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Director, Office of Workforce Investments

**October 22, 2020**

11:30am – 12:30pm

Call in: 1 929-229-5751 Conference ID: 930 434 625#

## MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Co-chair Michael Oliver, Mary Chamness, Katy Nelson

**Guests:**

**Staff Present:** Doug Denning, Jeremy Ahola, Karen Humelbaugh, Brittany Melzer

## Standing Business

Michael called meeting to order at 11:38am.

### 1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

1.1 Opening remarks and agenda review

### 2.0 Public Comment

*Each Individual/Group will have a time limit of three minutes*

2.1 Invited Public Comment: None

2.2 Other Public Comment

### 3.0 Reports

3.1 Budget Report: The transfer was made from Lottery to the Department of Revenue. Director Denning thinks OYC will be able to put out about \$15,000 grants next week, depending on the size of the total deposit from DOR. This means that we will still have enough money to do virtual training. Jeremy Ahola is putting out 8,700 a needs assessment on what training they need now. It will cover administrative costs and salaries through the biennium. We will not sit on money that we can get out the door. There's been no travel which means huge cost savings.

3.2 Grant Status: The grants will go out to the 22 applicants. Those will be paid as soon as the vouchers are completed (with the statute changes incorporated). The Dislocated Worker Group within the Office of

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Workforce Investments has put out fire response grants. Director Denning asked for 1 million dollars for OYC. The ask may be granted but not at the full amount. The crew work would take place on federal land that has trails or picnic areas. The age will be 18-24, older young adults. There are 5 grantees that expressed interest in taking part in the work programs. The fire crews will need more PPE. Director Denning was able to order 14,380 n-95 respirators and 8,700 paper masks to give out to grantees. They will be given out within the next few weeks.

3.3 Policy Option Package: Director Humelbaugh gave a review of the Agency Request Budget that was turned in in July. OYC's POP was turned in as well as the Legislative Concept (LC) to change the statute to include the Oregon Youth Corps. The budget ask was 11.7 million dollars that would be divided among OYC and local workforce boards specifically for youth. This POP has a lot of energy behind it. This is now with the central budget people at DAS under review. It's in a promising situation. We will know more around the end of November and what steps we will take forward if the POP is not adopted into the Governors budget.

3.4 Strategic Planning Update: The Coraggio Group met with Director Denning and Jeremy Ahola to discuss how Covid-19 impacted the budget and with the subsequent shut downs. Many discussions were had around the flexibility of the programming and how to be able to attract more private and public partnerships. Assistance was requested for structure of communications with stakeholders. Jeremy Ahola and Director Denning received a summary of what their plan will be moving forward that was shared with the members.

3.5 Discussion of future meetings' cadence.

3.6 Adjourned at 12:19pm.