



MAWB Operations Committee Minutes

June 23rd, 2022

The Chair called for approval of the previous months' meeting minutes and the agenda. Barb Chaffee moved to approve the minutes and agenda. Vicki Leaderbrand seconded. The motion carried.

DEED Updates

- DEED is in the process of interviewing for the vacant ETP Director position.
- The DEED Office of Equitable Opportunity is undergoing some changes to the Office of Public Engagement. Maureen Ramirez will remain the leader of the unit, and additional staff will be hired into new positions. The unit will include engagement around workforce and economic development.
- The Summer Jobs Summit will be held the week of August 11th or after. The goal is to bring partners and employers together and launch this new effort at DEED. Further details will be announced as they become available.
- The MJSP Board recently allocated \$3 million for re-entry training. An RFP will be released soon.
- Visits to local areas continue; there is an upcoming visit to Area 1 and some follow-up visits to a few metro area locations.
- Commissioner Grove and DEED are working on the Summer of Jobs Campaign.
- Job Service is getting back to workshops and groups in CareerForce locations and elsewhere. They want to keep up the momentum of the standardized workshops.
- An additional 25 libraries have expressed interest in the CareerForce Corners. The library system would also like to see more presentations about partnership with the workforce system.
- The Frontline Worker Pay system is running out of the Department and Labor and Industry. The point person for the program at DLI is attending the July MAWB Business Services/Economic Development Committee meeting to give a presentation and answer questions. Directors will be invited to attend the meeting to hear his presentation.
- The new Labor Exchange system is still being developed with Geographic Solutions. There is a product owner now from DEED, but the rollout will still not be for a while yet.

Equity Grounding

The group discussed the Spring 2022 articles titled [“Are We Honest in Our Expectations for Leaders of Color?”](#) and [“Intentional Equity: Do What It Takes”](#) from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits.

Governor’s Workforce Development Board Updates

- See slides online.
- Discussed adding time to the MAWB Summer Meeting to discuss higher education alignment with the workforce system. Some members supported this idea; others thought that a one-off online meeting would be a more appropriate venue.

Promising Practices Award Winners

- The three 2022 Promising Practices award winners were announced. These organizations will give brief presentations about their award-winning practices at the MAWB Summer Meeting this August. The winners are:

1st Place

Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council
Certified Community Interpreter Training

2nd Place

Career Solutions
Career Trek

3rd Place

South Central WorkForce Council
South Central Adult Career Pathways (ACP) Partnership

Metro Editorial Calendar

The metro directors have been meeting with Rita Beatty at DEED to discuss an editorial calendar. DEED can loop in other areas to see what the calendar looks like. They plan to share common events such as October's manufacturing month, etc.

Teams Tutorial

Walked through the navigation and notifications for using Microsoft Teams with the desktop app, an internet browser, or a mobile app. If you have any questions, please contact MAWB staff.

Committee Reports

- NACo: Conference coming up this summer in Colorado. Will forward information once it becomes available.
- GLETA: Will meet in August.
- WF1 Advisory: Will be building a link to an interest survey which can be added to local areas' websites. The data will be sent directly to WF1.
- Training Work Group: Progress continues on the Summer Meeting agenda.
- Policy & Issues Committee: See notes.
- Business Services/Economic Development Committee: see resource list. Discussed a list of potential future presentations. Next meeting on July 14th will include a presentation about the Frontline Worker Pay program.
- Legislative Committee: Has not met. Submitted comments to the Department of Labor on the proposed rule about Wagner-Peyser staffing in alignment with NAWB and USWA.

Director's Report

- Provided updates on the US DOL's summit in Washington D.C. earlier this week.

Next meeting: September 22nd, 2022