



Legislative Committee

Date: 08/26/2020
Time: 1:00
Location: Virtual
Attendees: Anne Kilzer, Nicole Swanson, Mark Jacobs, Kate Probert

Notes

Agenda item: State and Federal Updates

Discussion:

Innovative programming... partnerships with Community Based Organizations. Might be an appetite to fund some innovative things.

Joint MAWB/GWDB Meeting idea- update on Federal issues? Or David Schultz? Kate mentioned APHSA landscape change discussions- what advocacy efforts might be related to that?

Agenda item: Federal Engagement

Discussion:

Advocating for funding/resources in regard to COVID response.

Engaging staff around CareerForce resources:

- One pager

- Services available; COVID response efforts

- Coordinated statewide efforts

- Get one volunteer from each Congressional District to set up a virtual meeting with Congressional staff; extend invitations to Delegation Members to attend as well if possible.

- Have a common agenda/talking points for each meeting.

Discussion: what do we do pre-election, what should be done post-election? Anne suggested an event pre-election for the Congressional Delegation; then discuss state level engagement post-election.

Agenda item: MAWB Legislative Training - Brainstorm

Discussion:

- Pull from NAWB, NWA, prior advocacy trainings

- Highlight best practices from areas who have been active over the years

- Workforce Development Fund overview

- Ongoing communication strategies

- Incoming legislators

- WIOA overview

- Budget timelines

- Policy versus funding

Idea to do three to four smaller trainings: Advocacy 101, Federal timelines and processes, state timelines and processes, Best Practices in Engagement and Communication

Anne will put together work plan, recruit volunteers to assist with training and content.

Agenda item: 2021 Legislative Platform – Timeline and Ideas**Discussion:**

General uncertainty around the 2021 session; funding, emerging needs, election results, retirements of key legislators.

2021 Platform should be informed not only by our own members but taking into account:

- DEED Workforce Innovation Work Group
- AMC workforce, housing, economic development committee
- Budget forecasts
- GWDB work
- Election results

Overall concern about maintaining the Workforce Development Fund.

Check in with AMC staff in Jeanna's absence to hear about what issues/strategies may be emerging. Invite AMC staff to next committee meeting to give an update?

Anne will send out current platform to committee members and develop a recommended timeline for development and adoption at the December full Association meeting.

Committee will meet again in September; Time/Date TBD.