

Grantee Identifying Information

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A. Summary of Grant Activities

Oregon's grant is tied closely to a complete redesign of Oregon's workforce development system and, related, a redesign of Oregon's workforce system performance measures.

As a result, initial thinking and discussion has taken place in regard to the types of data that will be needed in the longitudinal database and the performance measures that will be implemented across Oregon's workforce system.

B. Status Update on Strategic Partnership Activities

Oregon Employment Department continues to have a good relationship with the Department of Education and the Oregon University System (Higher Education). Plans are underway for the Oregon Employment Department to provide unemployment insurance wage data for the SLDS. Oregon University System will be linking education records to the Oregon Employment Department for the WDQI grant.

C. Timeline for Grant Activities and Deliverables

Partners representing TANF, Vocational Rehabilitation, Wagner-Peyser, Community Colleges, Title I, Title II, and Oregon's Workforce Investment Board, met in a daylong session to identify and define new performance measures for Oregon's workforce reporting system. A draft of the nine measures is attached to this report.

During the next quarter reporting period, January through March, research and IT staff will be working collaboratively with the partners to review existing data elements and identify new data elements required to produce user-friendly reports and scorecards.

D. Data Security and Linkages

No action to report this quarter.

E. Key Issues and Technical Assistance Needs

There are no key issues or technical assistance needs during the second quarter of the grant award.

F. Best Practices and Lessons Learned

As indicated in C above, staff met with the partners in a daylong session to identify and define the outcome performance measures. At the conclusion of the meeting the participants agreed that a one-day session defining the measures was desirable, compared with several one or two hour meetings. A one-day session fostered and promoted excellent discussions around the measures that otherwise might not have occurred during a one hour meeting.

G. Sustainability

Funding for performance measurement system will be provided by the partners participating in the system. Current partners include the Oregon Employment Department, Department of Human Services, and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

H. Additional Information

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