

JEFFERSON/FRANKLIN CONSORTIUM
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB) MEETING
August 29, 2024

Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Workforce Development Board held a virtual meeting on August 29, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Francis, Chair.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. The following WDB members were in attendance: Board Chair, Robert Franics, Amanda Black, Annette Kendrick, Juila Kampert, Mark Arens, Cathy Poole, Julie Johns, Andrew Held, Steve Marcus, Debbie Durham, Julie Scannel, Chris Vansickle, Chris DeGeare, and Valerie Moore. Other interested parties in attendance: Philip King, Mary Brown, Jane Kost, Maggie Peetz, Trish Davids, Eric Kappel, Lora Warner, Todd Tracy, Alice Whalen, Megan McEwen, and Leanna Eckhoff.

Amanda Black made the motion, seconded by Steven Marcus to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting (Agenda Item II.) Motion carried.

Workforce Services Reports (Agenda Item IV(a-d).) were presented as follows:

Office of Workforce Development (OWD) Update – Valerie Moore presented and held discussion on Job Center surveys (job seekers and employers) and Washington Job Center Updates. Megan McEwen presented Arnold Job Center updates.

Trish Davids discussed WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program updates and presented a WIOA/QUEST success story

Eric Kappel discussed on-the-job training/Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) program updates. There are currently 3 IWT projects in the works that will assist 15 workers.

Leanna Eckhoff discussed the Business Services Team recent activity, including increasing involvement in upcoming job fairs and hiring events. The next in-person BST meeting will be November 19, 2024, at the Arnold Job Center.

Mary Brown gave the following Monitoring and Oversight report updates(Agenda Item V(a-c).):

- a. Program Year (PY) 2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Final Program Performance
- b. PY'23 OWD Annual Compliance Report
- c. PY'23 Jefferson/Franklin Sub-State Compliance Monitoring Report
- d. PY'23 Equal Opportunity Annual Monitoring Report

Mary Brown discussed the Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Program Year 2024 (7/01/24-6/30/25) Funding Allocation (Agenda Item VI.), which is as follows:

- a. WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Formula Funds (\$249,684, \$208,622, and \$269,636 respectively)
- b. Equal Opportunity Grant (\$30,000)
- c. Skill-Up and Jobs League Department of Social Services Funding (\$241,000)

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d. Wagner-Peyser Funding (\$40,000)

Mary Brown presented the Employment and Training Programs Service Providers and One-Stop Operator contract being awarded to MERS Goodwill, Missouri for Program Year 2024 (7/01/24 – 6/30/25) (Agenda Item VII.) Steve Marcus made the motion, seconded by Valerie Moore, to accept the service provider/OSO contact for the dollar amount presented. Motion carried. Mark Arens abstained.

Mary Brown informed the Board that the PY'24-PY'27 Jefferson/Franklin Consortium WIOA Local Plan (7/1/24-6/30/28) (Agenda Item VIII.) was approved by the Office of Workforce Development and effective July 1, 2024. The full Local Plan can be found on the agency's website.

Community Workforce and/or Economic Development (Agenda Item IX.) updates were presented as follows:

- East Central College – Joel Doepker
- Jefferson College – Chris DeGeare
- Four Rivers Career Center – Philip King
- Adult Basic Education and Literacy – Alice Whalen
- Adult Basic Education and Literacy – Julie Johns
- Vocational Rehabilitation – Amanda Black
- Economic Development Corp of Jefferson County – Jane Kost
- Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation –Cathy Poole

Civilian Labor Force Data was reviewed by Robert Francis. (Agenda Item XI.)

The next WDB meeting will be held on October 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a Youth Committee meeting on September 9, 2024, and the annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development will be held September 4-6, 2024, in St. Louis.