

Minutes to Meeting with Coastal Counties Workforce Board and Maine Department of Labor

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Time: 3:00pm-4:30

Location: Maine Department of Labor

Attendance: Commissioner of Maine Department of Labor Laura Fortman; Deputy Commissioner of Maine Department of Labor Kim Smith; Chair & Commissioner Charles Crosby, III (Sagadahoc County); Secretary/Treasurer & Commissioner Betty Johnson (Waldo County); Commissioner Stephen Gorden (Cumberland County); Commissioner Rick Parent (Knox County); Commissioner Richard Clark (York County); Commissioner Mary Trescot (Lincoln County); Denise Griffin (CCWB Vice Chair) : CCWI Executive Director Antoinette Mancusi; CCWI Director of Operations Jillian Sample

I. Introductions - All attendees introduced themselves.

Charlie Crosby thanked the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for meeting with the Coastal Counties Workforce Board. Charlie reported that the County Commissioners had requested this meeting in order to start conversation regarding regional service delivery. A couple of issues remain unresolved i.e., the grievance filed by CCWI against MDOL in Dec. of 2018, however CCWI wants to establish how MDOL and CCWI can work together moving forward. Charlie asked MDOL to work with CCWI Executive Director, Antoinette Mancusi, on issues impacting regional service delivery moving forward.

II. CCWI Priorities

CCWI Executive Director, Antoinette Mancusi, provided overview of CCWI's priorities.

- One-Stop Center – Antoinette reported that all the WIOA required partners are not currently co-located (nor are their services accessible to the degree necessary) at Coastal Counties Workforce Board's One-Stop Center on Lancaster Street. WIOA Title 1b is currently subsidizing the entire One-Stop operation which is not consistent with WIOA nor a good service model. CCWB historically had center located on Lancaster Street under WIA. CCWB continued to operate one-stop center on Lancaster Street under WIOA due to accessible location. Antoinette shared that the CCWB's goal was to create an integrated one-stop center with full integration of services.
- System Integration- Antoinette asked how we can develop a coordinated and integrated system and improve integration of both required partners as well as non-required partners such as CSSP. Especially with decrease in WIOA funding allocation it will be critical that partners are integrated in order to maximize impact of services. Antoinette proposed that one-way WIOA and CSSP could leverage one another would be for CSSP funds to go towards training and WIOA Title 1B to provide case management. Commissioner Fortman reported that other stakeholders have also proposed ideas for CSSP funds. Antoinette also proposed to no longer provide waiver to TANF as a required partner in the one-stop delivery system.

- Service Center Locations- Antoinette stated that our region's sites and how we deploy services needs to be reviewed. Antoinette stated that moving forward selection of centers should be done together. Antoinette asked to be involved in determination of new location in York County. Deputy Commissioner, Kim Smith, agreed to include CCWI in discussions regarding location once options for site location had been narrowed down.

III. State Workforce Board


Christopher Quint is the new State Workforce Board Director. Vote to rescind 70% to training policy was tabled until the next State Workforce Board meeting in June.

Cumberland County Commissioner Steve Gordon asked for representation from Coastal Counties local area on the state workforce board. Commissioner Fortman stated that she is open to all three local areas having representation on State Workforce Board and it could be further discussed closer to August when multiple State Workforce Board members terms expire.

IV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jillian Sample, CCWI Director of Operations

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Approved