



# Legislative Committee

**Date:** February 12, 2016

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Location:** Association of Minnesota Counties

**Attendees:** Anne Kilzer, Randy Johnson, Patricia Brady, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Dan Wenner, Mark Jacobs, Kiki Anderson

## Notes

**NOTE:** Anne accidentally deleted the official meeting notes. These have been recreated from scratch, to the best of her recollection.

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### Agenda item: State Legislative Issues

#### Discussion:

Committee discussed concerns regarding competitive funding, direct allocations, and how those align with the efforts of the current system.

An opportunity to discuss/strengthen the role of the WDBs would be to update state statute this year to align with WIOA. Group discussed pros and cons of waiting until final regulations are published; ultimately decided we should try to do this year. Anne and Randy will work on language.

Group discussed potential funding opportunity during special session; funding provided to local WDBs to administer local grants to address disparities issues. Anne, Randy and Deb met with City of Minneapolis Legislative Liaison to discuss; interest from Minneapolis delegation in pursuing this strategy. Anne, Randy and Deb will keep committee/MWCA members updated as this effort moves forward.

Group reviewed 2011 Regional document. It is still relevant; Anne will update to reflect language in WIOA.

Group discussed creating a "frequently asked questions"/myths about the system, along with common language that we can all use as responses. Anne will compile questions and bring forward to Operations Committee for discussion.

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### Agenda item: Federal Legislative Issues

#### Discussion:

Anne asked the group what written materials should be prepared for Congressional meetings in March.

- Importance of Funding
  - Alignment of federal programs with WIOA (ie, as TANF, Higher Ed is reauthorized, will how will they refer to/integrate roles outlined under WIOA?)
  - Overview of implementation efforts to date.
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**Next Meeting: to be determined.**