

## May Monthly meeting

### **EA and Non-Citizens**

SB-81 - no impact to DWS, will not affect.

Are looking in to this, and making sure are giving correct information. Followed-up by John Pierpont.

### **HB 218**

Susan Pixton should have rule in draft by May 15th. Put benefit amts up to a family of 6. Simple change. Announcement out May 15th. Then has to go to rulemaking. Will not be too much of a burden to actually set limits.

### **Stimulus Plans and Leg Priorities**

Summary of State Council Meeting from April 9th. Responsible for directing State Plan. "one-stop" - employment centers at DWS. (Handout) ARRA stimulus opportunities on first page of website so people can see what the new stimulus occupations are. It will tell you where to get training for the occupation. Only does public providers, working on ability to link to private providers. Is not every provider in state, just those that have been approved by DWS. Is an influx of individuals now going back for training, having a hard time meeting capacity. Regional meetings going on same issue. Want to try and address this through grant money to help training facilities be able to provide more trainings.

- Limits for time for training, all limited to two years.

Star rating - indicates salary and number of jobs - focusing on those with higher ones.

Creating web-based portal, working to make this better.

WIA adult - \$1.8 mill - divided it out to the regions, got the money this month. Going extremely fast, perfect time cuz regular funds are running out.

Dislocated Worker - \$3.5 million - has been distributed. Don't look at income to get training here.

Youth - Summer Youth Program. \$5 mill. Expanded age from 21-24. Central region started orientations already. Looking for internships - will be paid. About 80% of wage of whatever job they are learning is getting paid. Expect all

the money will be sent this year. Think can serve 700 youth, 18-24. Try to focus on targeted jobs. CAP has been helpful with Weatherization. Only measure for this is job readiness - no other qualifications. Get \$ in people's pockets so they spend it.

Re-employment services - \$4.3 mill - have to spend 60% on people getting UI. To help them find work - re-doing resumes. A lot of people who have not been unemployed for 20 years, so not sure how to start even looking again. Have 2 years, but probably won't last that long.

TANF Emergency Contingency Stimulus - can be applied for every quarter, based on 2007/2008 former caseloads. Depends on how much caseload has grown = how much will get. Assuming will get about \$2 mill every 2 Qs. Will go to caseload growth because last year caseload has increased by 32%.

Child Care - Draft regs came out and would not supplant what you lost in GF and not matching. Would not have got the money, but were enough states in same position, so we are getting the \$\$\$\$. \$22 million over next 2 years(?). Gives TANF grant a little bit of a relief. Trying to do temp things that will really help people get something out of this. Pretty restrictive. Help with co-pays, etc. will have more details next month.

Child-care money for job searching - council not a fan of this. But Helen and Mike working on it, will also get feedback from Child Care Advisory Board. Legislature interested in this issue too.

Working on industry partnership grants to help business and individuals get training. (\$1.2 million)

Future Grants - want to create partnerships that will be capable of getting grant dollars through RFPs. Working to get infrastructure in place. 30 day time frame. Focused on \$500 mill - energy, \$200 mill for healthcare \$200 mill for high demand jobs.

#### How can advocates help???

Some feedback, but would like advocates involved in the partnership meetings. Agenda for locals to do the same kind of partnershiping. Local orgs - who should be involved and attend these Regional Council meetings, agenda on list too. All are open meetings.

Deadlines are set up. Send email out about when draft plan is posted.

Money is going fast. Trying to create pathways for individuals that are funded various ways to help people get skills, create infrastructure.

All data on this has to be reported - [recovery.ut.gov](http://recovery.ut.gov)

## **Organizational Restructuring**

On track to begin operations the 22nd of June. Organized in a couple of business units - eligibility overall - then medical, training, performance review team. Massive internal recruitments and screenings to group staff accordingly. "Anxious enthusiasm." Supervisors announced last week. A lot of people doing double duty right now during the transition. Consistency is the pillar of this. State wide reportability -cases will be reported state wide. Didn't have technology and business processes in place - but now have E-Rep and Imaging, and telephone system. Case will be managed the same way no matter where it is in the state. Are flattening out the structure quite a bit. Will have a supervisor over about 15 people. Will have a lot of specialization. Within larger teams will have smaller specialized teams, spread out across the state. Adopting a "team" concept that has been in central region a long time - shared caseload. John Talcott will be asst. director of medical, Yvette Woodland. Depending on which program applying to, will determine which specialized team they go to. All will go direct to a live person.

Training is still run through the one-stops, not through eligibility.

Can get us the case hierarchy.

## **Update on Governor's 21st Century Workforce**

First meeting of this body that comprises the alliance met with Governor a couple weeks ago and quickly identified stimulus funding and identified what they want to address. - Are going to meet every month. Looking at how to align stimulus across employment, workforce, private sector. Working for further development in education before move in to other things. Expect and hope Gov will invite public comment at the appropriate time, but won't see that happening until determined who will comprise the alliance - so don't see that happening soon.

## **GA Redesign**

Next week advocacy people invited to help re-design - using a data driven process. Put up what it is and what you want it to look like. Starts Monday, on third day present to a steering team (Kristin and Exec Staff, Pamela Atkinson, Lloyd Pendleton, couple of legislators). Important to redesign because have a bunch of one-time money for 2009, plus got hit at special session and for 2010 for efficiencies. Had an \$8 million, now is \$5 million, \$2.2 million is one-time. Caseload is growing. Can't handle the growth regardless.

Hears loss of housing and co-pays for medication.

## **Drug Testing of TANF Recipients**

Collecting all of the data DWS had before - are some limitations could do. Have done some cost analysis - MBVF has a lot of data on this. FEP has always said - FEP is about employment. People have barriers, doesn't matter what those are, they need to be addressed because you have children you need to support. By not offering it because someone has an addiction, it doesn't help anyone. DWS does serve those with these barriers and will continue to do so.

- New York
- Michigan case
- California

May have been motivated - give authority to do drug testing to see who is on drugs and require them to do something.

Good argument - if participating and meeting all requirements, does it really matter if someone is drug addicted? Difference between wanting to get people help. Sen. Stowell. Will be screened on the 20th, need to be there to voice your concern. Find someone in Beaver County who can talk to Sen. Stowell - get someone to come and testify against. Try to get to Stowell beforehand.

Helen - Career Guide for Teens.

**Wave 3 of FEP study of Utah is on the website now!!!!**