

WINNEBAGO COUNTY W-2 STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Panek, Hugh Sloan, Mary Jo Widener, Margaret Winn, and Erin Youngbauer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chris Kniep, Melissa Kohn, Mark Stockli, and Mark Westphal

STAFF PRESENT: Ann Kriegel, Debby Blankenship, Elizabeth Jungers and Dorothy De Grace

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Welcome and Introductions:

Hugh Sloan called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

B. Adoption/Additions to the Agenda:

With no additions to the agenda, Mary Jo Widener moved for adoption; seconded by Sue Panek and carried (5-0).

C. Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2010 Meeting:

Sue Panek moved for approval of the minutes; seconded by Margaret Winn and carried (5-0).

II. REPORTS:

A. Staffing Updates – Ann Kriegel introduced Elizabeth Jungers, Assistant Manager of the Economic Support Division at the Workforce Development Center. Ann reported that the Kaiser Group hired a new employee as a job developer to find work sites for community service jobs for program participants, but she also does case management. Ann said are being cautious in filling any job vacancies while we wait for more information on the Governor's Budget.

B. W-2 & FSET Program for 2011

1. Program Changes/Updates – Ann said we are scheduled to run out of benefit money by July, but the regional office has submitted a request on our behalf to the state to reimburse us for the anticipated rate based on our new average spending.

2. Funding & Data – Ann referred to the statistical chart for W-2. She noted that W-2 spending for March 2010 was \$62,151 compared to \$133,675 for March 2011. There has been a slight change in caseloads.

C. Performance Standards – Debby Blankenship referred to the Performance Standards Summary report through March 2011 for all of the counties in the state. She said our job entry rate exceeds the standard rate, and all other categories but educational attainment are showing improvement. That category is below standard for all counties; although the Kaiser Group is experiencing a satisfactory rate of performance in that area. Debby said the customer satisfaction rate is representative of the results from the new survey that is given to customers, which now has a scale of 1-5 compared to 1-10 of previous years. Our rating of “satisfactory” is similar to that of most other counties.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sue Panek will check on the status of the letter that was to be submitted by committee members to the state's Performance Standards Steering Committee suggesting that a scale similar to the one used by the UW Extension office be used for the customer satisfaction survey.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ann Kriegel said there is concern about the proposed changes in the Governor's Budget, particularly the proposed privatization of the Income Maintenance program. She said people applying for Medicaid and Food Share would apply by phone or computer to someone in Madison, and there would be a few local community agencies to assist people that don't have a computer or phone. Several websites were suggested as having information about the proposed budget: www.budget.wispolitics.com, www.wccf.org, and www.wicounties.org.

B. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Workforce Development Center located at 315 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh.

Recorded by: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary
Winnebago County Human Services Department