



## **MAWB Operations Committee Minutes**

June 17, 2021

The Chair asked for a modification to the agenda to include a reminder during Hot Topics on the deadline for ETPL policy comments. With this modification, the Chair called for approval of the agenda and the minutes. Jinny Rietmann moved approval of the agenda and minutes. Barb Chaffee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **DEED Updates: Adult/DW Programs**

- The RETAIN Leadership Team presented yesterday at the Jobseeker Services Committee meeting. Although it does not seem like there will be a government shutdown, DEED is still waiting on further information.
- If you have RPRs, submit them by June 20<sup>th</sup>. FSRs should also be submitted ASAP.
- Dislocated Worker policy group has revised the requirement for long-term attachment with the goal to increase employment and expand program eligibility. This change will be presented for a 30-day comment period.
- Congratulations to Marc Majors [for his feature](#) in the Twin Cities Business Magazine as a Notable BIPOC Executive for 2021!

### **DEED Updates: Job Service**

- There have been several new supervisors hired with Job Service.
- The Brooklyn Park CareerForce location will not continue in its current location – working with Hennepin to relocate into a new office.
- CareerForceMN.com will be implementing a chat bot feature.
- A staff member asked whether Wagner-Peyser staff can work in Career Labs. Guidance has not changed, and all Job Service staff will be making Good Jobs Now calls until future notice. However, at a meeting of Job Service managers on Monday, everyone will be informed that local managers should request through regional managers whether they can participate in local activities, and leadership will try to accommodate requests as they arise.
- Commissioner Grove's team will be reaching out to MAWB after the end of session to schedule a meeting.

### **DEED Updates: Governor's Workforce Development Board**

- The Governor's Workforce Development Board will be making some bylaws changes related to the elected officials on the Board and will send out the language to MAWB to ensure that local boards reflect the same changes.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> P-20 Alignment Summit has been planned for 1:30 – 4:30 PM via Zoom. More information to come.

### **Hot Topics: Subsequent Designation**

- Ben Baglio and the Governor's Workforce Development Board will be responsible for some system coordination tasks such as subsequent designation and regional/local plans. It has not been decided who will be responsible for IFAs and MOUs moving forward.

- Discussion ensued that federal law and DEED policy on subsequent designation don't align.
- Discussion ensued on the ambiguity around whether subsequent designation submissions are necessary and what the deadline for submission should be. Several local areas need immediate answers to these questions.

### **Other Hot Topics**

- Local areas gave reports on their reopening to in-person services status. [See table.](#)
- The DW Policy Workgroup recently met and discussed potential changes. The team at DEED is currently reviewing the suggestions to the eligibility policy and will come back in a few weeks with an update.
- Local Anoka Chamber recently completed a workforce survey with interesting results.
- Discussion ensued whether local areas are using a roll call to take votes during virtual or hybrid meetings, or whether they are using a yea/nay system.

### **Summary of Guest Presentation/Leading with Equity**

Joe Miller, Project Manager – Digital Equity & Strategy at Literacy Minnesota shared a presentation on Literacy Minnesota's Digital Equity Community Needs Assessment Report. The presentation described the goals and structure of the report as well as some of their recommendations.

### **Committee Updates**

- NACo
  - Annual Conference in a couple of weeks.
  - Discussing WIOA reauthorization recommendations.
- WF1 Advisory Committee
  - Phased launch is underway.
  - The app will be translated into Spanish, Hmong, and Somali.
- Training Work Group
  - Equity Series will take place this fall.
- Joint MAWB-CareerForce Systems-VRS-SSB Quarterly Meetings
  - Cancelled July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Jobseeker Services
  - Heard a presentation on RETAIN; see minutes.
- Business Services/Economic Development Committee
  - Heard a presentation on Registered Apprenticeships from DLI; see minutes/Top 10.
- Legislative Committee
  - Discussed comments on WIOA reauthorization. Will develop a MAWB-focused list of recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding a potential change in WIOA reauthorization to change one-stop operators to an allowable cost instead of a required cost.

### **Next Steps**

- Add "future subsequent designation processes" to the next Policy & Issues agenda