



MAWB Operations Committee

May 1, 2024

Voting members present: Ling Becker, Nicole Swanson, Tim Beaver, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Carrie Bendix, Jinny Rietmann, Erik Aamoth, Mark Jacobs, Heather Gleason, Deb Bahr-Helgen, John Preuss, Tina Jaster, Tammy Biery, Rick Roy, Marie Domiano, Dina Wuornos.

The Vice Chair convened the meeting at 9:01 AM.

Approval of the February, March minutes and agenda moved by Nicole, seconded by Tina. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The committee did a round of introductions and shared what they would want their last meal to be.

ETP Update –Ama Akakpo

- Financial training content is being developed, who would present, and what is the timeline of the training. Some of the content may come from onboarding for RFPs grant awardees. A mix of basic and deep dive content is being developed and more details should be coming mid-summer.
- [TEGL 10-23](#) update: considering the administrative guidance on collecting personal data from individuals and its impacts on both workers and participants. Working on how to adhere to the TEGL but be consistent to participants. Policy is in draft form and being discussed with service providers.
 - Trying to develop a unified message that can be used across the field about when personal documentation is going to be required vs. not and when. This can be accompanied with services about how participants can get needed documentation.
 - Exit policy is also being developed for what to do if a participant does not get needed documentation in time.
 - Ask staff volunteers from the Jobseeker Services committee to join in the development of these various policies.
 - Could a training be developed on how best to implement this policy and how best to great new arrivals.
- Power of Graduation event at the North Hennepin Community College on Friday. Partnership between DEED & Xcel Energy for training in clean energy. There will be another cohort.
- WIOA Formula allocation conversations with Senate Health Committee and desire to move away from ASUs and adjust to disadvantaged youth. The formula has been the same since the 1980s.
- Many RFPs running now: Clean Energy Program, just celebrated 3,200 enrollments for the RETAIN program.
- Remind operations folks on your staff to get in fiscal requests to DEED as we approach the end of the fiscal year.
- Youth program has been awarded Equitable Transitions Demonstration Grant that will be working with regions 2,3,5,6,7 who will work with youth and young adults with disabilities.

- State performance negotiations will take place on May 20th. DOL shared that LWDA's will not be invited to the conversation, DEED pushed back on this.
 - MAWB could develop a letter to voice concern to region 5. Mark made a motion for a letter to be sent for LWDA's be allowed in negotiations with DOL, Deb second. 13 ayes, 0 nays.
 - Mark to start writing this letter and loop in others.

GLETA Recap & Takeaways – Ling Becker

- Covers boards from much of the Midwest and there is only one other consortium that has this sort of resource.
- Had session with DOL in Chicago during the conference. This could be used to have conversations with DOL for the future.
- Brad Turner-Little, NAWB President spent the whole time with the group and wants to better know the membership. Hoping to develop professional development for directors.
- DOL interested in new effectiveness for employer's measure, which measures how the system is working for employers.
- How do we want to be involved and should there be coordination with these different organizations working with DOL?
 - Have regional DOL rep attend summer conference and provide a workshop instead of a presentation.
- How do we as an association show up in national groups, how do we prioritize who goes to what, and how to represent MAWB efficiently.
- [National Youth Employment Coalition](#) conference will be in Minnesota in May 2025, how could MAWB get involved with that?

GWDB Updates – Katie McClelland & Sonji Davis

- Working to develop better communication flow between GWDB and partners.
- Sonji will be the point contact person while Katie is out on leave.
- Infrastructure planning work is upcoming this fall, more details coming soon.
- See full presentation on Commissioner's Panel and GWDB platform development process here. ****get from Sonji****
 - <https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/federal-investments/>
 - During Cate's transition, maybe another director can attend GWDB meetings with Cate
- Local and Regional Planning Update: due May 31st and will be sent to the GWDB special committee to be reviewed. They will have 2-3 weeks to review. Need 2-3 authors of the plan to meet with reviewers in July.
- State plan is under federal review right now. Next week there will be a meeting to discuss corrections.

MN State Workforce Development Update – Shannon Bryant

- Phil Ariano started as Associate Director for Workforce & Economic Development for MN State.
- Shannon Bryant, Executive Director of Workforce & Economic Development for MN provided an update on the work she has been doing and how to better partner with MAWB.

- Shannon serves on the GWDB and other boards who work in the workforce development system.
- The role was created to foster better partnership with industry, DEED, and the MN State system.
- Doing a lot of partnerships with the semiconductor industry.

WDA-Level ASU Data Presentation – Angelina Nguyen

- Please find the full presentation [here](#).

Labor Market Information Team Training Overview – Cameron Macht

- 10 training sessions scheduled for the next month. See details [here](#).

Sharing Session on Incorporating Job Quality

- Invite Jeanna & Liz for further discussion at the next meeting.

Hot Topics

- Committee reports are in your packet & posted online
- Reschedule GWDB/MAWB Joint Meeting
 - 1) 12/4, 2) 11/20, 3) 12/18 - also offered 12/12
- Use of YIPA?
 - Bob to send email to get input on use of YIPA
- May 23rd Meeting
 - Will be held virtually given that we met in person for this meeting.
- Promising Practice forms due May 17
 - Reminder to submit nominations for Promising Practice by May 17th
- Legislative Committee Updates
 - Discussion on 50% training requirement concerns
 - Advocacy letters and videos shared with Directors following the meeting.
- Updated Salary Survey
 - Jinny and Bob to send out a salary survey, which will be presented on at the next meeting.
- Fiscal Group Update
 - Next meeting on May 6th.
- Nancy Meeting request
 - Elena to contact Nancy about joining May 1 meeting.
- State DW Funding
 - Put together work group about how to make changes to the program to be more effective.
 - Erik to write up what this would look like and share with the group.

The committee concluded at 1:26 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23rd from 9am – 2pm, online only