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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

### Workforce Development WIOA Advisory Group Meeting Minutes September 3, 2026

**Committee Members:** Aaron Tuckett, Caleb Tibbets, Christine Hagedorn-Reilly, Danilo Cabrera, Dave Hanchett, Hayley Schatz, Jacqueline Simpkins, Kara Whitehouse, Kristine Matthews, Lynn Fyanes, Michaela McElroy, Mikayla Monaghan, Nick Jorgensen, Rico Barrera, Summer MacDonald

**Staff:** Sarah Nash, Chad Lahti, Denise Hill

**Guests:** Holly Player, VR; Jennifer Pope, CTE; Nicole Hohnstein, IDOL; Sharon Kierulf, Easterseals Goodwill

#### Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

##### Welcome

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- Introductions

Sarah Nash, Chair

##### Reviewing WAG Data

- Annual Data
  - Sarah slide
  - IDOL
    - Title I, tracking well, similar to past performance
    - Some downward trends Title III
    - Employment Adult 4<sup>th</sup>, both in 2<sup>nd</sup>, lower than they usually are at this point
      - Digging in to discover why
      - A bit of a stretch to meet goals for the next 2 years
  - VR – T4
    - Order of Selection still impacting service delivery, only Most Significant Disabilities (MSD) group open
  - SCSEP
    - Performance measures for 2026 going up to 48% & 50%
  - Note: Rolling 4th quarter tends to even out with seasonality, comes from the federal government
  - Ms. Hohnstein will send a chart to Ms. Nash & Mr. Lahti
  - Mr. Hanchett sent request for rollup of account of employers they have worked with – title partners, requested 1 week prior to Oct 1 – add to next agenda

Sarah Nash

SNAP E&T Project Update

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- Project is going well
- NGA asked for project to improve states SNAP E&T programs
- ID selected for both cohorts for the project
- Focused on WDC SNAP Labor and H&W
- Issues
  - No shared data
  - HW new contractor, Community CX
  - How are we referring individuals, what can we use?
  - What data do we need and how do we share it?
  - Meeting monthly
  - Biggest product, enhanced collaboration
    - Big issues with granular parts
    - Good foundation built
  - Community CX, directors come from the field, talk the talk and understand the journey and gaps
- One-Stop YouTube page has a recording of one of the trainings
  - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYbH2MWLtz7M>

### State Plan Debrief

Chad Lahti

- Approved on July 16th
- Did not receive any revisions from USDOL
- Great job and thank you to everyone who helped in the process
- On the WDC website, individual plans are also broken out
  - <https://wdc.idaho.gov/workforce-innovation-opportunity-act/#wioa-policies>
- Waivers
  - 4 submitted, 3 approved
    - Workforce Board to act as WIOA board, approved
    - Allow for Post-exit Supportive Services for Employment Retention, approved
    - Eligible Training Provider (ETP) Reporting Requirements, denied
    - Comprehensive One-Stop Center Requirement, approved
- Feedback on process requested
  - Need to work with Mr. Barrera to acquire his vast knowledge of process
  - Working on a playbook for the process
- Mr. Barrera has been promoted to WIOA Supervisor, Ms. Hohnstein will be the State Plan contact
- Federal auditors currently in CTE offices
- State Plan renewal cycle is every 4 years, updates are done every 2 years
  - Renewal work will begin spring/ summer 2027
- Currently
  - Regular discussion on 4 focus areas and what is happening

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- Updates/ progress provided on the goals and work that is being done
  - Helps make sure we are progressing and ease the next state plan process
  - Live with Sarah for updates, All: tell her who the person is for these updates

### Agency Updates

All

- One-Stop
  - Webinars coming
    - Ready for Industry& Learning Blade next week
      - Tech Session will follow 2 weeks later
      - 5 industries, multiple modules speaking to careers, descriptions, environments, current issues in the industry, how to find a job, expectations
      - Free resources
      - Great folks & collaboration
    - TPM in October
      - What it is and how it works
      - Offered to the business services teams
  - Please reach out to Ms. Nash to be included in the webinar contact list
  - Send topic ideas to Ms. Nash
  - One-stop contract renewed for 4 years
- CTE
  - Currently being audited
- SCSEP
  - Taking enrollment and referrals
  - Ramping up
  - Community partners are sending referrals
- ICOA
  - Rural health transformation grant plan
    - IDOL & CTE would be great partners; looking for volunteers
    - U of I just started masters of geriatric program
- VR
  - Complete comprehensive needs assessment submitted to RSA
  - Began discussion to start goals reviews
  - Ms. Monaghan appointed as Administrator
  - Lauren Noble is deputy administrator
- ICBVI
  - Working on Community Needs Assessment, just started process, retrieving data
- DHW
  - Just completed hard launch with Community CX

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- Going well
- Submitted SNAP ENT state plan
- Refreshing some things, 3<sup>rd</sup> party manual, trying to modernize
  - Moving away from paper documents
  - Hired new Business Analyst
- IDOL
  - Mr. Barerra promoted to WIOA Supervisor
  - Hiring new Grant Management Officer
  - RESTART Young Adult Program Grant funding awarded to IDOL
    - Hiring Project Director
    - Training for 18-24 year old reentry/justice involved participants for employment in skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships
    - \$2M total grant award
  - State plan, discussing submitting additional waiver
    - Offer incentives for job retention
  - 2 area managers retired, combined positions, Kandy Rudd, Bureau Chief
  - IDSTF grant
    - \$8M, \$7.2M on actual reimbursement
    - Up to 80% reimbursement to eligible employers for approved training costs to expand their workforce or upskill
- WDC
  - Consolidation of WDC & STEM complete
  - Council meeting September 9th
    - Requesting approval of Work-Based Learning definitions
  - Working on new TPM host site model
  - Finalizing 2026 class for LAUNCH

Adjourn