

March 6, 2007
Klamath County Library

Members Present:

Klamath Falls: Archie Linman, Charlotte Rodgers, Jerry Bowers, Bill Brown, Greg Chandler, Murf Karns (Chair), Tara Pritchard (Vice-Chair), Gayle Yamasaki, Lettie Garcia, Jennie Anderton, Marty Demaris, Marc Kane

Lakeview: Tom Moore, Lisa Powell, Mike McCoy, Dan Shoun, Kris Latimer, Dane Strausz (Vice-Chair)

Others Present:

Susan Channer /OFA, Leonard Norris /OFA, Lori Theros /City Schools, Carol Castle / City Schools, Ann McPherson /SOESD & KCSD, Dawn Troutman /Bailey and Troutman Farms, Bonnie Ross /Voc Rehab, Don Richie /KCC, Pam Redding /Goodwill, Joe Hobbs /The Klamath Tribe

Murf Karns began meeting at 11:35, quorum announced. December, January, and February meeting minutes approved with the addition of Jerry Bowers in attendance at February meeting. Marc Kane asked that we take care of old business since a quorum was established.

*Recap of February 22nd Planning Session at KCC.

Murf Karns reported on the planning meeting for the City, County, KCC, RWIB and SCOEDD groups. In group settings we brought out the strengths of this area. Notes will be more in depth and will be shared electronically as soon as they are available. The goals and objectives that were discussed support the OWA and WIB.

Bill Brown added that Klamath County doesn't have a strategic plan. Ideas that were expressed will be looked at for beginning this process. Group discussions were in an informal setting that allowed open questions. There will be a Joint County/City meeting that will help build bridges.

Gayle Yamasaki enjoyed the diverse cross section of participants. It was a snow day for KCC and OIT but over 50 folks gathered together. Some issues that were brought up were training the youth and bringing employers/entrepreneurs into the area. Good feedback on "where in the community do we want to be?" & "where do we see ourselves in 5 years?"

*Murf Karns clarified the inclusiveness of the Klamath and Lakeview members. He welcomed and encouraged any interested Lakeview folks to join in any of the sub-committees.

*Application Committee

This committee will review RWIB Board applications for completion and compliance. Marc Kane asked that the committee be comprised of 2 businesses and 1 public entity, seconded by Archie Linman. Jerry Bowers, Dane Shoun and Greg Chandler volunteered. Recommendation of new board members will be given to RWIB and to the LEO for approval. Applications will be mailed or faxed to Kris Latimer. She will forward the apps electronically to the committee members.

Kris Latimer stated that it is state policy to have a recommendation letter from a business organization or business trade organization. The Chamber of Commerce, Home Builders Assoc. or Realtors, are likely organizations that can write letters of recommendation.

Gayle Yamasaki asked for clarification on public members. An agency MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) needs to be redone for R11. The MOU needs to be executed in order to identify the agencies that are active participants, those active mandatory partners. Kris Latimer asked "do you want members sitting on the Board if they do not have a vested interest in workforce development?"

The RSA (Resource Sharing Agreement) is the backbone of the MOU. The schools are not on the RSA but could be included if the board created a list of agencies that are essential to adopt.

Right now there is discussion at the state level whether or not the MOU should be negotiated at the LWIB rather than the current RWIB level. There is a chance that a MOU at the Consortium level would create a region consortium agreement and the RSA would be attached to that.

***WRT update**

TOC is assisting KCC's efforts as being the fiscal agent for R11. Kris Latimer stated that an extension has been granted to push out the June 30, 2007 end date of the grant. This will allow KCC extra time to market the training opportunities to employers in the region. The last figure we have is that \$139,000 is available for this region. Employment Dept has 2 employer applications to submit. WRT members need to hold meeting to get the funds rolling.

***By-law Committee update**

Tara Pritchard – This process is coming along but additions and concerns keep popping up. We are adjusting as we learn. Kris Latimer stated that the by-laws are in flux right now while we combine the two county board members. Murf Karns and Dane Strausz need to align the two counties. Some of the fundamentals will continue to be worked on. Tom Moore volunteered to assist as an agency participant via email.

***TOC/OWA update**

The Youth RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) have closed and are: Organization of Forgotten American, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council and Klamath Community College. The RFP (Request for Proposal) for Youth closes March 23, 2007.

The Adult RFQ's have closed and 3 entities qualified: Organization of Forgotten American, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council and California Indian Manpower Consortium. Tom Moore stated the Adult program is still accepting "Letters of Intent." The RFP for Adult closes March 30, 2007.

These "contracts" are on a one year basis, extending as appropriate.

Kris Latimer would like the board to pick 3 of the 40 strategies she spoke of last meeting to work on. This is part of the planning that we are to submit.

Quarterly TOC/OWA meetings are scheduled through out the state. Running Y will host the 3rd quarterly meeting on July 19 & 20. There is a private R11 vacant seat. Marc Kane stated that he may have an interest. Gayle Yamasaki asked that this be an agenda item next month. Kris Latimer would like this since the quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 19 & 20 in Sunriver.

A resolution team regarding KLETI is still working, they are meeting on Friday the 9th. It is anticipated that “the questionable costs will be down significantly.” A revised final determination will go to CCWD. Marty Demaris asked “will this board get justification as to why questionable costs were reduced?” Kris Latimer stated that she will report to us in April.

***One Stop Committee update**

Archie Linman stated the focus was to give input as to what the One Stop should look like. We want a co-located one stop center, not a mall model or have partners scattered in their own buildings. At this time the likely possibility is to co-locate the Title 1B provider in the Employment Dept owned building. Someday, hopefully, there will be a better building available. Don Richie presented a flow chart showing job seekers and employer’s path of assistance thru the Adult 1B and Employment Dept. services. Mandated Partners that are not able to co-locate will be encouraged to have a weekly presence. Community Partners will be utilized to the fullest. Communication between the partners will be required by the RWIB. Bill Brown asked that there be an agreement between the partners so businesses are not visited by each partner separately. We have stumbled over one another in the past and we want to prevent this in the future.

The Youth 1B program needs attention. Jerry Bowers, Gayle Yamasaki and Don Richie will have discussion on what our vision is for this portion of the program.

*Murf Karns brought up some ideas for future meetings: a suggestion box for comments, ideas, or direction to be looked at by the Chair and Vice-Chair to decide if any action will develop. Partners could take turns sharing programs they offer at the RWIB. They would be given 10 minutes to inform Board Members of their purpose / services. The RWIB should have the mandated partners meet ½ hour early every quarter for discussion on what’s new in their programs.

*Marc Kane gave update on Jobs Plus Bill. It is Senate Bill 993, 39 legislators have sponsored the bill. Discussion followed with a letter from the Gov Office being read by Murf Karns (see attachment). Marc responded that the conformity issue is moot. This new Jobs Plus Bill would run parallel and would compliment Skill Up. Marc encouraged any individual members to contact their Legislators to support the Bill.

*Bill Brown asked if The Klamath Tribe could apply for Board Membership as a private representation. The Klamath Tribe / Kla-mo-ya is the third largest employer in Klamath County. There was discussion whether or not DOL (Department of Labor) would allow The Klamath Tribe to be a government or private sector representative. An Ad Hoc membership was mentioned as a solution. The RWIB needs to look at private vs. public representation to maintain balance. Bill stated that he should not be a voting member and so is not included in membership quorum. Membership is a major issue we are facing.

*The agenda for next month will list members and their affiliations. Region 11 has its own section on TOC’s website. Meeting time and location will be posted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.