

April 4th, 2024

Full Board Meeting

Board Members in Person: Sharon Bias, Jane Broom, Caroline Chan, Gina Breukelman, Katie Garrow, Kate Harkness, Susan McLaughlin, Nicholas Michiels, Jiquanda Nelson (C), Vaughn Turner, Teri Holmes

CLEO Representatives in Person: Ashton Allison John Lederer, Markham McIntyre

Staff in Person: Shelan Aldridge, Sheena Clarke, Ericka Cox, Michael Davie, Mimi Getahun, Marie Kurose (CEO), Joseph Ntumba, Bryan Pannell, Jeff Sikora, Gyanendra Subba, Marisol Tapia Hopper

Guests in Person: Rudina San Agustin, Ali Ayoub, Timothy Brooks, Kristen Burton, Cameron Cassidy, Kathleen Crompt, Abel Hartman, Mike Hayden, Jan Johnson, Yong Lim, Alex Olins, Seth Klein, Josephine Ko, Harpreet Prajapati, Ali Scego, Michael Schute, Mike Schwartz, Dr. Rachel Solemsaas, Heather Stapleton, Dixie Taira

Materials Distributed:

- [Opportunity Center Full page 09202023](#)
- [Full Board Meeting Minutes – December 14th, 2023](#)
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- [DRAFT WIOA Local Plan Summary One-Pager DRAFT](#)
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I. BUSINESS MEETING

A. North Seattle College & WorkSource Introduction & Presentation

Chair Jiquanda Nelson Welcomed everyone and thanked North Seattle College for hosting this WDC board meeting and introduced Dr. Rachel Solemsaas, Interim President of North Seattle College. Dr. Solemsaas shared a brief presentation and video with attendees.

Next, Kathleen Crompt, Integration Manager & Opportunity Center Director, provided some information on the Opportunity Center at North Seattle College including employment, educational, social and support services, and partnerships.

This was followed by a brief introduction and presentation by:

- Mike Schulte, Administrator

- Timothy Brooks, Business Services Specialist
 - Cameron Cassidy, PROWD Project Manager
- Presentations included information on upcoming events and expansion of business services and integration into the community.

B. Action Items

- Full Board Meeting Minutes – December 14th, 2023

Chair Jiquanda Nelson reviewed the draft minutes from the December 14th in person Full Board meeting:

- Move the approval of the Economic Security for All (EcSA) Incentive Policy to e-vote due to time constraints and the absence of quorum. The policy was approved by e-vote on December 18th, 2023 unanimously.
- Celebrated and recognized Cos Roberts for his over 6 years of service on the board and wished him farewell.
- Annie Kucklick, MSW, from University of Washington presented on the “Overlooked and Undercounted” Report
- Shelan Aldridge, WDC project Manager, provided a shortened presentation on the Self-Sufficiency Calculator
- Finally, Marie Kurose provided a brief CEO report on the WIOA Local Plan

Ms. Nelson opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes from December 14th, 2023. Katie Garrow made a motion to approve; Susan McLaughlin seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

- Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) Policy

Michael Davie, Director of Programs presented on the Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) Policy. WDC staff recommend exceptions to policy, more than local work policy limits, that responds to ESD monitoring findings.

Ms. Nelson opened the floor for a motion to approve the QUEST DWAGS policy. Susan McLaughlin made a motion to approve; Caroline Chan seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

- Approve Draft WIOA Local Plan to State Workforce Board and Employment Security Division (ESD)

Marie Kurose, CEO, presented on the DRAFT WIOA Local Plan. The presentation included a comparison of WIOA Local Plan and Regional Strategic Plan and how to align shared priorities, WIOA Local Plan Workstreams, WIOA Local Plan Timeline and a reminder of the public comment period deadline.

Ms. Kurose requested the DRAFT WIOA Local Plan to be approved for

submission to the State Workforce Board and Employment Security Division (ESD).

No motion was made. Board and CLEO took discussion into executive session and decided to have motion tabled and be re-sent, reviewed and approved by the April 18th Special Full Board Meeting.

II. PARTNERSHIPS & PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Youth Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) – Approved RFP Recommendations

Sheena Clarke, Project Manager, presented on Youth Programs RFP – Centering Young Black Men, approved at the March 15th FAC meeting. The presentation provided a background on the Youth RFP, RFP Timeline and how it addresses disparities using Targeted Universalism. Additionally, Ms. Clarke informed attendees on how the proposals were analyzed, funding requests and awardees.

B. Self-Sufficiency Calculator

Shelan Aldridge, Project Manager, presented on the Self-sufficiency calculator. The presentation included background information on the federal poverty measure and self-sufficiency standard. Additionally, Ms. Aldridge educated attendees on the differences of income adequacy vs. self-sufficiency and provided a real life case studies. Ms. Aldridge also shared the statewide expansion of the calculator in ECSA programs that has led to higher visibility of the WDC, and its work to reduce poverty of BIPOC populations.

C. Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Partnership and Collaborations

Michael Davie, Director of Programs, introduced:

- Alex Olins & Yong Lim - ACRS
- Ali Scego - Neighborhood House,
- Heather Stapleton - Pacific Associates,
- Seth Klein, Ali Ayoub, Dixie Taira, and Rudina San Agustin - TRAC Associates,
- Mike Schwartz – YWCA

Providers presented on their organization’s experience with the Veterans, Seniors, And Human Services Levy (VSHSL) program. Their presentations included individual data on demographics, services provided and impact. Additionally, they presented on their innovative partnerships, and client success stories.

- III. CLOSED EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION
 - A. DRIVING BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- IV. ADJOURNMENT