

GLETA

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Call to Order

Treasurer's Report:

Legislative Discussion

- Faith Based initiatives.
There was much discussion around this topic. GLETA needs to keep focus on the local governance issue, funding, One Stops infrastructure, and Administration topics, and not lose sight of big issues. The Faith Based initiative may not be as critical. Need to hone in on the business of the WIA reauthorization issues and stay away from the politics.
- S. Perry reported on the Secretary of Labor testimonial on the Hill. Common Theme: Overhead, 1.5 billion on infrastructure. Discussion on Job Corps.
- 70% expenditures rate on PY03. This governors should not put into the budget.
- There will be training on accrual vs. actual.
- Big issue is local control and funding. The format and paper developed by Sharon Perry will be sent out to the GLETA members.
- Develop some talking points on fiscal chart, DOL has some documentation on accrual vs. actual accounting.
- The states in the region are looking at 37% set aside funds.
- Coordination language between the boards and Community Colleges is critical with the \$250 million Community College grants.

DOL report provided by Nick Lammers.

B. Zyudema has requested a meeting between GLETA and State Administrators on Tuesday afternoon at the Heartland Conference.

DOL had meeting with states on the 2 year plan. Will pass down negotiations on for performance. They are preparing a 2 year plan on WIA Plus. States are not passing on information to locals on the plan. State plans are due to DOL on 5/31.

Allocations: Are due out, but not yet. A quarter of Youth funds will be provided by April 1. Plans are approved first at regional office then to Federal. Re-designation of local areas is being discussed at state levels.

A TEGL will be coming out on common measures. Efficiency Measures will be implemented in 7/05. Pennsylvania has requested a waiver to use common performance measures in place of existing measures. Will allow for supplemental data on all categories, including earnings. Go to earnings change instead of percentage. Will not have regression model in this round, but will have VAPIS.

State Reports:

Illinois: Electronic version of intake for One Stops services being piloted in Stewart's area. Use a card for tracking. Get piece of paper to complete for services, then a membership card.

Data Management White Paper on data elements. Have a lot of control of data elements eg. Navigator program. C. Stewart will get the name of the contractor. Go back to CETA information as an example for what may be worked. Language needs to be html or Microsoft office.net.

Indiana: New Governor. Looking at block grants. Have consolidated some departments related to commerce and workforce development. Not clear how things will move forward. UI funds for training will move over to new economic development office. Will have businesses apply instead of training facilities for these funds.

Have Bayh's commitment on some of the issues related to WIA. Work Keys continues to be implemented with ES.

Iowa: Locals have had good working relationship with state, but seeing some changes. May have realignment of local wda(s). Do placement of TANF people in jobs.

Sponsoring a legislative breakfast and a conference.

Kansas: GLETA representative working as a consultant to Kansas WIB to improve system.

Minnesota: Mostly concerned about state leg. Related to youth funds and dw/incumbent worker. Concerned about cuts that will impact local service. Working with state department.

NWA will lay off 900 mechanics.

Starting to look across state lines and developing partnership.

Continue to talk with state about how to work together internal and external to the state related to local WD system.

Nebraska: New Governor. No major changes yet. Unemployment is merged with workforce development. Do have a working relationship with state. Have shared opportunity for staffing between WIA and WP with services in Omaha.

On tight timeline for local plan.

Ohio: Discussion on language in contract that there is an out if funds are not available. The interpretation is the contracts are not obligations.

\$10,000 per area for technical assistance grant. Some counties are leaving Ohio Option. Have new administrator. Deputy Director is now Director. Waivers to move money between adult and dislocated worker is in place. Giving 10% back to state, then state will turn it back for incumbent worker.

The Governors WDB will have authority over Discretionary Funds.

Wisconsin: Report provided by Fred Schnook and C. Welch. At this time no major changes. State is working with locals as far as communications go. Some concerns to decrease number of WIBs.

Expenditure Reports provided:

Discussion occurred around how we can work with states to assure expenditures are occurring. AT joint meeting have department clarify expenditures, accruals, etc. To identify what we are tracking related to whether the contracts (grant) are 1, 2, or 3 years and address the 70% expenditures. Need to understand the life of the dollar.

Employer Template: Developed with Business Service Template. Fred provided handout and walked through the information with members.

Motion made for GLETA to endorse a business service model need to be designed and delivered as close to the customer by John M.. Second by Heather. Discussion was we need to address the needs of the customer. We need on the national level that business is level to job seeker services. Need to address the state funds to align services to incumbent worker training and business services.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by C. Welch