

MassHire Metro South/West Workforce WIOA Board Meeting
Minutes June 27, 2023,

Members present: Lisa Kubiak, Chair, Bob Bower, Walter Gardner, Jennifer Jackson, Ernie Houle, Kevin O'Connor, Jason Palitsch

Members on Teams: Rosemary Alexander, Brandy DeBarge, Mark Fegley, Bob Ganong, Shannon Laingen, Tom O'Rourke, Nick Pavone, Mary Lou Regan

Members absent: John Bogdan, Patrick Davis, Charles Gagnon, Kim Ingalls, Marc Koczwara, Rev. Lloyd, Sue Medeiros, Dan Rediger, David Podell, Chris Vericker

Other: MassHire Metro South/West Workforce Board staff: Henry, Bryson, Greg Bunn, Cindy Cedrone, Zoie Jaklitsch, Louise Meyer, Kerri Sandberg, Carol Wolf Antoine Jones, Rapid Response

Review of Agenda, Welcome, Approval of April 25, 2023 Minutes

Greg Bunn welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to the chair, Lisa Kubiak. Lisa asked for a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 minutes. Bob Bower made a motion, Ernie Houle seconded. Motion passed.

New Corporate Brand Discussion

Greg presented the revamped corporate logo (attached) which the Executive Committee provisionally approved at its last meeting. Lisa asked for a motion to approve the new corporate logo. Walter Gardner approved. Jason Palitsch seconded. Motion passed.

Career Center Monitoring Results Overview

Henry Bryson reported that the Career Center/WIOA Youth monitoring, that WIOA tasks to the board, has continued to improve every year. He said it consists of checking records against customer folders in the MOSES database, verifying mandated posters are up to date, conducting group interviews, observing workshops and seminars. He will distribute the final report when it's complete. Mark Fegley asked for a "jobs measuring" report.

Behavioral Health Expansion Grant Results Discussion

Kerri Sandberg presented a slide deck (attached) explaining the Behavioral Health Grant's objectives and strategic goals:

- 1.) Increase capacity of behavioral health organizations to provide clinical supervision to employees seeking licensure particularly people of color and multilingual clinicians
- 2.) Planning and engagement of sector through creation of regional strategic plan
- 3.) Behavioral Health Industry-Landscape Assessment UMass Donahue Institute

CHIPS Act Overview and Impact

Greg presented a slide deck, from the MA Center for Advanced Manufacturing at the MassTech Collaborative, that is aimed at bolstering domestic semiconductor manufacturing and research, and seeks to address the growing concerns about the country's reliance on foreign semiconductor suppliers.

Other Business

Greg noted that Cindy Cedrone would be semi-retiring at the end of June and continue in a contracted position.

Lisa asked for a motion to adjourn. Walter Gardner made a motion; Jennifer Jackson seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.