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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, November 6, 2025 Via Microsoft Teams

<u>Members in Attendance:</u> Chair Josh Kilgas, Mindie Boynton, Robin Hallet, Ryan Long, Jennifer Marks, Jeff Mikorski, Shannon Schultz, and Craig Wehner.

Members/Participants Excused: Boe Ramsey, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board

<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Sara Bell, Goodwill Industries NCW (Guest); and Anthony Snyder, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board.

<u>Call to Order:</u> Chair Kilgas called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u> (Action Item): Chair Kilgas introduced the agenda, requesting a move of one item on the agenda and adding Ryan Long to the attendance list. A motion was made by Marks, and seconded by Hallet, to approve the agenda with the changes noted; motion carried.

<u>Approval of Minutes from 6/5/25 (Action Item)</u>: Chair Kilgas introduced the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Schultz, and seconded by Marks, to accept and approve the minutes of the 6/5/25 meeting; motion carried.

<u>Upcoming Mini Job Fairs:</u> A flyer for upcoming Mini Job Fairs in our region was shared and committee members were encouraged to attend and/or share with their clients and customers if the location made sense.

<u>Welcome and Introductions:</u> Chair Kilgas welcome members to his first SPC meeting, shared enthusiasm for the work to be done this year and asked all attendees and guest to introduce themselves and their roles.

<u>Vision for the Committee</u>: Chair Kilgas reviewed a short presentation on the role of committee members, the purpose of committee members and reasons why committees are important for non-profits. Committee members engaged in discussions about why they serve and shared their views on ways to improve the committee experience.

As part of this exercise, the committee was broken into two groups to consider who is currently serving on the committee and who might make a good addition. When the two groups were brought back together, shared Ideas included more cooperation with the Board's Business Services Group, including a quarterly combined meeting; establishing an advisory group of employers to advise the committee; engaging someone in/formerly in our grant programs; leveraging expertise from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) to help further develop our re-entry programs; strengthening the

relationship with libraries across our region; and determining which groups in our region we should connect with in a deeper way, including ADVOCAP, CAP Services, World Relief, and others.

<u>Forward Service Corporation (FSC) Presentation:</u> Marks shared information on FSC's outreach plan; learnings from quarterly reports for FVWDB's grants, including FORWD, Pathways Home 2, QUEST, WAI2 and updated the committee on WIOA activities. Marks also shared with the committee success stories from each of the grants and discussed challenges and learnings with grant service delivery both last program year and so far into this program year. The committee plans to review next month's WIOA report to determine what to possibly report out on going forward.

<u>Update on Oshkosh Job Center Relocation</u>: Snyder shared a map of the new locations and photos of the center under construction. At this point, the center is not yet complete but we anticipate a move-in in December 2025. For now, and until the new center opens, job center services are being provided at the Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh.

<u>Committee Members Round Robin on Workforce Issues:</u> Members shared information on a variety of workforce development activities in their area or organization.

Next Meeting: 1 pm, Thursday, December 4, 2025, via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

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