



WORKER RETRAINING/FINANCIAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 25, 2010

2:00pm – Central Conference Room

The meeting was convened at 2:00pm. The members in attendance were: Kamaria Al-Harazi, Linda Weir, Kimberly Cambern, Sherril Koagel, Barbara Loney, Marsha Major, Dave Cunningham, Sue Koeller, and Jack Moffitt.

Introductions were made with a special introduction for Shoreline C.C.'s new Dean of Workforce Education, David Cunningham. Meeting minutes, from the previous advisory committee meeting, were passed out to the attending members.

A College update was provided by Dave Cunningham. There are a number of partnerships being formed in conjunction with the Automotive and Solar programs; the partnerships include both Hyundai and Snap-on-Tools. There are also plans to install solar panels on the new PUB and to update the College's IT infrastructure.

A discussion was started in regards to the College and partner's needs for data sharing and any methods that might be used in providing necessary information between the two. It was discussed how this has been a long term goal and need within the system, but without total access to SKIES by all partners, this may not be possible. The funding partners did request to get timely information on FAFSA eligibility prior to issuing vouchers for payment. Linda Weir stated that it would not be a problem as long as the student's files were completed prior to the voucher being processed. She will also double check that the Release of Information, that the Worker Retraining program uses, will be sufficient for Financial Aid purposes.

The members present agreed that a presentation on the current Unemployment Insurance policies would be useful. Kim Cambern explained the policies of the new "Tier 4" from the Federal government's Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC).

If clients have not exhausted the regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) by 2/20/10 they will not be eligible for EUC and if they have not exhausted the current "tier" they are on by 2/27/10, they will not be eligible for the next tier. The current deadline for ending EUC payments is 7/31/10, even if a recipient still has a balance left on their account.

There was a discussion on current monies that are and will become available. There is a current Green Initiative of 1.3 million dollars that will be coming into the system, as well as State matching funds still available from the ARRA initiative until 6/30/10. Also, the Boeing Company has gotten an amendment approved to their Trade Act (TAA) Petition, the approval allows their on-site sub-contractors to be included within their TAA petition. This is the first time that sub-contractors have every been approved for TAA using another companies petition.

The four partner agencies that were in attendance, and the College, provided reports on their available funding:

Neighborhood House has a few WIA adult spots.

Pacific Associates has some monies for dislocated workers.

Trac and Associates has a number of slots for dislocated workers from their remaining ARRA dollars.

Washington Cares dollars are intended for clients on basic food, but can provide services to dislocated workers as long as they qualify.

The College still has limited dollars in our Basic Food, Workfirst and Opportunity Grant program

The partners were asked if they felt that one person per agency in attendance would be enough representation at the meeting, they agreed that it probably would be sufficient. The committee then agreed that another meeting after winter quarter would be useful and settled on either late April or early May. A request was made that the meeting be convened at 3:00 pm versus 2:00 pm, as well as a request for the meeting to be held on a Thursday versus a Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.