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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND REGIONAL BOARD MEETING SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY PHONE January 5, 2018

Attendance:

WDC: Bill Clemens, Jerry Anhorn, Kathy Covey, Jim Drake, Larry Frick, Jami Gecas, Scott Habenicht, Jeff Koffel, Jim Kowalkowski, Teresa Kutsch, Ken Maestas, Steve Smith, Jennie Weber, Tessa Wicks, Kim Witt
Regional Board: Scott Hutsell, Jim Jeffords, Todd Kimball, Steve Kiss, Art Swannack, Mike Talbott
Staff: Rod Van Alyne, Dayna Brown

Bill Clemens brought the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions followed.

Bill Clemens stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on two items.

Bill reported the WIOA Title I contracts for Youth, Dislocated Worker and Adult services will need to be procured in 2018. The RFP process needs to be managed by a third party, in the past the WDC has used Marty Wold. Rod Van Alyne has reached out to Tom O'Brien, because he is familiar with the process and Tom stated that he is interested in providing the service.

Scott Hutsell made a motion to authorize Rod to contract with Tom O'Brien for the purpose of procuring WIOA Title I youth and Dislocated Worker and Adult services. Jim Jeffords seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jennie Weber and Kathy Covey abstained.

Bill reported that under WIOA the MOU needs to include an Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA) that identifies the cost of operating the workforce system, a method for allocating the costs, and an agreement by the partners in the system on how this is done. A draft of the MOU with the IFA was sent out prior to the meeting for review. Bill explained that the IFA is for six months and was agreed to by the system partners that for the first IFA, current costs would be used and there would be no additional costs.

Rod stated that Art Swannack had sent an email asking if Title 5, Senior Services, should be listed in the IFA; Rod said that the IFA is about facilities and pertains to who is on site. Titles 1,2,3,4 are required in Walla Walla and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has agreed to be mandatory partner with WorkFirst services delivered by Employment Security to represent their contribution to the system. Programs like Job Corp and Senior Services aren't required to be onsite, but there needs to be a way for people that walk through the door to access those services, usually through referrals.

This IFA is good until July, after that longer term IFA will be in effect; partners on the IFA will evaluate it quarterly and the WDC will approve annually.

Art Swannack made a motion to approve the IFA. Jim Kowalkowski seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jennie Weber abstained.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Bill asked if the WDC meeting schedule could be sent out; Rod said that it is on the EWP website and will be emailed out also.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.