



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa, Suite 101
San Antonio, TX 78207
May 29, 2020
9:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Juan Solis, III, Leslie Cantu, Polo Leal, Tammy Trevino, Ravae Shaeffer, Sammi Morrill, Mark Niederauer

WSA STAFF ATTENDEES:

Adrian Lopez, Linda Martinez, Manuel Ugues, Josh Villela, Roberto Corral, LaVonia Horne-Williams, Barebeta Womack, Mark Milton, Ricardo Ramirez, Louis Tatum, Tony Martinez, Aaron Smith, Michael De Freez, Melissa Sadler-Nitu, Gabriela Horbach, Dr. Andrea Guajardo,

PARTNERS:

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Frank Burney

AGENDA

Agenda items may not be considered in the order they appear.

- I. Call to Order and Quorum Determination The meeting was called to order by: Doug Watson @ 9:02am
Presenter: Chair Watson
- II. Declarations of Conflict of Interest - There was no conflict of interests declared.
Presenter: Chair Watson
- III. Public Comment: There were no Public Comments
Presenter: Chair Watson
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Previous Minutes - February 7, 2020
Presenter: Chair Watson
All in agreement to table previous minute discussion until next meeting.
- V. Briefing
Presenter: Mark Milton, COO
 - a. Briefing Memo
 - b. Oversight Committee Presentation
 - WSA is currently meeting all state mandated performance measures. We are currently monitoring the expenditure rates of the DW program. It is currently behind but anticipating significant spending over the summer.
 - We are currently meeting or exceeding all of our performance measures 15 or 15.
 - 17,000,000 spent in childcare funding to keep daycares open during the crisis and keep them from closing. This put 3,000 kids into childcare to assist workers. The full amount wasn't used and going forward will be used for essential workers.
 - **Exception:** Dislocated worker. Target is 58% and we are at 35%.

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- Increase daily orientations, call center, e-mail response outreach and short-term training options. Potential increase of ITA limits above \$7500.
- ITA recognized as sliding scale

c. Performance Reports

Project Goals:

- Received 1.3m from state to assist with crisis; humanitarian aid and support.
- Partner with SA Foodbank, SAHA, Hospitality and rural sites.
- Serve 122 individuals in 1 year with employment assistance
- \$250,000 to serve
- Work with VIA and other partner sites
- \$400,000 to provide support services such as equipment and supplies to assist in cleanup and reopening of center via COVID fund.

DISCONNECTED/EXTENDED GRANTS THROUGH TWC:

- Summer Earn and Learn disconnected in 2020. Funding will be redistributed to other programs.
- Teacher externships disconnected. Funding will be redistributed to other programs.
- Youth Job Skills Grant extended through May 2021.
- All 3 programs cancelled is ½ mil \$ to be redistributed.
- Under-extended for Re-employment grant

VI. Chair Report

Presenter: Chair Watson

- Child Care Program Reports: Recaps that he believed funds would originally be used to assist essential workers find childcare, not just keep childcare centers open.

VII. CEO Report

Presenter: Adrian Lopez

a. Unemployment Insurance Claims

- 187,206 Unemployment claims filed from 2/28/2020 through 5/15/2020.
- Average claimants in the last two-week period show that claims continue to decline:
4/13 to 4/20: 32,453
4/27 to 5/04: 17,595
- Large increase in claims in Guadalupe county. Manufacturing jobs being affected.
- June 15: target date to re-open centers by appointment
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in communications and equipment due to crisis
- \$250k in skills development training
- \$487k for Rapid Response
- Outreach to unemployment claimants via different outlets and partners.
- \$600 ends July 31.
- Not enough funding to support all 187k unemployed residents. Advise for unemployed to come to us for services sooner rather than later.
- Unique job posting trends by Andrea: A claimant might be an accountant but due to layoff may need to work in warehouse. Tracking trends. Jobs available versus jobs claimed.
- Educate UI claimants on what jobs are currently available via job tracking sites in order to re-train alongside career counselors and assessment tools
- City Council to invest 70,000,000 into workforce
- Goal: Reaching 100% of unemployed clients on multiple channels.
- Add additional contracting staff

b. Bexar County Workforce Proposal

- 35k will be released into TWC.
- WSA and Bexar county will provide unified intake assessment and referral processes for partners.
- Rural areas of Bexar county or any of the suburban cities will be eligible for this particular program.

VIII. Briefing

Presenter: Tony Martinez, Child Care Manager

a. Essential Worker Childcare

- Child Care: Enrollment was 2,600 but was pushed over to 2,800. The full \$17,000,000 was spent.

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- Goal was to keep childcare centers open to provide service for essential workers.

b. TRS Discount Discussion

- Pushing to add more TRS providers to area.
- Capacity is not capped out and can be further utilized.
- PSOC can be flexible. Parents with children not in care must pay still PSOC to childcare center. This is flexible and could possibly be negotiated with case worker.

IX. Executive Session:

Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may recess into Executive Session for discussion on any issue for which there is an exception to the Act as set out in section 551.071 et. seq. including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Government Code §551.072 – Discussions Regarding Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property if Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Position of Workforce Solutions Alamo in Negotiations with a Third Party;
- b. Government Code §551.071 - All Matters Where Workforce Solutions Alamo Seeks the Advice of its Attorney as Privileged Communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas:
- c. Pending or Contemplated Litigation; and
- d. Government Code §551.074- Personnel Matters involving Senior Executive Staff and Employees of Workforce Solutions Alamo.

No items were discussed or considered under Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Presenter: Chair Watson

Meeting adjourned 9:55am