

Monthly WIOA Committee Meeting

October Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

Attendees:

Kenny Allison
John Baldino
Stephanie McNamara
Antwon Brinson
Laura Duckworth



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The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 1:00 P.M.

I. Policies Pending Board Approval Discussion

a. Work Experiences and Internship Policy

- i. It is recommended to pass it through but stay attentive to verbiage with the policy as it pertains to registered apprenticeships.
- ii. Antwon Brinson said the Apprenticeship Model is difficult to get pushed through and trying to revamp a bit to have more flexibility (as a business owner, difficult). Businesses were not given the full picture of what a registered apprenticeship should be.
- iii. John Baldino - Definition of the Fair Labor Standards Act was a good addition because most businesses aren't familiar.
- iv. Can we have metrics on who is using what and how much (internships, registered apprenticeships, OJT and WEX?)
- v. The current administration is not terribly concerned with the needs of small business in the opinion of the Committee.

b. Priority of Service Policy

- i. Want to ensure that Veterans get top priority. The wording of it being 'third priority' is confusing

c. Self Sufficiency Policy

- i. Add in a definition of what IEP is so it isn't something that the client would be caught off guard about - or think they are being labeled - doesn't want a stigma. IEDP - Individual Employment Dev Plan.

d. OJT Training

- i. Laura Duckworth asked if we could put points of clarification - registered apprentice link to show what is meaning behind what is covered and what is allowed under a registered apprenticeship vs. OJT
- ii. We need to make sure WIOA case navigators are encouraging businesses to enroll as providers with OJT and Registered Apprenticeships.

II. ETPL Program Approval

a. Phlebotomy Program (National HealthCareer Institute)

- i. Since there has been so much discussion previously about this particular program with multiple requests of the provider, the Committee now recommends to put the program through for a vote from the Board.

b. Coding Program (Coding Clarified LLC)

- i. Stephanie McNamara brought to the attention of the Committee that this program is offered through our Community Colleges in the region.

- ii. The Committee asked about statistics for the previous terms of this program.
 1. Stephanie reached out to the provider and will follow up.
 2. The discussion will pick up in November.

III. With no further discussion, meeting **adjourned** at 2:10 PM