

**State of Utah, Department of Workforce Services
Wasatch Front North Economic Service Area Council Meeting
Ogden Employment Center
Wednesday, February 10th, 2010
12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

Attendees:

Kathleen Alder	Alder & Associates
Byron Beck	Browning, Morgan County
Commissioner Ken Bischoff	Weber County Commission
Lisa Spencer for Melissa Freigang	Clearfield Job Corps Center
Steven Hoellein	Felt Auto Parts
Randy Hopkins	State of Utah, Department of Workforce Services
Leslie Trottier	DWS Child Care Resource and Referral
Richard McConkie	Neighborhood Development Division
Brent Petersen	Davis Applied Technology College
Randy Welsh (Chair)	Utah Transit Authority
Bonnie Williams	State of Utah, Division of Rehabilitation, Weber District Director

Excused:

Darcy Blakemore	Manpower
Rhonda Boren	Ogden / Weber ATC
David Dickson	Kelly Services
Paul Evans	Harmony Home Health & Hospice
Larry Facer	Plumbers Local 348
Gina Frew	Kimberly Clark Weber County
Tineka Hardwick	Ogden Clinic
Commissioner Rodney Haslam	Council Member, Morgan County
Wayne Kirk	Manufacturing Extension Partnership/United States Army
Gary Knapp	Enable Industries
Ron Kusina	Weber Economic Development Corporation
Kevin Mansfield	Davis Hospital and Medical Center
Trenton Maw	Northern Utah Academy of Spanish, Weber
Commissioner John Petroff	Davis County Commissioner
Cecil Robinson	State of Utah, Juvenile Justice Services
Lou Seamons	Davis County School District
Julie Snowball	Weber State University
Toni Ure	Chromalox

Guest:

Greg Richens	Weber State University
Karen Gunn	Salt Lake Community College

Department of Workforce Services Staff:

Julie Anderson	DWS Program Specialist
Connie Laws	OSD Program Manager
John Mathews	North Region Labor Market Economist
Gaylene Pebley	Clearfield Employment Center Manager
Carrie Peterson	Administrative Secretary
Andrea Sutton	Program Specialist
Koral Vasquez	Ogden Employment Center Manager
Susan Wright	Regional Council Program Specialist

1. **Welcome**

- Randy Welsh, Chair of the Wasatch North Regional Council, called the meeting to order. All Council members, and Department of Workforce Services (DWS) staff were welcomed to the meeting. It was noted there was not a quorum for the meeting. Susan Wright, DWS Regional Council Program Specialist, offered to call the Council members to poll them for any items requiring a vote.

2. **Consent Calendar**

- Randy Welsh called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2009 Wasatch North Regional Council meeting.
- Carrie Peterson, DWS Administrative Secretary, noted a change of date. The change will be included in the meeting minutes.

Motion: Steve Hoellein made the motion to approve the August 11th, 2009 meeting minutes with the approved changes. Byron Beck seconded, and the Council unanimously approved the August 11th, 2009 meeting minutes.

3. **Regional and State Youth Council Reports**

- Julie Anderson, DWS Program Specialist, reported on the WIA Youth Program. A new outcomes report had been received and the literacy gain has increased from 7% to 20%. DWS is expecting continued improvement and they will reach 26%, which is satisfactory.
- DWS is continuing to enroll youth transitioning from Juvenile Justice Services (i.e. Mill Creek) into the WIA Youth Program to remain in accordance to the Youth Vision initiative. The youth that participate in the Youth Build Program will be included in the WIA Youth program report. The youth involved in the program will be building a house in a carpentry program. Transportation will be provided by Salt Lake Community College. The WIA Youth Program will be monitored.

Motion: Richard McConkie made the motion to approve the Youth Council report. Steve Hoellein seconded, and the report was approved.

4. **ARRA and SESP Grants Update**

- Connie Laws, Operations and Support Division Manager, provided an informational overview of the ARRA and SESP Grants. The DWS website offers links to the U.S. Department of Energy Grants. Grant opportunities with the workforce development aspects are included on the DWS website urls; <https://jobs.utah.gov/services/stimulus.asp> and <https://www.recovery.utah.gov/>
- On January 29th, 2010, US Secretary of Labor, Hilda L. Solis announced that Utah will receive \$4.6 million in a Green Jobs Training Grant as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). This grant is designed to teach workers the skills required in emerging industries, including energy efficiency and renewable energy. The Charter for the State Energy Sector Partnership was created by the State Workforce Investment Board to capture these funds and the grant will be administered through DWS. Charter membership includes the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Utah System of Higher Education, Utah College of Applied Technology and others. This is a win-win partnership for our department and the customers we serve.
- The grant will help Utah workers gain access to occupations in demand and support energy efficiency strategies that support the emerging green economy.
- The grant is designed to achieve the following goals:
 - Create an integrated system of education, training and supportive services that promotes skill attainment and career pathway development for low-income, low- skilled workers leading to employment in green industries.
 - Support states in implementing statewide energy sector strategies including governors' overall workforce visions, state energy policies and training activities that lead to employment in targeted industry sectors.
 - Build and strengthen partnerships dedicated to building a skilled clean energy workforce.
 - Develop new partnerships with other agencies receiving Recovery Act funds to support strategic planning and implementation efforts.
- This grant is part of a larger Recovery Act initiative – totaling \$500 million - to fund workforce development projects that promote economic growth by preparing workers for careers in the energy efficiency industries.
- The members of the State Energy Sector Partnership are currently meeting to determine the details in administering this grant such as training slots, locations, curriculum development and recruitment. Once the details are finalized, staff will be notified and implementation will begin. We have had some media

