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514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, Idaho 83702

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom/In-Person
514 W Jefferson St, Boise, ID 83702
Suite 136
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4481916675>
Meeting ID 4481916675

WIOA Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Sarah Nash (IDOL), ~~Aaron Tuckett (IDOL), Matt Markve (IDVR), Sharon Kierulf (Easterseals-Goodwill), Kristin Matthews (DHW), Dave Hanchett (IDOL), Mike Walsh (ICBVI), Deb Matiska (Easterseals-Goodwill); Rico Barrera (IDOL), Summer MacDonald (IDOL), Nick Jorgensen (ICBVI), Jacqueline Simpkins (DHW); Lynn Fyanes, (ID Commission on Aging), Christine Hagedorn Reilly, (CTE); Danilo Cabrera, (IDOL); Michaela McElroy, (Job Corps), Mikayla Monaghan, (VR)~~

Guests: Deborah Chouinard, Nicole Hohnstein

Staff: Chad Lahti, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Tina Polishchuk

Welcome, Introductions

Sarah Nash

- New USDOL Information Collection Request Comparison
 - Received latest ICR from WIOA federal partners
 - Overlaid previous year to reveal changes – will send out
 - Some removal of potential partners
 - Can present on things remove if desired
 - Do not want to see how waivers impact disadvantaged individuals
 - Defined allocations
 - More items of detail
 - Significant Notes included
 - VR additions to footnotes
 - Enter only planned level of performance for 26 & 27
 - They will contact us for the negotiated numbers, usually the last step, then close out
 - Suggest scrubbing plans for DEI language

Rico Barrera

Chad Lahti

- State Plan Section Edits as a Group
 - Strengths and Weaknesses of Workforce Development Activities
 - Just a modification, looking for anything that needs to be updated
 - Professional Relationships:
 - change bi-weekly to meet regularly
 - meetings to trainings and quarterly meetings to partnership meetings
 - Practical programs – no additional changes
 - Possible initiative added here – specific to advanced manufacturing, mining, and nuclear energy
 - Regarding the IDSTF grant we received
 - CHIPS ACT under Federal Investments
 - Federal Investments
 - IDOL actively applying for funds....may need to remove, Rico will research
 - Pre- mechatronics should be mentioned w/ mechatronics for CWI
 - Weaknesses/ Challenges
 - Staffing
 - Youth Services
 - Updated with most recent numbers
 - Intersectional demographic groups.....such as those involved in or aged out of the foster....
 - Update final paragraph with current statistics
 - Remove references to COVID-19 as a triggering factor
 - Awareness - good
 - Education training, and career pathways
 - Area of opportunity
 - Coordinated State Operating Systems
 - Will send out to partners
 - Supportive State Policies
 - General Process policy: Update paragraph 2020 state plan data paragraph
 - Evaluation
 - Always difficult section
 - What question are we asking cross-system
 - RI eval looked at “do individuals that interact with the system have better outcomes”
 - In process with DHW for data sharing
 - Wendi will update section due to issues in the state on data sharing
 - Is a cross-system eval required? It is up to the state, each partner can do their own

Next Friday, 23rd due date for individual plans

Adjourn at 3:01 PM

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