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WSW Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019
3:30 p.m.
Hudson Community Room

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

Staff Members Present: Kevin Perkey, CEO, Darcy Hoffman, Kari Kollander, and Traci Williams

WELCOME

Chair Bill Skidmore opened the meeting at 3:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Having reached quorum, Chair Skidmore entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes held on September 25, 2019. Discussion ensued with regards to the meeting minutes, after discussion a motion was made to modify the wording under the Executive Session. Upon the motion duly made and seconded and with no discussion forthcoming, the Consent Agenda was approved with the modification to the meeting minutes with all in favor.

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS – PROSPECTIVE NEW TOOL:

Director of Business Services, Darcy Hoffman and Research and Data Analyst, Kari Kollander presented a potential new tool “Dun & Bradstreet” that WSW is a participating member in a small pilot group in the State of Washington. Employment Security has purchased a license for WSW to use, to send feedback if this will be a useful or not tool for Business Solutions.

Ms. Hoffman shared that the two major functions of this tool would for it to be used to validate financial stability and health of companies, to make sure that WSW is making smart investments surrounding on-job training and workforce training. The other function is that this tool would provide true layoff aversion services.

Ms. Kollander walked through the tool with the Executive Board and demonstrated what data and statistics WSW could access by using the Dun & Bradstreet tool. Questions and comments were invited and addressed by Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Kollander, and Mr. Perkey.

CEO REPORT:

Mr. Perkey updated the Executive board about what the WSW team has been up to. The Thrive initiative is getting ready to kickoff and final agreements with partners are almost in place. The kickoff event will be held in November with Commissioner Levine attending.

Next hosted an event with Senator Murray, which highlighted the success among the youth that has been happening. Along with some partners, three youth were able to share their experiences and achievements with Senator Murray.

Finalists are being interviewed for the Next Director and Operator roles and both should be filled by the end of the year.

WSW is continuing to have conversations with JP Morgan about additional investments into Next. We have received some money from the Community Foundation and some other regional backed partners.

WSW has added Sean Moore to the Business Solutions team, who will handle the Healthcare side. The Business Solutions team is reevaluating the position for the Construction side and will push out the open position to qualified candidates soon.

WSW is working closely with WSUV surrounding incubator hubs and support for future short-term trainings (couple weeks to a couple months). Mr. Perkey will follow up with more details.

Mr. Perkey also updated the Executive board about the fall board event. Since the end of the year board meeting is scheduled on December 11th, WSW will tag on to the scheduled meeting and have a facilitated Governance workshop about what it takes to be a high performing board, right after the board meeting. Afterwards, there will be a happy hour/get together scheduled. Mr. Perkey will update the Executive Board with location at the November meeting.

Mr. Perkey also announced that he is promoting Amy Gimlin to Chief Operating Officer effective January 1st, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The November Executive board meeting will be moved to November 20th and combine with the Finance Committee meeting due to Thanksgiving falling on the original date. With nothing further for the good of the order, Chair Skidmore adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.