

MINUTES OF THE CWIB EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING Conference Call

March 7, 2016

Committee Chair T.R. Dudley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Committee member present was T.R. Dudley. Committee members connected via conference call were Vicki Nelson, Dewey Thompson, and Tammy Walker. Committee members absent were Kathy Groves, and Elizabeth Perkins.

C-WIB staff in attendance included Alex Blackwell, Linda Gray, and Kevin Stadler.

The Evaluation Committee met via conference call to discuss the extension of current contracts and postponement of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and the evaluation of the Universal Challenge Course (UCC).

The committee discussed delaying the RFP process to procure service providers until next year. Some of the reasons discussed:

- Much of WIOA will be driven by sector strategies that haven't been developed yet. The RFP would need to be released before the sector strategies have advanced enough to provide information.
- CWIB staff will be extremely busy working on the Strategic Plan and sector strategies, due June 1, 2016. The RFP process, including the evaluations, is very labor intensive; it would be difficult to give the RFP process the attention it needs.
- Current subcontractors are preparing to transition into WIOA. It would be difficult to implement WIOA with potentially new subcontractors.
- The requirements of WIOA need to be included in the RFP. Final regulations for WIOA have not been released yet and won't be until June 2016.

Other regions are also extending contracts due to the same reasons.

L. Gray asked if there were any further questions or discussion. D. Thompson made a motion to extend the contracts for one more year and postpone the RFP process until next year; V. Nelson seconded the motion. T. R. asked if there was any further discussion? Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously. The Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation to the full board for vote/approval at the March 23, 2016 board meeting.

T. R. Dudley reported the Bylaws Committee is meeting via conference call following today's meeting. The Evaluation Committee will make the recommendation to the Bylaws Committee for the Bylaws to be changed to allow the contract extension.

Discussion was held on the Universal Challenge Course (UCC). There was a three year time frame for the UCC to become profitable/break even, which is up in June 2016. The course is not really growing or self-sufficient. Upon taking the course over from the

subcontractor we took up the mantle to try to do things with it. We have tried marketing and social media which didn't work.

After review of the UCC, the next steps would be to do some research and explore some options of what the alternatives are, like using the property for a training site. Have CWIB check into the legalities of the property. If it is sold, where would the money go to? If the money just goes back to the state, would it be possible/feasible to gift it to someone who could benefit from it? Would another organization have the means to acquire it for their organization so we are not burdened with the financial responsibility? There may be some interest from Missouri S&T, they have been one of the heaviest users of the facility.

D. Thompson mentioned the course has been very nice for CWIB for many years and Alan has done a great job with the course and participants. Alan has several groups scheduled in April and is still conducting business until a decision is made. The CWIB meeting in August is scheduled at the UCC.

If the course is closed, Alan would be reassigned to other duties, possibly involving recruitment for training programs, business outreach, etc.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to make a recommendation to the board to do some research and find out the legalities of the property and then look at our options of what we are going to do with the UCC.

T.R. Dudley made a motion to adjourn, there were no objections. The Evaluation Committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m.