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NWCEP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.
NWCEP Office – Ashland, WI

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Bill Kacvinsky, Dave Willingham, Emmett Byrne, Bob Kopisch, Terry Wedwick, Patricia Stephen, Thomas Gordon, Sr., Dee Gokee-Rindal, Bob Olsgard, Steve Kariainen, Charlie Glazman, Bob Olsgard, Larry Fickbohm, Patricia Stephen, Elizabeth Franek-Zoom

Excused: Rollie Thums, Larry Youngs

Staff/Guests Present: Skyler-Dural-Eder-CEP, Jenny Decker-CEP, Michelle Smith-CEP, Mary Zinnecker, CEP, Brent Blomberg-Burnett County alternate-Zoom

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Bill Kacvinsky, CEP Board Chairman called the meeting to order. For the record, the public meeting notice was published on the CEP website, social media, the area Library System, and the area County government websites in WDA #7. Roll call was taken, a quorum was present.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from 8/1/2024

Steve Kariainen made a motion to approve the 8/1/24, meeting minutes. Seconded by Bob Olsgard. Vote taken, carried unanimously.

Introduction from New Executive Director, Skyler Dural-Eder

Skyler introduced herself. She noted she has worked at NWCEP for over 10 years starting in business services and previously as the Human Resource's manager. She noted that she has been making community connections already. She's working on keeping staff in the loop and focusing on communication and transparency with staff and the Boards. She has met with the WIB and noted that things are positive which is better for our participants and the workforce system. Elizabeth mentioned joining forces with recovery programs. A suggestion was made to contact County Health Departments.

Action Item: Review/Approve New Mission Statement

In June, CEP had a staff meeting and Skyler said it was decided to change our mission in how we're working with the public, partners and our clients. It was asked if we had a runner up mission statement. Skyler said we did and mentioned some ideas that were discussed. CEP's new mission is:

Our mission at Northwest Wisconsin CEP is to create connections that will empower individuals and groups to drive workforce and community growth.

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Tom Gordon, Sr. made a motion to approve NWCEP's new mission statement. Seconded by Dee Gokee-Rindal. Vote taken, carried.

Announcement & Motion to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the exemption in Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e)

A motion was made by Tom Gordon, Sr. and seconded by Emmett Byrne to convene into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute #19.85 (1) (e) to discuss determination of organizational actions to be taken to reduce the operating cost of the organization and/or to increase revenues.

A motion was made by Charlie Glazman to convene out of Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute #19.85 (1) (e) Seconded by Tom Gordon, Sr.

Motions made in Open Session

Charlie Glazman made a motion to authorize the NWCEP Executive Director to make any necessary decisions to reduce the cost of operations moving forward with recommendations from the NWCEP Board of Directors. Seconded by Bob Kopisch. Vote taken, carried.

Bob Kopisch made a motion to close the NWCEP Spooner Office due to reduction in funding while continuing to provide operational services. Seconded by Dave Willingham. Vote taken, carried.

Charlie Glazman made a motion to suspend Board meeting allowances effective tomorrow until January 1st and to revisit it at that time. Seconded by Tom Gordon, Sr. Vote taken, carried.

Next Meeting Date/Location & Adjournment

The next meeting of the CEP Board of Directors will take place at the call of the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.