

Region 2 Workforce Investment Board

Full Board Meeting

June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

12:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy Skidmore. There were no registrants for Public Comment. There was a Quorum, those in attendance in person were: Chairman Andy Skidmore, Todd Motz, Tommy Adkins, Tim Lafon, Maureen Persons, Travis Thompson, Charles Shaw, Wesley Varney, Alissa Stewart-Sparks, Tali Gaydosz, Reggie Jones, Stephanie Ahart R2WIB Staff Melissa Bias, and Adam Warden. Virtual Attendance were Carol Howerton, Scott Adkins, Jason Roberts, Kristy Wood, and David Lemmon.

There was a Motion for the February Minutes approval by Todd Motz and was seconded by Travis Thompson.

Chairman Andy Skidmore recognized and welcomed our new board members, Maureen Persons, Carol Howerton, Reggie Jones, and Wesley Varney.

Tim Lafon shared that there is still a pending lawsuit in Cabell County in regards to contractual payments. Mr. Lafon discussed that he meets with our Financial Accountant Brenda Hunt sent information on what they could do to comply and is waiting for Brenda's return to review what was sent back.

Melissa stated that there is no activity at the time on the financial side and everything is progressing smoothly. Melissa stated that next program year, there will be a cut in Youth Funding, Adult Funding, and Dislocated Worker Funding. Melissa stated that she would like to review throughout the year on what steps Region 2 would need to make. Melissa also shared that with Ticket to Work, we have assisted a couple of clients that have helped us receive \$8,887. Tod Motioned the Financial report and Travis seconded the motion.

Executive Director Melissa Bias discussed the numbers of people that are being funded within the month. Melissa discussed the things that need to be improved are working on the credential rates and the measurable skill gains for these individuals that we serve. Melissa shared the update with the DHHR grand and has not received approval but has asked for more information for to add to the application. Melissa added that this grant helps to fund our satellite offices across our 7 counties and funds a lot of

our staff. Melissa discussed ABWD Program and how the participants will be required on July 1<sup>st</sup> to be enrolled in an activity. Melissa shared an Overview of the programs offered in Region 2.

**Old Business:** RFP Presentations of HRDF/ Lincoln EDA. Review of RFP Proposals and evaluation conducted by the board members in attendance.

**New Business:** No New Business

Chairman Andy Skidmore proposed to adjourn the meeting, Alissa motioned and Todd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Raymond Warden