



Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB)

Conference Call

April 6, 2020
5:00 PM -5:30 PM

Conference call: **877-810-9415; Access Code 9550046**

Persons wishing to testify during the public comment period should email Sydney.G.King@oregon.gov prior to 12pm on 3/24/20.

Times approximate and order of agenda items may vary.

Members Present: Anne, Craig, Lauren, Bridget, Shari, Douglas, Julie, Mark, Marc, Dwain, Cathy, Laurie, Chelsea

Public Present: Jon Irvine, Rep. Reardon

Staff Present: Karen Humelbaugh, Sydney King, Clay Martin, Todd Nell

Standing Business

1.0 Information Update

1.1 Meeting began at 5:02pm. Christian Gaston, Workforce Policy Advisor to the Governor, talked about the COVID-19 advisory panel he and Leah Horner are co-chairing, this panel is bringing many agencies together.

1.2 Karen Humelbaugh introduced what the call would cover and encouraged questions.

- Shelter in place is now in effect. Grocery stores, pharmacies and other essential stores remain open. Restaurants and non-essential stores are not.
- The government will remain open and serving the public, most people are teleworking, and have been for a week. HECC's fiscal department remains functional, and operating normally. Funding is being prioritized for universities and colleges.
- Employment is working on UI claims, Worksource Oregon centers have moved to appointment only.
- Federal assistance has been applied for. \$1 million in Layoff Aversion funds have been awarded to Oregon, and the State has dispersed to the local workforce boards.

1.3 Marc Overbeck gave an update from the 3 health-affiliated taskforces he is on, he went over the strategies they have formed.

- Trying to expand health care workforce capacity
- Expedited training; goal of 200 CNA's by end of April
- Healthcare training available online
- Working with long term care residents

Karen Humelbaugh



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2.0 Questions?

2.1 The floor was opened to questions and comments from the group.

- Several big facilities are closing down, creating large numbers of laid off workers, why does Oregon still have a 1 week waiting period for unemployment? The Unemployment resource will be sent out again. The state's programming is outdated, and updating the programming would take longer than the 1 week waiting period for now. The Employment Dept is under a modernization effort, so this issue will not be present in the future.
- Funding that isn't distributed under the grants, how will those monies be distributed? Every year the funding is sent out to the local boards through the federal formula. The state holds some of those funds in reserve, in these times, they have released the held monies in the form of Layoff Aversion funds, totaling \$1 million, which has been sent out to the local boards. OWI is actively meeting with local workforce board directors on how to best distribute.
- Are there guidelines in place to ensure the workers receive the benefit of Layoff Aversion funds? This is a local board decision, but they are working closely with the state.
- Are any state reporting requirements being relaxed? This is a decision that affects every agency differently, so this will vary. Need to check a global answer.

3.0 Public Comment

Each individual/group will have time limit of three minutes

3.1 No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.



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