

AUGUST 14, 2020
Systems Alignment Committee

Draft Minutes

Committee Members Present (virtual): John Bowers, Gina Breukelman, Kristen Fox, Katie Garrow

Chief Local Elected Officials' Representatives Present (virtual): Ashton Allison, Nancy Yamamoto

Board Members Present (virtual): Berit Eriksson

Staff Present (virtual): Shelan Aldridge, Beth Blanchard, Mike Davie, Vey Damneun, Marta Kidane, Marie Kurose, Erin Monroe, Bryan Pannell, Tracey Patrick, Jason Petrait, Liesel Schilperoot, Aara Shaikh, Jeff Sikora, Joe Taylor

Guests Present (virtual): Debbie Aoki, Jack Chapman, John Glynn, Seth Klein, Jenee Myers Twitchell, Kathy Powers, Jenn Ramirez-Robson, Leon Richardson, Carol Young

Materials Distributed:

- June 5, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes
- August 14, 2020 Draft SAC Agenda
- August 27, 2020 Draft Board Meeting Agenda
- Program Year 2020 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule
- Regional Strategic Plan Memo
- August 14, 2020 SAC Meeting PowerPoint Slides

I. Introductions

Chair Kristen Fox welcomed the committee and guests and asked for introductions.

II. Action Items

A. 1 & 2. Consent Agenda and Minutes

Mr. John Bowers reviewed the June 5, 2020 draft minutes. Ms. Gina Breukelman made a motion to approve; Mr. Bowers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Regional Strategic Plan

Ms. Marie Kurose provided a COVID-19 economic impact and recovery update and Mr. Bryan Pannell gave an overview of associated data. Accommodations and food services, healthcare and social assistance and retail services are the most affected sectors. Black/African American and Pacific Islander UI claimants have the highest disparities in representation in the labor force.

Ms. Kurose reviewed the Regional Strategic Plan focused on centering racial equity, sector data and community input. Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County (WDC) Board decisions will concentrate on priority populations, selection of Industry Tables, strategies, and metrics.

III. Discussion

1. COVID Recovery Updates

Ms. Beth Blanchard summarized WorkSource System Response including 35 WARN notices affecting 7,160 Dislocated Workers. Rapid Response teams hosted 20 online presentations servicing 1,935 workers. Mr. Mike Davie provided an overview of the DWG Disaster Relief Employment Grant award \$2,852,962.00 and DWG Employment Recovery Grant award \$1,731,176.00. Alignment across region is necessary to implement inclusive programs for highest impact. Digital access may be funded through DWG Disaster Relief Employment Grant. Ms. Nancy Yamamoto will share outcomes of digital access pilot from the City of Seattle.

2. Racial Equity Committee

Co-Chairs Ligaya Domingo and Bookda Gheisar. Meeting dates to follow.

3. Industry Engagement Committee

Lindsey Woolsey led initial meeting on August 8, 2020.

4. Youth Workgroup

Initial meeting August 13, 2020. Examined landscape prior to COVID-19 and post COVID-19 outcomes.

5. Convening the Community

Meeting dates to follow.

6. Full Board Retreat Planning

Priorities are Strategic Plan, policy, and recommendations. Meeting date August 27, 2020.

IV. Information and Other Business

Ms. Kurose introduced Ms. Erin Monroe as Interim Chief of Staff at the WDC.

V. Adjourned 11:00am