

WORKER RETRAINING / FINANCIAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 19, 2005 – 12 noon - Board Room

In Attendance: Lenny Simpson - Lynnwood WorkSource; Tim Nguyen & Wanda Waldrop - TRAC and Associates; Sherril Koagel - Pacific Associates; Kim Cambern, Donsa Benitez, Gian Bruno and Ann Ludwig - Shoreline Community College

Lunch was supplied by Specialty Foods

Kim opened the meeting by asking for introductions and then distributing “member packets” to the off campus members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the correction of date for the present meeting.

Update on Current Funding:

King County Dislocated Workers – in the absence of a representative, it is believed they have openings, but no adult funding.

Pacific Associates – Sherril reported there are openings for training, and direct placement – limit \$4000/person total.

TRAC and Associates – Wanda & Tim reported there are lots of openings for training, approximately 20 per/year, \$3600max/year.

Snohomish WIA – Lenny reported there is plenty of funding and they are looking for clients. They will fund prerequisites, maximum \$3500/school or calendar year.

Worker Retraining - Kim reported funds are ok, the same as last year. She added that Shoreline will extend the same services to “Adult WIA” students as Worker Retraining, except for the funding.

Policy Changes – Kim reported that the school has decided to loosen requirements for students to access Worker Retraining Funds. The committee approved the following changes:

1. CAT Approval – students now have to have applied – but do not have to have been approved. If CAT is denied, after classes start and the student has to drop classes, we will absorb the lost tuition.
2. We will fund students who have ES approval to go to school, but are denied CAT and must maintain availability
3. We now require that the FAFSA application be completed before the 2nd Quarter instead of the 1st Quarter.
4. We will consider removing the income guidelines for next school year, but didn't change it for this year.

WRT Divisional and Demographic Breakdowns – Kim presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the make-up of the Worker Retraining population.

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Profession/Technical Website – Gian reported that revisions were being made to the website and requested possible links to websites of interest be emailed to him. These will be posted to the “Advisory Committee” site. Kim invited members to attend the upcoming Workforce Advisory Committee meeting, November 1. This is the parent committee of this group.

Phlebotomy/Group Health OJT’s – Kim asked for discussion of, “How programs can get practicums for their students, when companies want experience prior to taking on a student?” She asked about a possible pilot project – can OJT monies be used to encourage companies to take on a student (funded by OJT money). Lenny explained this would not work as use of these funds is designed for expected hires. He suggested that Work Experience money is a possibility, but the group will have to check with the WDC for options and regulations. More research is needed.

Round Table – Sherril suggested we keep sending students to the workshops at WorkSource as a first step for getting WIA funding. Kim asked for suggestions on new members and for changes to this committee. Kim invited attendees to the Worker Retraining orientation, to be held immediately following this meeting.

Next Meeting – Thursday, Jan 26, 2006

Meeting Adjourned – 1:55 pm

Ann Ludwig - Recorder