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Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

1 pm, Thursday, September 3, 2026

Via Microsoft Teams

Members in Attendance: Chair Josh Kilgas, Mindie Boynton, Robyn Hallet, Ryan Long, Jennifer Marks, Jeff Mikorski, Brian Pelon, and Craig Wehner.

Members/Participants Excused: Shannon Schultz.

Others in Attendance: Boe Ramsey, Kati Cunningham, and Anthony Snyder-FVWDB; Alec Fischer, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Call to Order: Chair Kilgas called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda (Action Item): A request was made to move Item 7 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. **A motion was made by Mikorski and seconded by Hallet to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the approval of minutes from 6/4/26 Meeting, and 7/16/26 Impact & Performance Task Force; Acceptance of Windows to Work (W2W) Program Year 25 (PY25) File Monitoring Closeout Memo; Acceptance of Road to Success 4 Contract Monitoring; Acceptance of Program Year 24 (PY24) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Monitoring Closeout Memo; Acceptance of Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Rapid Response (RR) Program Year 25 (PY25) Quarter 4 Annual Allotment Monitoring; Acceptance of WIOA Program Year 26 (PY26) Waitlist and Pathways Home 6 Referral Pause Memos; Acceptance of PY26 Workforce Development Area (WDA) 4 Local Plan Approval Letter; and WDA4 and WDA5 Regional Plan Approval Letter; motion carried**

Committee Business & Discussion:

Acceptance of Updated Supportive Services Policy for WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth, and Item 7.1, Supportive Services Change Tracker (Action Item): Edits were requested to amend the language, add a maximum of \$600 for laptop purchases, and correct a typographical error. **Upon edits, motion to approve by Hallet, seconded by Mikorski; motion carried.**

Update on Strategic Planning Process: Chair Kilgas updated the committee on a discussion held by the FVWDB Executive Committee regarding Strategic Planning.

Breakout Groups for Job Pod Discussions: The committee adjourned to breakout rooms and discussed the Job Pod proposal in depth for two possible locations in Plainfield and Waupaca.

Upon reconvening, the groups discussed the potential of two new Job Pod locations. The committee has additional questions that will need additional information to finalize the plans, but feels strongly about pursuing this option. An additional meeting will be held with Chair Kilgas, Job Pod Representatives, and FVWDB staff to learn more.

Mikorski requested the Board collaborate with counties and board members to support their ongoing advocacy for the use of Job Pods. This effort will also involve gathering data on usage, access, traffic counts, staff resources, and capacity. **Mikorski made a motion, seconded by Marks, to continue pursuing the addition of two Job Pods in Plainfield and Waupaca; motion carried.**

Committee Members Round Robin on Workforce Issues:

Hallet shared that Wisconsin Literacy's annual conference, September 28-29, held in partnership with the Correctional Education Association of Wisconsin. The conference is in Appleton and she encourages anyone interested to consider attending. <https://wisconsinliteracy.org/news-events/forward-conference.html>

Boynton shared that Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) is partnering with University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Shriver Institute for Women's Leadership to hold a Women's Leadership Event from 4-6 pm on October 22. MPTC is actively seeking partnerships with other educational institutions.

There will also be a Small Business AI Basics coming in November, dates TBD, which will be offered at no cost in partnership with Envision Greater Fond du Lac and the Oshkosh Chamber

MPTC is launching a pilot program in Fond du Lac for the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) industry-recognized micro-credentials with the Lincoln Electric welding program next week. Currently primarily focusing on the current workforce, but they are exploring a variety of models for K-12 education, including integrating this into academic programs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

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