



Co-Chairs Group (aka Group of Wonderful People)

Date: January 24

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Phone

Attendees:

Mark Jacobs, Anne Kilzer, Rick Roy, Cynthia Bauerly, Mike Haney, Tina Simonson, Dee Torgerson, Tom Norman, Dan Wenner, Rachel Vilsak, Dave Niermann

Notes

Agenda item: Data Requests

Discussion:

Rachel and Rick have gone over data requests thus far about what could be provided to each subcommittee and identify what else is needed.

Rachel has provided a high-level look at Minnesota's workforce, 16 and over. Can be broken down to WSA level. Susan Lindoo will pull program data to see which populations we are/are not currently serving. Other Department data sources could be used.

Conclusions:

Rachel will be working on data requests next week. Committee Chairs will send in additional data requests as needed.

Agenda item: Youth Committee

Discussion:

Youth Committee met on January 21. Spent an hour and a half going over what current programs offer in regard to youth services. One of the challenges will be keeping the discussion moving forward big picture/strategic rather than getting into programmatic details. Tina and Dee will be talking to Mark about how to move work forward. The committee will discuss what age group we are considering when speaking of youth/how to define.

Discussion ensued. Cynthia noted that the World's Best Workforce legislation presents an opportunity for the Workforce System.

Conclusions:

Next Meeting- February 4; 1:30 pm

MWCA staff contact: Tasha

Agenda item: Employer/Business Committee**Discussion:**

Tom and Mike have discussed how to move the group's work forward. One of the things they would like to start with is what we are hearing from employers in regard to current services and how we are engaging with employers. Needs differ depending on size and industry. Data request- how many employers (percentage) are we touching; requests by program. Mike noted they would like to populate the committee more with WSA Business Representatives, in addition to the DEED BSRs.

Mark noted that Scott Sheely from Pennsylvania could be a resource for this group; Dave added that Ohio has some promising practices. NAWDP is another resource.

Conclusions:

Next meeting- Monday, January 27; 3:00 pm
MWCA Staff contact: Anne

Agenda item: Adult Committee**Discussion:**

Dave noted they are starting with data to see how well we are currently serving those populations who are most in need of assistance. A tiered approach may be identified- ie, online, self serve, in-person. Digital literacy is an issue that the committee would like to address- closing the gap. Cynthia suggested the group do some pre-work before the first meeting if possible.

Conclusions:

Next meeting- Monday, February 3; 3:00 pm
MWCA Staff contact: Tasha

Agenda item: Other?**Discussion:**

Mark noted that the time spent in the youth committee learning about current services was well spent; other committees may want to consider doing this to build a common understanding across programs. However, it took a lot of time so if there are other ways to gather the information that may help maximize the time available in the meetings. Group agreed that identifying promising/innovative practices will be a valuable outcome of this project.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Friday, February 12, 2014.

MWCA staff contact: Anne