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WREP Committee Breakout Session Notes

Members Present:

Doug Ward, Chair; Kathy Craft; Joey Merrick; John Cannon; Helen Mehrkens; Michelle Zenger

Guests Present:

James Harvey, DOLWD/ESD

Jeff Selvey, AWIB CTE Coordinator

Staff:

Barbara Duval, AWIB Program Coordinator

Discussion items:

Healthcare Plan

Chair Ward wondered why the Healthcare Plan was submitted to the full AWIB Board without first being sent to the WREP committee as policy dictates. No clear answer.

CTE Plan

Both Commissioner's Bishop and LeDoux endorse this plan. The plan is currently on AWIB's website and DEED's website. You can read and add comments on both websites. The plan follows the AGIA strategies. The plan is virtually done but needs tweaking in some areas.

SESP

The State Energy Sector Partnership is a 3.6 million grant awarded for renewable energy and energy efficiency. The lead on this project is Greg Cashen, AWIB Executive Director. It is in the planning stage now. Hope is to have some monies out to grantees by June 30, 2010.

During the discussion members raised the following questions:

1. What should the process be when AWIB has oversight of grants?
2. Is there a mechanism for keeping track of grants?
3. What are the general expectations of AWIB members?
4. What is the role and responsibility of the WREP committee for grants?
5. What is the statutory requirement regarding grants for AWIB?

Role

Discussion was on WREP's role. Job is to look at the whole workforce system. It's important that WREP have a game plan with a timeline.

RAC's

Chair Ward asked where we are in the funding process for the RAC's. For them to be engaged he feels they should have funding (support, guidance, direction). There is no funding in the budget for the RAC's. Jeff Selvey states he is working with the RAC's. He is trying to reengage them. They need to be knowledgeable about resources in their own area. They need community planning.



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Perhaps it would be a good idea to provide the RAC's with a training manual so all RAC's are on the same page and understand what their role is.

Employment and Placement

Group discussed what employment and placement meant. In order to review the process they felt it important to understand what the entities provide. Chair Ward would like to see where and how the money is distributed. He would like to see an updated version of the 'dashboard'. Perhaps organization chart of duties and services provided at the 50,000 foot level. James Harvey states he can provide the information if the group can come up with specific questions in specific areas.

Every member should visit their nearest job service office, take a tour, and ask about services they provide to better understand the process. Get personal with your own individual area.

Member Requests:

Strategic Plan

RAC's two page document

RAC's list

Dashboard