



Meeting Minutes
TCWIB Executive Committee Meeting
April 3, 2015 10:30am
26 Franklin St., Bangor

Attendance:

Members: Ben Sprague - TCWIB Chair, Roxanne Jobe, Julie Johnston, Denice Conary, Scott Cuddy, Kerrie Tripp, and Dan Tremble

TCWIB staff: Joanna Russell, Angela Oechslie

I. Chair Sprague called the meeting to order at 10:41am with a welcome.

II. Review of March 16, 2015 Executive Committee Minutes:

MOTION:

Roxanne Jobe made a motion to amend the minutes from the March 16, 2015 meeting to fix the typo of Ryan's last name, which was seconded by Scott Cuddy. Motion carried.

Dan Tremble made a motion to accept/approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Julie Johnston. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

III. Communications

TCWIB executive director informed the committee on what has happened since the last executive committee meeting on March 16, 2015. MDOL's Commissioner of Labor Jeanne Paquette did meet with Bob Clark that afternoon and informed him that she is looking to remove NMDC as fiscal agent.

Then Commissioner Paquette did send out a letter to County Commissioners.

Q: To remove NMDC as fiscal agent only of TCWIB or AWWIB or both?

A: Both. [NMDC would not be fiscal agent for either board]

Jeanne Paquette also met with the County Commissioners on Wednesday April 1, 2015. TCWIB executive director spoke briefly with CLEO Tom Davis after and asked if there was anything decided. Tom reported that no decision was made or resolution. They have

asked for more information. She indicated she believes that NMDC and AWWIB are also looking for more information. And that's around the original high risk designation.

Q: When you say more information, is that from MDOL?

A: Yes, MDOL and also USDOL.

Ms. Russell reported that one outcome of the October 1, 2014 meeting with MDOL and NMDC was that MDOL had agreed to schedule a conference call with USDOL to clarify the high risk designation issues. Local Area 1 commissioners have taken issue with the original meeting/call not happening.

Q: To clarify, when you said that Commissioner Paquette was saying that there will be no discussion, that from a fiscal agent perspective, that she wants them removed and a new agent appointed.....Did Bob Clark's termination come after? When he says until June 30, 2015 or did she give Bob Clark a date that this would end immediately?

A: Commissioner Paquette has not set out a clear directive about NMDC and/or a timeframe when they would be relieved of their role. Bob is now acting on information from meetings he's had. Bob made that decision.

Q: But he only made that for TCWIB, not AWWIB?

A: Correct.

Q: So, on the AWWIB front he sounds like he's going to fight it. And he's done with TCWIB. So, two different directions?

A: Yes, correct.

She indicated that the Tri County CLEOs are still thinking about what solutions and strategies they want to put in to place. She has no idea what that conversation is, but she believes they will identify another fiscal agent from the Tri County area - one they feel confident that could manage the process.

Q: Would they have to put that out to bid?

A: No. In the WIA law, the CLEOs can assign the fiscal agent responsibilities.

Q: How can we (the EC) be a part of that decision process?

A: That is a question I can ask. I don't think they are interested in conversations at this time.

Q: Can you still take the question back?

A: I can certainly take that request back on your behalf. I serve as staff to you and the CLEOs.

Q: Are there any rumblings or talk of going back to EMDC as fiscal agent again?

A: No.

Note: Ginny Carroll has a suggested checklist for finding fiscal agent that she mentioned at TCWIB's March 19th meeting. **Action item:** follow up with her to get that for the CLEOs.

Discussion about Ryan Pelletier being designated executive director for AWWIB. Bob Clark sent a memo on March 24th assigning duties to Ryan, effectively removing Joanna Russell as executive director for Local Area 1.

IV. High risk designation still remains unresolved.

It appears that NMDC has \$26,000 in questioned costs with USDOL. NMDC states they have not gotten enough direction to resolve the high risk issues.

Q: Didn't Ruby say at our meeting that NMDC would cover overrun of costs?

A: No what you're talking about is a budget gap. A disallowed cost is a separate issue from a budget gap. Disallowed costs are a service that's already been provided and USDOL and MDOL indicate that it is not in compliance with the law and you have to pay that money back. A disallowed cost is a result of an audit and a monitoring.

Q: What are our next steps? Do we have any input or a role to play? Are we waiting for the County Commissioners to sort things out?

A: Yes, you are waiting for the CLEOs to decide what they're going to do.

Q: Are we doing an emergency board meeting in a couple weeks?

A: It should happen as soon as a decision is made.

Commissioner Paquette indicated she would like to have a meeting TCWIB executive committee and a meeting with the AWWIB executive committee. Discussion occurred over consolidating five counties into one area. It is the labor commissioner's and governor's desire to push for a consolidation.

More discussion on collaboration with CLEOs occurred.

The Tri County CLEOs are clear that they do not want to stay with NMDC as fiscal agent.

Q: Are the AWWIB County Commissioners...do they want to stay with NMDC?

A: Yes, there is a split. They appear to want to stay with NMDC but Joanna has not spoken to Norm Fournier or Vinton Cassidy.

Discussion regarding drafting a letter to the CLEOs occurred next.

The committee discussed possible options. One option is to become a 501 (3) c organization, like LA3 and LA4. In that case, the chairmen of the board oversee the staff. Another option is a fee-for-service where the board can contract out a straight dollar amount for a fiscal agent; or a lower indirect cost. There are different methods of calculating indirect.

Next steps: Once TCWIB hears from the CLEOs we'll have a board meeting to keep everyone informed and updated. Scott Cuddy will draft a letter from EC to CLEOs as soon as possible regarding collaboration and interest regarding staffing.

Debriefing concluded.

MOTION to Adjourn

Scott Cuddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Julie Johnston. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Oechsle