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**Board Meeting
October 27, 2020
Meeting held by WebEx**

Board members present: Becky Brooks – Chair, Chris Oravec – Vice Chair, Dennis Lancaster, Joan Wright, Jody James, Mike Ennis, Steve Halter, BJ Wear, Jody James, Robin Thomas, Ryan Hampton, and Danetta Rogers.

Presiding Commissioners Present: The Honorable Zach Williams, Wright County Chair, The Honorable Scott Long, and the Honorable Mark Collins, Howell County.

Visitors Present: No roll call taken because of meeting being held by Zoom.

Call to Order: Becky Brooks called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

Minutes: Chair Becky Brooks asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from July 28, 2020 and if there were any changes, additions or correction needed. With hearing none, a motion was made BJ Wear, and 2nd by Chris Oravec to accept the minutes as presented. Motion Approved.

Ken Mall, Managing Director with EDSI Solutions gave a presentation to the board on what he and his group are doing for the State with the Jobs of the Future campaign that the State of Missouri are underway with to improve the Job Centers and Staff of today for tomorrow. After presentation, Ken asked for any question, and told the Board that his full report to the state, as well as all the Boards would be done by May 2021.

Becky Brooks reported on the 2nd Annual Cleo Summit that was held in September, that herself, The Honorable Zack Williams and Donna Parrott attended virtually. Becky told the board that the Report Card that the state is doing each quarter is very important to each region, and that they as a Board need to take it seriously as the state is reviewing both performance measures and participant eligibility.

Donna Parrott then went over the Report Card that we just received. She pointed out that the South Central region went from being Blue a concern to a Yellow which is a threat. Giving the States reason as being that we are not being hard enough on our subs when doing monitoring of them, and the fact that we are moving the Job centers. Becky stated that she and Zach have replied to the state, asking them for clarification as to what these had to do with moving us to a Concern. Donna went on with her Director Report covering the Issuance 9-2020 which was sent out to each board as an Addendum to each contract for the PY20/FY21 Year. She then asked the Board for approval for the Addendum, as the State needed it in order to continue with our contract. Robin Thomas made the Motion and 2nd by Ryan Hampton to accept the addendum. Motion passed.

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Valarie Haring gave the WIOA Performance Report updates. Valarie reported that it was still early in the year, and that she would be watching all categories for bench mark compliance as more people became eligible. Valarie then went over the 1st Quarter Earnings report which shows that we had served 207 participants and that the 1st Quarter Annual Earnings for those would be an estimated \$12.7 Million

Donna Smith gave the Financial report, going over the Board Report which shows where we are in each funding source. She then went on to say that we have spent about \$150,000 of our Cares Act Money, and that it looks like we might spend close to \$200,000 by October 31. She then went over the Cost of Service report for each sub, stating that she will be watching the Admin to Participant percentages for each category, in order to keep at our 60/40 split. Donna also let the Board know that the SCWIB had just received back their yearly CPA report from Welch, Couch and Company, and that there were no findings, concerns, nor comments, and that it was a clean report. She also let the board know that there were hard copies from the CPA office if they wanted one, or that it would be posted to the Website.

Jody James then gave the Youth Committee report asking the Board to approve a change to the Scholars Policy, which would include services to youth who attend Alternative School in our area. Jody made the motion and 2nd by Steve Halter to approve the changes to the policy.

Executive Committee report was given by Donna Parrott which again she went over the PY20/FY21 Addendum. She also talked about how it would help our Sustainability plan, as this would not be due to the state until June 30th each year instead of 30 days after you sign your annual contract with the state.

Donna Parrott then gave the board a brief update as to where we were in moving each job center, and explained to them that the State Office of Administration says they must hold the leases, and this is why we have not been able to move each center yet, and that we are trying to work with OA in getting each center moved, as it is still costing us money to stay where each are at, at this time.

Sheila Barton reported out on a survey that MSU had done with the local manufacturing companies and what the job market looked like for the next five years, and stated the MERIC was not listing what the manufacturing companies were reporting for upcoming jobs which needed training on in our area

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 26, 2021.

Motion by Becky Brooks and 2nd by Ryan Hampton to adjourn at 2:48pm