attention regarding this grant that has already generated questions and phone calls throughout the state from individuals and organizations on how they may apply for training or become a vendor.

- The training will be free for those individuals who meet the eligibility criteria.
- DWS has been working on a cluster acceleration project with Salt Lake Community College. An outreach site would be included in Box Elder County as extra points were allotted for an area that was impacted by the automotive industry. Box Elder County will be included in the first academy provided. Each academy will have an energy focus.
- DWS will be subcontracting with the academies and staffing cost will be included. Six DWS staff will be housed at the academy to help them connect with employers for the industry they are being trained. Different academies will be used for the different focuses. A charter has been developed with the partners.
- Koral Vasquez asked if there is information to be conveyed to the job seekers regarding the \$4.6 million in a Green Jobs Training Grant as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).
- Connie Laws responded that the first to the fifth month would be used to get the curriculum established. Schools, DWS and partner agencies will be used to refer people to the training program.
- Connie Laws provided an update on the grant submitted for a national emergency grant (NEG) to work with the individuals impacted by the ATK layoffs. The grant has been withdrawn and re-submitted. They have received the application, additional information will be offered as it becomes available.

5. **Presentation on utahfutures.org**

- Andrea Sutton, DWS Program Specialist, provided an overview of the utahfutures.org career information system.
 - This system will be available to junior high school students and will allow them to access their Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP).
 - High School students will be able to manage their high school SEOP. Search for colleges and apply for financial aid.
 - Post-secondary students can build their career portfolio. Search for education and career opportunities.
 - The program will allow Utah citizens to search for career and education information to upgrade their skills.
 - Employers will be able to connect their business to UtahFutures.org to advertise job openings and recruit candidates.
 - Links will be available to access occupation / employment, education / training, and assessments.
 - Utahfutures.org will be a comprehensive career-planning program for anyone in the State.
- Koral Vasquez noted that DWS employment counselors are using the program with their customers.

6. **Cluster Acceleration Program Report**

- Karen Gunn, Salt Lake Community College, Dean of the School of Professional and Economic Development, offered an overview of the Cluster Acceleration Program Report.
- A presentation was offered on the Salt Lake Community College State Energy Partnership with the Department of Workforce Services. The following SESP goals have been outlined -
 - Create statewide strategy to position Utah as a regional and national leader in energy workforce development.
 - Create seamless career ladders / transition for a mobile and marketable workforce within the state.
 - Leverage existing resources and build capacity in emerging occupations related to energy.
- The benefit to the State is recruitment and retention of a skilled workforce responsive to the industry-driven needs in the energy sector.
- The slideshow presentation will be e-mailed to the Council members.

7. **Economic Update**

- John Mathews provided an economic update for the Wasatch Front North area.
- County snapshots will be updated monthly to provide the most current data available.
- The information is available on the jobs.utah.gov website.

8. **Regional Chair's Report**

- Randy Welsh, Wasatch Front North Economic Service Area Council Chair, was provided with an opportunity to address Regional Council issues.
- Utah Career Days are scheduled -
 - April 14 – 15, 2010 at the Legacy Events Center in Farmington.
 - April 28, 29, 2010 at the Bridgerland Applied Technology College in Logan.
 - Junior High and High School students will have an opportunity to learn about careers in the energy, manufacturing, construction, automotive, and engineering industries.
- The Department is implementing a Demand Driven focus and there will be changes with the way business will be conducted with the Regional Councils.

9. **Regional Director's Report**

- Randy Hopkins, DWS North Region Director, was provided with an opportunity to comment on Departmental issues. He reported DWS is working to implement a Demand Driven approach for an employer driven focus for Employment Counseling services. Committees have been used to determine management structure and how DWS can establish working employer partnerships.
- Randy Hopkins new title will be Wasatch Front North Service Area Director.
- Randy commented that DWS is going through a major philosophical change to identify how they can meet the needs of employers and train job seekers for jobs that are in demand. He believes DWS can have an impact of helping Utah economically.

10. **Other Business**

- No other business was conducted.

11. **Public Comment**

- No public comments were offered.

12. **Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.