iwib fall business meeting

Date: September 17, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Online

**Members Present:** John Rico, Tom Ashby, Mike Perry, Kristin Richards, Mike Conley, Daniel Ferrari, Jennifer Foster, David Friedman, Kirk Gadberry, Erin Guthrie, Thomas Hacker, Grailing Jones, Angela Mason, Mike Massie, Sandeep Nain, Barb Oilschlager, Rahnee Patrick, Theresa Payne, Mike Perry, Margi Schiemann, Thomas Wendorf, Michelle Cerutti, Brian Durham, Whitney Thompson.

**Members Absent:** Christopher David Miser, Victor Dickson, Norine Hammond, Aaron Tennant, Andrew Warrington, Chuck Weaver, Thomas Wendorf, Terry Wilkerson, Grace Howe, Ginger Ostro, Ayala Carmen, Grace Hou, Nina Tangman, Elba Aranda-Suh, Henry Beards, Melinda Bush, Marlon McClinton

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| 1:00 pm | Roll CallRoll call was taken, and Chairman Rico welcomed the group. He invited public attendees to participate, but hold questions until the end of the meeting. A quorum was established. | Chairman Rico |
| 1:04 pm | Opening RemarksChairman Rico shared information from the virtual summit for NGA directors he attended. In a show of support for the need for additional funds, the chairs and directors of liaison from all fifty states are working on a letter that will approach Congress about funding to address the need to train people post-COVID. Mr. Rodriguezshared his concern regarding the lack of a stimulus package. Without a stimulus package, there won’t be any additional funds beyond our traditional allocation as we move into post-COVID recovery. Illinois is joining with other states via the liaisons and chairs to influence Congress and help get the information across. Chairman Guthrie stressed that Governor Pritzker and his staff are working hard to influence Congress and provided an update on what DCEO is doing to respond to workforce issues related to COVID. The new Get Hired website continues to expand, with 222 employer booths and 14,299 job openings listed to date. Over one thousand participants attended 34 virtual job fairs. The Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative continues to grow – with nearly 4000 learners accessing free certificate programs. Director Guthrie also shared that Governor Pritzker allocated 250 million more grant dollars to fund businesses disrupted by COVID. Director Guthrie closed by inviting the group to share their success stories and thanking everyone for their support. | Chairman John RicoJulio RodriguezChairman Erin Guthrie |

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|  | Rahnee Patrick for DHS – October is also the month that commemorates employment for people with disabilities. On September 7, DRS executed the first Memorandum of Understanding with the Division of Developmental Disabilities. They are now working on implementation to ensure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are fully included in services. DHS had nearly 1,000 in Q4 who earned skill gains, and 20% of customers enrolled in education and training. 21.7% had measurable skill gain with interventions, division, or rehabilitation services. They are also examining ways to get clients with disabilities who are enrolled in IDES referred to DRS. Kristin Richards for IDES – Working to stand up the FEMA Assistance Program, roughly $500 million paid out. Six weeks are available through the week ending September 5. This has been IDES’s focus for the last four months, rather than reacting and scaling up another new program in this calendar year. |  |
| 1:30 pm | Business Engagement – DiscussionMr. Hacker provided some background on the presentation, and shared results from the survey of how IWIB can adapt to the current climate – aligning the Business Engagement Committee with the IWIB. Ms. Veck gave a presentation on the COVID re-opening recovery study completed by the Business Roundtable and McKinsey. Ms. Vick will share the feedback received from the group with the Business Engagement Committee as they continue to plan out the work of the committee and the three workgroups of that committee. Mr. Hacker encouraged attendees to think about the four questions the study presented, and if you have thoughts or comments – email him and he will share with the BEC. This information will be taken through the committee and workgroups and be reported at the next quarterly meeting in December.  | Tom HackerStephanie Veck |

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| 1:52 pm | Call for Public CommentMr. Rico called for public comment, there was none. He then gave the floor to Tom Ashby who asked to address the group regarding confusion within the public regarding the open/closed status of One-Stop Centers. Mr. Rodriguez suggested putting together a draft survey that would assess the status of the local One-Stops and sharing it with the Executive Committee. If that committee approves of the content – it can be shared with the entire board.Brian Durham announced that the IBHE will be working with ICCB to kick off a 10-year strategic plan for higher education, and is looking at forming an advisory committee with the IWIB. He suggested the topic be put in the next meeting agenda, and will follow up with the Executive Committee.  | Chairman Rico |
| 2:00 pm | Chairman Rico called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Ashby moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Foster. The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.  | Chairman Rico |