

Planning and Operations Committee Meeting Friday, September 20, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Full AGENDA	Person Responsible	Status
Call to Order		
Welcome and Check-In	Abigail Miller	I/D/A
Consent Agenda Approval	Abigail Miller	Α
 9/20/2024 Approve Agenda 		
• 7/19/2024 Approve Minutes		
Labor Market Information		
Local Plan Approval Letter		
Title I Performance Metrics		

- Abigail Miller called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.
- In attendance: Board and committee members: William Berning, Jenae Sikkink, Rob Denson, Natalie Baysinger, and Abigail Miller. Service providers and staff: Eric Kress, Sara Bath, Heather Brooks, Alejandra Sinecio, Matt Weis, Samanthya Marlatt. Faith Anderson joined during the meeting.
- Rob Denson motioned for approval of the consent agenda. William Berning seconded. Ayes: All.

Regular Agenda		
Special Report • Communications Assessment	Faith Anderson	I/D
Reports		
Adult and DW Title I Report	Heather Brooks	I/D
One Stop Operator	Sara Bath	I/D
Executive Director	Eric Kress	I/D

- Adult and DW Title I report: Heather Brooks emphasized the impact of the change in contract of services on continuity of service and operations. She shared training and development of the AD/DW staff team now under National Able Network. Furthermore, she referenced dislocated worker response efforts and challenges related to English language deficiencies of displaced workers.
- One Stop Operator: Sara Bath shared highlights related to continuous improvement, accessibility, and outreach.
 Two highlights included an assessment of the IowaWORKS office accessibility conducted by the Harkin Institute and her work to operationalize a new client referrals system and software.
- Executive Director: Eric Kress shared two accountability charts. One was for staff and contracted resources and the other for the board sub-committees. He emphasized that there are a lot of strategic priorities that need project management and facilitation currently.
- Faith Anderson presented a 10-minute overview of the Strategic Communications Assessment she provided for the board.

Action Items		
Approve Communications Assessment Receipt	Eric Kress	I/D/A
Accept One Stop Operator Annual Performance Appraisal	Eric Kress	I/D/A
(TABLED)		

- Rob Denson motioned to accept the Communications Assessment as complete. Abigail Miller seconded. Ayes: All.
- Eric Kress and Rebekah Brandmeyer will work with Moonwake Collaborative on implementation of Communications Assessment recommendations.



Discussion Items		
Incumbent Worker Policy	Eric Kress	I/D
Rebekah Brandmeyer introduction	Rebekah Brandmeyer	I/D
o Program Monitoring		
 Economic Impact Study Ad Hoc Committee 		1/0
Advocacy Planning (TABLED)	T. Waldmann-Williams	I/D

- High level conversation occurred around the Incumbent Worker Program and the need for the local area to create
 a policy to support the activity. Eric will send out a survey to committee members to provide additional feedback.
 The goal is to approve policy at the October committee meeting and put it on the November board meeting
 agenda.
- Rebekah Brandmeyer gave an introduction and went over current project priorities. Volunteers wanting to assist in the Economic Impact Ad Hoc Committee should contact her. She is also working with Moonwake Collaborative to carry forward the Communications Assessment work.

Wrap Up and Adjourn	Abigail Miller	I/D/A