

IWIB SPRING INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES



Date: March 16, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: Online

Chair: John Rico

IWIB members present: John Rico (Chair), Elba Aranda-Suh, Tom Ashby, Michelle Cerutti, Victor Dickson, Brian Durham, David Friedman, Kirk Gadberry, Thomas , Norine Hammond, Angela Mason, Steve Martin, Mike Massie, Marlon McClinton, Sandeep Nain, Rahnee Patrick, Michael Perry, Kristin Richard, Margi Schiemann, Nina Tangman, Whitney Thompson, Andrew Warrington, Tom Wendorf, Blanch Shoup

Guests: Ginger Ostro, Stephanie Veck, Cameron Sweatman, Jay Brooks, John Barr, Emily Rusca, Marlon McClinton

Staff: Aime'e Julian, Lisa Jones, Brian Richard, Julio Rodriguez, Kiersten Baer, Molly Cook, Lisa Bly-Jones, Martha Smith, Jennifer Phillips

Time	Item	Owner
1:00 pm	<p>Informal Roll Call Dr. Julian called roll of all members of IWIB.</p>	Aime'e Julian
	<p>Welcome Remarks Chairman Rico welcomed the IWIB members and members of the public to the meeting. He shared information about the white paper written last year. Mr. Rico learned those in Washington DC creating the plan for the stimulus checks referred to information and ideas from that white paper to develop their plan. He thanked the committee for their involvement. He reminded IWIB attendees about the IWIB business meeting being held on March 18 at 1 pm.</p>	Chairman Rico
1:10 pm	<p>IBHE Strategic Plan Ms. Ostro walked through the process that IBHE is working on with ICCB and Student Assistance Commission to develop a strategic plan for higher education and the goals for the plan. This is the first time the strategic plan has been updated since 2008. Ms. Ostro reviewed the statutory responsibilities of the relationship between IBHE and ICCB and the importance of the plan in light of how COVID-19 has shaped the educational experience, broader awareness of racial injustice, and the acceleration of changes in the nature of work; also, innovated disrupters to traditional postsecondary education are growing and budget challenges are exacerbated. Ms. Ostro will share the slide deck with the members which contains a helpful appendix and encouraged members to provide feedback.</p>	Ginger Ostro, IBHE Director
1:25 pm	<p>Business Engagement Retreat Follow-Up Ms. Veck summarized activities from the retreat the Business Engagement Committee held on Feb. 23, co-chaired by Tom Wendorf and Tom Hacker. She thanked the IWIB members who were able to attend. Input received during that retreat was reviewed at a subsequent BEC meeting where they selected five findings to prioritize and focus on. Ms. Veck outlined the five findings and next steps for each. She invited the group to ask questions.</p> <p>Mr. Wendorf said the BEC would like to recruit more members. Currently there are 15 members, 5 or 6 are public employees and the rest are business or association members. BEC would like to broaden the expertise of the committee members and focus on equity among committee members. Stephanie invited members to send feedback to her via email.</p>	Stephanie Veck
1:40 pm	<p>Unified State Plan Update Mr. Sweatman presented the Unified State Plan which tracks progress on the activities committed to in the 2020 Unified State Plan. He reviewed the vision statement and strategies with attendees and progress on activities. Cameron invited members to email him or Aime'e with any feedback or questions. They will work with the program expert to have those included. Mr. Wendorff asked about promoting regional/sector partnerships, saying that partnership needs to be defined and tracked so success can be</p>	Cameron Sweatman

	<p>measured. He would like to see documentation of that information and who collects it, since it seems like it would be a state function. Mr. Sweatman will follow up, perhaps with outreach coordination, that KEB has been working with – to see if there is a depository of this information and where it might be.</p>	
1:50 pm	<p>Performance Dashboard - Overview Mr. Brooks explained that the CIC tasked the performance workgroup with creating a performance report card that would enable information to be shared across all titles. The goal is for this report to function as a dashboard/landing page that provides performance information to all titles. In response to stakeholder feedback, it will be presented as a web-based report, rather than a static document. Mr. Brooks shared a mock-up of the dashboard and walked attendees through its functionality. This report card will be shared with the CIC tomorrow for feedback and final approval – then they can launch.</p> <p>Mr. Friedman stressed the need for targets and asked if it would be possible to get benchmarks (average across all states or states that are similar to Illinois.) Mr. Brooks will ask the CIC about embedding benchmark information once it's been negotiated. Chairman Rico suggested reaching out to the National Governors Association because they will likely have a lot of this information, and suggested Lisa or Stephanie might be able to assist with this.</p>	Jay Brooks
2:00 pm	<p>DCEO Request to Accept Program Year 2020 Obligation Waivers Mr. Barr gave an update on the waivers approved at the recent IWIB Executive Committee meeting. These are waivers of the requirement to obligate at least 80 percent of the current program year Title 1B funds for training for adult dislocated workers and youth by June 30, 2021. He explained the two major reasons for the request 1) to provide additional flexibility to support the COVID recovery and 2) to provide additional 'carry-in' funds to help offset an anticipated reduction in USDOL funding. Mr. Barr gave context and history around the two reasons for the requests, and next steps. This funding should be in place and on the grants before June 30, in time for Illinois to meet the 80 percent obligation requirements. This is a technical waiver that provides flexibility and support over the next 15 months.</p>	John Barr
2:10 pm	<p>Request to Approve Demand Occupations A Request to Approve demand occupations was presented at the recent IWIB Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Rusca discussed the background and goals of the policy which will serve to update a framework that hasn't been updated since 2011. She reviewed the updates to the DOTL approach, the benefits of having an updated framework, the three main components of the proposed framework, and the implementation timeline.</p>	Emily Rusca
2:15 pm	<p>WIOA Summit Update Dr. Julian gave an update on the upcoming WIOA Summit that will be held April 27 and April 28. The Summit will be presented free to the entire system and will feature a keynote address by Michael Karl. Registration opened on March 8, and there are currently over 300 people registered. Dr. Julian gave an overview of the breakout sessions and second-day</p>	Aime'e Julian

	workshops. She will share the registration link with everyone attending the meeting today.	
2:18 pm	<p>Continuous Improvement Committee Request for Members Chairman Rico lent his support for adding new members to the CIC and offered to recommend some individuals. He would also like to take an account of IWIB members to determine member status (active or inactive) on the committees.</p> <p>Mr. McClinton explained what that CIC does related to accountability and improving performance. He is hoping to add members who have a passion for and experience in building a consensus around goal development and self-evaluation, clarity of targets and welcome the opportunity to hold ourselves accountable. Other qualities that would be helpful: business experience in tracking and monitoring key performance indicators. Most important is the ability to identify and motivate people to spot leading and lagging indicators. Contact Mr. McClinton if you would like to become part of the CIC.</p>	Marlon McClinton
	<p>Call for Public Comment Chairman Rico invited public comment, there was none.</p>	
2:24 pm	<p>Adjournment Chairman Rico adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm.</p>	Chairman Rico