

DRAFT MINUTES

Future Workforce Alliance of Snohomish County

September 16, 2021 – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

In Attendance

Board Members

Amy Drewel, Rich White, Jolenta Coleman-Bush, Jessica Barr, Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Van Kuno, Amit Singh, James O'Brien, Dan Chaplick, Janice Greene, John Haarlow, Garry Clark, Mark Clark, Crystal Donner, Garry Clark, Kieron Shorrock

Snohomish County and Workforce Snohomish

James Henderson, Joy Emory, Simreet Dhaliwal, Neepaporn Bounjaktha

Introduction

The Board's Chair, Amy Drewel, welcomed the board, led introductions and gave an overview of the agenda.

Discussion & Action Items

The following Action Items were discussed and affirmed by vote by the Board:

Adult/Dislocated Worker RFP/RFQ

- Overview of RFP presented by Joy Emory.
- Amit Singh asked for more clarification on what this service provides. Joy Emory and Jessica Barr answered that this would provide services such as English lessons and more.
- Approve
 - Motion: John Haarlow; Second: Mark Clark
 - Approved

One-Stop Operator RFP/RFQ

- Overview of RFP presented by Joy Emory. Will serve as coordinator across services and must be procured by January 2022 for compliance to begin services July 1, 2022.
- Amit Singh asked if the role is only of a coordinator or also provide services? Joy Emory explained currently it is only coordination but are exploring the role further.
- Approve
 - Motion: Mark Clark; Second: Dan Chaplick
 - Approved

Economic Security for All (EcSA) RFP

- Joy Emory provided an overview of EcSA RFP which uses discretionary funds from the state and will focus on serving low-income families that are enrolled in early childhood education programs. RFP is for service provider. May be dovetailed with 2022 RFPs.
- Approve
 - Motion: Garry Clark; Second: Amit Singh
 - Approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approve the Minutes of the Meeting in June 17, 2021
 - Motion: Amit Singh; Second: Kieron Shorrocks
 - Approved

Information Items

Workforce Strategic Plan Update – MDB Insight

- Trudy Parsons updated the Board on the project timeline and that is nearing completion. There has been a slight shift in delivery due to information learned in partner collaboration. Goals and objectives are set up to be implemented by the FWA in future work. There was also an overview of findings as well as an explanation of next steps.
- Amit Singh asked about if lag and lead metrics will be included in the scope. Trudy Parsons answered that Key Performance Metrics will be identified and will be mapped with the workforce ecosystem in mind.
- John Haarlow asked if resources and capacity is being understood and if there is enough to achieve the objectives outlined. Trudy Parsons answered that therefore 2-3 years is the average timeline for the goals and objectives. The Strategy has been built to be achievable and realistic.
- Mary Jane Brell Vujovic stressed that equity will need to be top of mind when implementation will be executed.
- Crystal Donner commented that if any early wins can be achieved between now and what the Strategy outlines as the timeline should still be sought after.
- Jolenta Coleman Bush also commented that the barriers to labor force participation slide show put the burden on the system and not on the individual.

Youth Working Group – Neepaporn “A” Boungjaktha

- Working Group met recently and is drafting a statement of work. The discussion focused on what the Working Group is hoping to achieve. It will be strategic in nature. The statement of work will include diversity, equity, and inclusion and will be approved by the Working Group. The Youth Program Manager from Workforce Snohomish gave a presentation to the Working Group as well.
 - The next step is a Youth Working Group Charter.
 - Amit Singh asked how someone can be recommended to be a part of the group. James Henderson answered any recommendations can be sent to the Working Group chair or FWA staff.

Next Steps

- The next meeting is on December 15, 2021.

Public Comments

No comments were provided.

Next Meeting

- The September 2021 meeting will include an update on the Strategic Plan.