crowe, with Crowe LLP, the Board's Fiscal Agent, distributed and presented the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2022. Carla noted that 64% of the Total Annual Budget was expended through May 31, 2022. Carla reviewed adjustments to the Budget and Expenditures. There were no adjustments made to the Budgets for this report.

Carla discussed PY'22 funds to include carry-in funds from PY'21 and new funding allocations for PY'22. Carla explained what carry-in funds were and how that amount is calculated into the overall annual allocations. She also stated that 20% of total funding is earmarked as carry-in funding for the next program year. Carla also advised the Board that Region 8 received an award for \$400,000 to continue Workforce Ready Grant activities. Carla noted that \$40,000 of these administrative funds would be contracted to VU for activities related to the Grant. Carla stated that Region 8 submitted a Performance Support Grant (PSG) application to DWD and expects to receive approximately \$430,000 for Training Activities through this Grant. Carla noted that up to \$96,000 of these funds would be awarded to VU as well.

Jeff Pipkin moved to approve the financial report and budget, authorization of PY'21 carry-in funds, PY'22 new allocation of funds to Vincennes University, WRG contract amendment award for \$40,000 to VU, and PSG contract funds up to

\$96,000 to VU. Jim Parsch seconded the motion. Elizabeth Green abstained from the vote, all other Board members voted in favor and the motion was approved.

DWD Guest Presentations

Regina Ashley, current Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Chief of Staff and former Chief UI Officer discussed the important and valuable relationship between DWD, Unemployment Insurance and the Regional Workforce Boards as related to servicing customers, employers and staff in the workforce environment. Ms. Ashley also discussed the role WorkOne offices play in this partnership. Regina also introduced the newly appointed Chief of UI Officer, Mr. Noah Shelton, to the Workforce Board. Mr. Shelton stated that he looked forward to working with everyone and appreciated the strong relationship the UI team has with Region 8 and plans to enhance the relationship even more moving forward.

Charlie Baer, Federal Studies Manager, made a PowerPoint Presentation about labor force participation rates and how they are calculated and developed.

Election of PY'22 Officers

Rob King discussed election of Board Officers for PY'22 and reminded the Board that this will be done at the September 28, 2022 annual meeting, which is the first Board meeting of Program Year 2022-2023 (PY'22).

Local Workforce Four-Year Plan Modification Update

Rob King informed the Board that the Local Workforce Four-Year Plan modification is due to the State by September 30, 2022. WIOA requires Workforce Boards to develop and submit a comprehensive four year local plan to the State for approval. This plan must address current and future strategies to advance workforce system programs and support a customer-centered system. The regional Workforce Board vision and service provision operational goals are included as part of the workforce plan. This plan must align with the State plan and includes information such as labor market trends, regional sector partnership collaborations, employer engagements and community resources identification.

The workforce modified plan must be published for public comment for at least 30-days prior to submission to the State. It is anticipated that the draft modifications will be ready to post for public comments no later than August 24th. The plan will be ready for discussion and approval by the Board at our next meeting on September 28th. Rob stated that he will e-mail timeline schedule to all Board members within one week.

WorkOne Report

The WorkOne report was distributed to the Board for review. Susan Neal highlighted the report. Susan provided updates on regional WorkOne office operations, RESEA, National Dislocated Worker Employment Recovery Grant (DW-ERG), UI Data, Performance Highlights, TAA, JAG Program, Rapid Response and Business Services activities, and Next Level Jobs Data. A copy of

the complete WorkOne Region 8 Report is available on the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board's website at www.southcentral8.org.

Board Member Training and WorkOne Visits Update

Rob King informed the Board that several Board members have received new member training and have visited their local WorkOnes. This training and WorkOne visits will continue and be offered to all Board members, for both newer and experienced members, between now and Fall of 2022.

Workforce Board Meeting Dates (2022-2023)

Rob King provided Board members with upcoming Workforce Board meeting dates as follows:

- September 28, 2022 (In-Person)
- January 25, 2023 (Via Zoom)
- April 26, 2023 (In-Person)
- June 28, 2023 (Via Zoom)

Other Business – Public Comments

With no further business, Brian Shockney made a motion to adjourn, Adam Gross seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25PM

Prepared By: Rob King