



Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wyoming Workforce Development Council
Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 12:00 PM MDT

Attendance

Present:

Members: Tony Cross, Wendy Fisketjon, Larry Fodor, Ron Gullberg, Nathan Williams

Guests: Ivy Castleberry, Tony Glover, Trevor Mansfield, John Melville, Michael Moore, Jennifer Wilch

Absent:

Members: Michelle Aldrich, Ben Moritz

I. Convene (Presenters: Tony Cross)

Meeting called to order at 12:09pm.

II. Roll Call (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Jennifer Wilch called attendance and noted there is a quorum.

III. Approval of June Minutes

Presenters: Tony Cross

Motion:

Approval of June Minutes

Motion moved by Ron Gullberg and motion seconded by Larry Fodor. Approval of June minutes passed.

IV. Next Gen Support Grant Application - Big Horn Basin Experience Partnership

Presenters: Jennifer Wilch

Jennifer Wilch presented the revised application from the Big Horn Basin Experience Partnership. The partnership plans to expand by 50% in one year. Objectives include cataloging businesses through the Wyoming Tourism portal, educate businesses about the Next Gen Partnership, WIOA, and training programs in hospitality, outdoor recreation, agri-tourism, communications, and business programs offered by post-secondary training institutions. The partnership plans to provide more than a 10% in-kind match, and all chambers in each country plan to allocate time to the partnership. Each partner estimates eight hours at \$30 per hour, and potentially additional time beyond eight hours. The Big Horn Basin Experience Partnership will provide an incentive to participants and highlight why being a member beneficial. Jennifer shared their objectives, goals, and the purpose of the partnership. Additional approval is required from the Strategic & Performance committee and the full council in September.

Motion:

Approval of Next Gen Support Grant Application for Big Horn Basin Experience Partnership

Motion moved by Ron Gullberg and motion seconded by Nathan Williams. Approval of Next Gen support grant application for Big Horn Basin Experience Partnership passed.

V. Talent Transition Update (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch, Yvonne Adekale)

Jennifer Wilch provided an update to the committee on the Talent Transition project, a career exploration library of occupations around Wyoming that includes; hospitality & tourism, construction & trades, healthcare, and manufacturing. The bid exception was granted and a signed contract with a new marketing firm from Casper has been obtained.

VI. Next Gen in Wyoming Update

Presenters: John Melville

John Melville provided updates about Next Gen partnerships across Wyoming to the committee. There has been increased interest in healthcare partnerships. Laramie County Healthcare Partnership continues its efforts, which include supporting the retention of nurses and other medical professionals after meeting in June. They are working in collaboration with Laramie County Community College. High Altitude Manufacturing Partnership (HAMP) in Laramie and Albany County has connected with the Albany County School District #1 Superintendent and is developing relationships with local schools in Laramie. HAMP is working to facilitate student bus tours to Colorado manufacturers for career exploration and opportunities. HAMP will continue to recruit manufacturers, encourage industry participation, and provide a manufacturing day. The Central Wyoming Healthcare Partnership recently met in August and is facilitating a job fair in November with combined efforts from the local healthcare industry and Casper College. Banner's Central Wyoming CEO will be providing a career pathway model that has been successful at other Banner hospital locations. Central Wyoming will provide a more comprehensive career awareness strategy similar to a medical explorer program for youth and expand the Casper College Nursing Program by 50% within one year. The Northeast Partnership recently met in July and will launch a healthcare partnership & hospitality partnership in the fall. They continue to collaborate with an established local construction partnership that launched in 2019. The Big Horn Basin Experience Partnership submitted a revised proposal for their Next Gen Support Grant and is working to engage local businesses. Fremont County is working to relaunch its healthcare partnership and exploring the opportunity of a Hospitality & Experience Partnership. The New West Manufacturing Partnership in Sheridan & Johnson County continues to engage the local community and expand. The Southwest Wyoming Manufacturing Partnership (SWMP) is an established partnership that continues to meet regularly. They are working on action items that include: funding, enhancing community engagement, hiring coordinators, and career mapping. SWMP is also working to establish a construction partnership in Uinta County. The Tri-County Healthcare Alliance is analyzing data obtained from 27 healthcare providers across the region. After analyzing the results they will prepare a presentation to the regional working group.

VII. Review for Possible Edits to the Next Gen Grant App (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Council members discussed revisions to the Next Gen Support Grant application and unanimously agreed to designate a line item amount of \$100,000 from the WDDC budget towards Next Gen Support

Grant funding. In addition, they will coordinate a follow-up meeting with the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) fiscal department and attend the upcoming Strategic & Performance and Finance Committee meeting. An amendment to the amount of funding applicants can request was discussed and adopted by committee members.

Motion:

Amend the Next Gen Sector Partnerships Grant Application amount to up to \$25,000

Motion moved by Larry Fodor and motion seconded by Wendy Fisketjon. Amendment to the Next Gen sector partnerships grant application amount up to \$25,000 passed.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:13pm.