

OWA 1-Stop System Partners Committee  
Minutes March 14, 2008  
Conference Call

Attendees: J.J. McLeod (Chair), Pat Davis, Joyce Aho, Pete Bober, Selaina Miller, Tom Moore, Julie Gassner

Staff: Jeff Dickason, Melissa Metz

The meeting was called to order by J.J. at 2:06pm. J.J. explained that today's objective was to define the committee's mission and areas of responsibility which will be used as the foundation of the committee's work plan.

A dialogue ensued around a mission or vision statement for the committee with the following thoughts:

- Joyce and Julie mentioned they liked #2 that was in the email. "The OWA system partner are committed to support the creation of an available and skilled workforce necessary for business to located, remain and grow to provide sustainable employment and the creation and growth of family wage jobs, and to working with business and industry to sustain, retain and grow.
- It was mentioned by Tom that providing services needed to be incorporated into #2. "...committed to *provide services* in support the creation of ...."
- It was mentioned by Pete that the mission of this committee may be bigger than providing services to businesses or job seekers but to our communities.

The group closed the topic on mission to finesse language as follows online.

*The Oregon Workforce Alliance System Partners are dedicated to the on-going development and evolution of the Rural Oregon Workforce System by:  
Working collaboratively and building effective partnerships;  
Being the forum for the development and exchange of innovative and best practices; and  
Refining policies and criteria related to one-stop and system certification.*

J.J. transitioned the discussion to what the group hopes to accomplish some of the themes that emerged were as follows:

- To identify issues and trends in rural Oregon and globally to be responsive and relevant to our communities
- To promote innovation
- To be a forum for professional development
- To set benchmarks and goals with a universal service or system focus
- To build upon the synergy and unique opportunities that our consortial structure avails us to maximize impact

It was noted that our work plan needs to incorporate measurements so that we know we have accomplished what we have set out to do. These measurements will reflect both continuous improvement benchmarks of our day to day work together and high impact innovative goals.

HOMEWORK: Members of the committee will engage in the online dialogue of the mission statement.

NEXT MEETING: 10AM Conference Call April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tentatively pencil into your calendar Wed. April 16 late afternoon or early evening as a possible face to face meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta.

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