WSW Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2020
3:30 p.m.
Conference Call, WSW

Executive Board Members Present: Chair Bill Skidmore, Paige Spratt, A.D. Simmons, Kelley Foy, John Vanderkin, and Renny Christopher.

Staff Members Present: Kevin Perkey, CEO

WELCOME
Chair Bill Skidmore opened the meeting at 3:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

CEO REPORT
WSW COVID-19 Response
- WSW Team Working Remotely – Except for Fiscal Team & CEO to provide access to fiscal system & resource support
- WorkSource & NEXT Closed to Public – Virtual Provision of Services, Cross training of staff for UI Claimant Processing
- Supporting Community Partners – Working to keep provision of services open through our partners (THRIVE, SummerWorks, etc.)
- Biz & Job Seeker Resources – WebEx Sessions for Biz & Employees (multiple held with partners)
- Communications – Organizing & publishing resources as they become available (Website, Social Media, Email, etc.)
- What We’re Learning So Far
  - UI system is overwhelmed with requests from both employees and businesses (detailed picture to be released Thursday from State with new UI numbers)
  - First WebEx Biz Session, max at 100, with over 100 in “waiting room”. Second session maxed at 75, anticipate increase this week due to Stay Home orders
  - Most inquires are basic (how do I enroll, what does stand-by mean, what is shared work, etc.) Anticipate these to become more complex as more people/biz enroll and face issues in the coming weeks/months
  - WSW creating IMPACT report to document and share what impact we’re seeing locally on the system
  - We’re (WSW, WWA, ESD Leadership, NAWB, USCM WDC) share a vision that in times of crisis there is great opportunity. The opportunity in front of us is to
radically innovate and reorient our workforce development system and ensure we DO NOT snap back to the old normal, rather we fully embrace what will certainly become a NEW NORMAL for all of us.

WWA Leadership & Policy

- State Policy Priorities
  - Waive 1 week waiting period for UI – WWA Led
  - Waive job search for claimants, now optional – WWA Led
  - Postponing Local Planning Requirements – likely 3-6 months
  - Reviewing a host of WIOA & UI State Level policies that would open up flexibility for biz/employees/Boards
  - Statewide Virtual Job Fair – WSW/WWA playing a leading role

- Federal Policies
  - $100M DWG for States – Application due this Friday – WWA collaborating on – anticipate $$ to flow to WA
  - See attached for WWA & NAWB set of policy requests – Many have been enacted, several are being given serious consideration
  - $360M in $2T package that will be released today for DOL – Not enough, but another good start – fully anticipate a 4th round which should include more for DOL/Local Boards

WSW Continuing Business

- WSW Strategic Planning Process – Recommend pause for now, pickup in Summer
- WSW Board Committees Launch – Continue with recruitment and development, push first meetings until late April/May
- THRIVE Partners – Made require reevaluation
- Title I Contracting – Full speed ahead
- SummerWorks – Working on alternative model for this Summer

Discussion ensued with questions and comments addressed by Mr. Perkey.

ADJOURNMENT
With nothing further for the good of the order, Chair Skidmore adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.