



UPward Talent Council Workforce Development Board June 7, 2019

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Board Chair Mark Massicotte calls the meeting to order at 11:17 A.M. Eastern.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Dave Goudreau, Northern Wings Repair; Jeff Holt, Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation; Michelle LaJoie, Alger/Marquette Community Action; Mark Massicotte, L'Anse Manufacturing; Julie Wonders, Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools; Dave Anthony, Northern Sun Winery; Roy Del Valle, Michigan Rehabilitation Services; Travis Cary, IUPATDC7; John Hamm, UPRLF; George Kinsella, EcoMarine; Jonathan Mead, UPCAP;; Tony Retaskie, UP Construction Council; and Chad Rowe, Aspirius Health Services.

Excused:

Samantha Cameron, Bay Mills Community College; Brad Lebouef, Systems Control; Dave Lord, OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center Joe Esbrook, Hiawatha Log Homes and Suzanne Pazdernik, Jacquart Fabric Products

Michigan Works! Staff:

Cherilynn Lampinen, COO, Joe Zerbst, Director of Administration, Deb Brunell, Director of Workforce Services and Nickie Lauerman, Administrative Specialist

III. Public Comment

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda was made by Tony Retaskie and supported by Michelle LaJoie; motion was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made Travis Cary and was supported by Dave Anthony; motion was approved.



VI. Financial Report

- A. Grant Status and Overview.** Mark Massicotte asked if we can carry over PATH funds like last year. Cherilynn Lampinen explained that that year we were able to gather more funds later in the year. It will happen again this year and disbursement will be discussed by Michigan Works! directors.
- B. Line Item Budget Report.** Mark Massicotte asked if we are on track with spending Employer Based Funds? Cherilynn Lampinen explains that this category included the Going Pro funds. We cannot expend that until the employers spend and submit invoices for those funds. Tony Retaskie mentions that Holly Peoples is currently working on an application with a trades group and is doing an exceptional job communication and putting it all together. Jeff Holt mentioned that Jason Venema is also doing a great job working eastern companies on Going Pro.

VII. Reports

- A. Chairperson.**
B. CEO.

VIII. New Business

A. Action Items – Recommended Motions

- i. **Apprenticeship Success Coordinator Continuation Funding Motion**
Motion to approve is made by Jon Mead and supported by Jeff Holt. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. **RESEA Funding Motion**
Motion to approve is made by Tony Retaskie and supported by Dave Goudreau. Roll Call vote supported by all. Motion passed.
- iii. **UPward Talent Council Budget for 2019/2020 Motion**
Motion to approve is made by Jon Mead and supported by Michelle LaJoie. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. **Board Agreement – between LEO and WDB Motion**
Motion to approve is made by Jon Mead and supported by Travis Cary. Motion passed unanimously.

I. New Business

A. Workforce Board Terms Ending December 31, 2019

Term limits are up for several members and we will have discussions with all to serve another term. If anyone is not able or interested in serving, we will be looking for nominations to fill those spots. Board chair position needs to be elected by the members to represent everyone at the table.

At the December meeting there will need to be a nomination for a private sector member to hold the chair position. Cherilynn Lampinen will look in the bylaws to see if there are term limits for the chairperson. Rod Nelson has requested to be replaced so a new private sector member will need to be added.

B. Workforce Board Nominations for terms beginning January 1, 2020



C. Suggested Bylaws Update for Workforce Board

Add language to allow for attendance, quorum and voting via electronic means.

Discussion for possible motion and vote at September board meeting. This change will be voted on at the December meeting. Question raised as to if the LEO board will need to approve as well? The understanding is if the bylaws are within the DOL guidelines we do not.

D. Michigan Launch Initiative

This is an initiative to host a site to launch satellites. The requirements are...1. Must be above the 45th Parallel. 2. Close to a body of water. 3. Be in a low populated area. 4. Have a runway. There is a group working on the statistics and how the UP sites can fit into this criterion. We don't want to miss this opportunity. One way to support is to have conversations with your legislators. A Letter of Support from this group would be great.

A motion to send in a Letter of Support when the time arrives is made by Tony Retaskie and Supported by Dave Goudreau. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Communications

Tony Retaskie states there are several issues in the UP that this group should be discussing. Such as Line 5, Aquila Resources, Energy Summit, Utility Corridor and changes in TED/TIA. These items should be added to the end of the agenda and be discussed. This should be done during the creation of the agenda and not as an addition at the meeting.

Additionally, Tony Retaskie stated that all meetings should not be joint meeting with the LEO board. Bill should sit in on the Workforce board meeting as well. Both should be aware of the working of each board but that does not create the need for a joint meeting. Access to Bill with uninterrupted attention would be nice and is important.

Travis Cary announced an event at the fairgrounds on August 24th. Michigan Works! should be involved with to assist with employment needs with folks that may not necessarily come into a service center.

Mark Massicotte announces to please share events that are similar to this. We don't always know what is going on in your communities and good things are taking place.

Julie Wonders give Darren Widder a shout out for a great JMG event.

X. Public Comment. None

XI. Adjournment

With no further comments, meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:13 and the group broke for lunch. After lunch, both UPward Talent Council's boards joined, giving



the County Commissioners (LEO) as well as the Workforce Development board members an update on the UTC Strategic Planning. After the update, MEDC provided a presentation on economic development, particularly efforts across the U.P. The presentation and joint meeting ended approximately 1:48 p.m.