



EC Works Board Meeting Agenda
July 26, 2023 from 11:30am-1:30pm
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom or Phone

Board Members: K'Lynn Lane, Laurie Chesley, Emma Jenkins, David Burger, Matt Bogatay, John Hanner, Soledad Haines, Jaime Eder, Robbie Smith, Bambi Bevel, Julie Matthews

Guests: Forrest Smith, Faith Decides, Cady-Mae Koon, Andrew Tyler, Jennifer Warren

EC Works Staff: Heather Ficht, Fish Williams, Jennifer Graham, Lindsey Ray, Kristyn Fix, Teresa Cummings-Weir

Meeting Called to order at 11:34pm, without quorum.

I. 11:30am: Call to Order – K'Lynn Lane, Chair

- Consent Agenda:
 - Minutes from April EC Works Board Meeting – *vote required- deferred to October*
 - Ratify Program Year 2023 Budget – *vote required – deferred to October*
- Introduce New Board Members and Staff:
 - Emma Jenkins, Mosaic Community Health (board member)
 - Fish Williams, Director of Finance (staff)
 - Kristyn Fix, Business Services Manager (staff)

II. 12:00pm: Strategic Planning Update – Julie Matthews and Jaime Eder, Board Members

Board members are still welcome to join the Strategic Planning Committee if they are interested - please reach out to Heather if you are interested. The committee is working on a procurement to secure a contractor for this work and will share in update in the October board meeting. We hope to have a draft of the Strategic Plan ready for review at the January Board meeting. Heather has also collected the strategic plans of partner agencies to ensure that the plan is cohesive.

III. 12:15pm: Upcoming events and initiatives – Heather Ficht, Staff

- **Funding:**
 - US Dept of Labor – Pathways Home Grant (OWP) awarded at \$3.8M statewide (*ECW portion is \$240k over 42 months*) - will expand the successful pilot program in our region in partnership with Dept of Correction, Warner Creek and Deer Ridge Correctional Institutions. To impact recidivism on a state level it was important to take this to scale and ensure that individuals being released to their home community are receiving workforce services. Biggest request in this grant was to fill the need for technology in the prisons that were not funded through the Governor's budget. The other funding will pay for WorkSource staff members within each local WorkSource throughout the state.



- Future Ready Oregon (OWP) submitted for \$2.16M statewide (*ECW portion is \$380k over 3 years*)- Our designation per legislation.
- Pathways to Infrastructure (HECC) submitted for \$5M statewide (*ECW portion is unknown*) – connection with the Department of Transportation for the purpose of training individuals.
- QUEST Disaster Recovery (HECC) submitted for \$5M statewide (*ECW portion is unknown*)- Focused on training.
- Critical Sector Job Quality Grant (PGE) submitted for \$5M statewide (*ECW portion is ~\$255k over 3 years*)- Energy economy and electric vehicles, with a focus on training youth in green jobs.
- Critical Sector Job Quality Grant (CWP) submitted for \$5M for ECW and CWP areas (*ECW portion is \$54k*) – Focused specifically for subsidizing the wages for early learning apprentices.
- Governor Kotek’s Committee on Housing and Homelessness/Workforce Shortages Workgroup (ECW) – Dr. Chesley and Heather spoke to the Ways and Means Committee. Heather was then invited back to speak to the Governor’s sub-committee on housing and homelessness regarding workforce. Hopeful that investments will happen as a result of this advocacy.
- **Events:**
 - WORKing Together Conference – K’Lynn Lane, Chair
November 7th and 8th in Bend at Riverhouse Convention Center; November 6th reception dinner for all State and Local Board Members across the state. If you are a board member and would like to attend, Lindsey from our team can help get you registered. We will also plan to have another board member reception the night before as well.
- **Impacts of programming** – Teresa Cumming Weir, Staff- please see presentation and letter from a student.
- **Industry Engagement and Employee Advancement Grants Updates** – Kristyn Fix, Staff
 - Technology Association of Oregon continues to develop relationships throughout the region.
 - Healthcare partnerships are expanding throughout the region.
 - Construction- Another cohort of the Construction Pre-Apprenticeship program is happening soon at COCC.
 - Manufacturing- Woodsy Craft Co is working on a Pre-Apprenticeship program with CGCC focused on entrepreneurship.
 - The Incumbent Worker Training Program, which this year has provided funding to upskill 101 employees!

IV. 1:15pm: General Updates and Discussion – All Present

- Andrew Tyler, OED thanked Kristyn Fix, EC Works for meeting a few weeks ago and looks forward to meeting everyone else.



- COCC is looking for an Executive Director of Business, Industry, and Professional Development.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm