



EMPLOY MILWAUKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Program Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 17th, 2022

9:00a.m.- 10:30p.m.

Via Zoom Technology

APPROVED MINUTES

Members: Laura Bray, Bevin Christie, Chytania Brown, Randy Crump, Michael Daily, Pam Fendt, Tracy Lubert, Parker Rios, Joni Theobald, Beth Norris

Absent Members: Carla Cross, Eduardo Garza, Mark Kessenich, Brian Levins, Lupe Martinez, Wallace White, Ross Winklbauer

Guests: Toni White

Employ Milwaukee Staff: Chytania Brown, Julie Cayo, Vanesa Carmona- Lewis, Tawnee Graves-Oluwafemi

Chair Pam Fendt called meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Committee Business

Tracey Lubert motioned for approval of minutes from November 17th, 2021; Brian Levins seconded; approved unanimously.

2. WRTP/BIG STEP Presentation

Toni White, Chief Operations Officer for WRTP/STEP presented on the mission, services, and location of the organization. The committee discussed the labor shortage and how more traditionally underrepresented individuals can get connected to quality construction jobs. Suggestions included marketing and outreach to high school students. Pam Fendt noted that there is a Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades/BIG STEP outreach event for females on Saturday, March 5th.

3. Regional One Stop Operator Report Beth Norris provided the Regional One Stop Operator report. Ms. Norris noted the system started not see a change in July with increased foot traffic which may be predictive of increased foot traffic for the rest of the year.

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4. **Program Reports:**

Vanessa Carmona-Lewis gave an update on program performance reports including WIOA Title I-B, BankWork\$, BAS Apprenticeship, Skillful Transitions, House of Corrections, and Windows to Work. Tracy Lubber asked follow up questions regarding the performance metrics and providers for the House of Correction and Windows to Work programs and Chytania Brown provided clarification on the program model, which includes pre- and post-release outcomes, as well as partners which include the Center for Self Sufficiency.

5. **Employer Engagement Updates**

Vanessa Carmona-Lewis provided an update on employer engagement activities which included 16 hiring events with 535 attendees and 133 employers. Chytania Brown mentioned that the PY 20 and PY 21 metrics were impacted by the pandemic and depict more individuals looking for work so the numbers were higher during 2 years in the pandemic than they were previously.

6. **Contracts & Compliances:**

Vanessa Carmona-Lewis requested approvals for the following contracts, which are required for grants over \$50,000 from both the Program and Executive Committees:

Milwaukee Healthcare Workforce Initiative

Social Development Commission: \$58,500.00

Aurora: \$241,821.00

ARPA – Lead Abatement

Social Development Commission: \$1,545,905.00

BAS ASE Certified Pre-Apprenticeship

Mindful Staffing: \$139,535.00

YouthBuild

Milwaukee Christian Center: \$180,000.00

Northcott Neighborhood Center: \$180,000.00

Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee: \$180,000.00

Literacy Services of Wisconsin: \$103,500.00

WRTP/BIG STEP: \$62,400.00

After discussion, Michael Daily motioned for approval of all contracts; Laura Bray seconded; approved unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

Vanessa Carmona-Lewis opened the floor for program updates but there were none. Randy Crump inquired if there any COVID-related restrictions at Employ Milwaukee's building during events. Chytania Brown stated that Employ Milwaukee staff are still wearing face masks and social distancing.

Adjourned 10:38 a.m.

The Next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.-10: 30a.m

