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Building a thriving workforce for the Pittsburgh region.

Board of Directors' Briefing Book

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PARTNER4WORK (P4W) Board of Directors' Meeting 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. May 1, 2020

Via Google Hangouts meet.google.com/jvx-qkqn-ygq; 1-567-281-8066; 727 669 581#

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Dave Malone, Chair

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Dave Malone

- APPROVE: Minutes from the April 17, 2020, Board of Directors meeting
- ACCEPT: \$100,000 from the City of Pittsburgh in Community Development Block Grant funds
- ACCEPT: \$466,123 in additional Rapid Response funding to support infrastructure and staff capacity improvements at PA CareerLink Allegheny County
- ACCEPT: \$30,000 from CareerWorks to support the BankWork\$ training program
- ACCEPT: About \$400 from Google received through online donations
- 3. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a. AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kristin Kramer

- I. APPROVE: The 990 submission for TRWIB, Inc., and Regional Workforce Collaborative
- B. PROGRAMS Susie Puskar
 - I. Adult Programs
 - II. Youth Programs including Learn & Earn
- 4. COVID-19 COALITION PLANNING AND PROGRESS
- 5. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS
- 6. OPEN FORUM AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Individual speakers limited to three (3) minutes
- 7. ADJOURNMENT



Minutes of Partner4Work Board of Directors' Meeting

Zoom Meeting (recorded and available at YouTube) 8:30 a.m. April 17, 2020

Board Members Present

Guests Present

Acklin, Kevin Allen, Will Belechak, Joseph Bell, Natalie Bullock, Dr. Quinton B.

> Camino, Chris Caplan, Debra Cherna, Marc

Cooper, Mary Frances Coplan, David

Ellsworth, Laura

Gittlen, Ike

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Katona, Marci

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Mendoza, Brandon

Nobers, Jeff

Pipitone, Scott

Rendulic, Mark

Staszko, Frank

Topoleski, Linda

Washington, Dr. Nancy

Williamson, Sam

Board Members Absent

Barcaskey, Rich

Casoli, Rich

Croft, Tom

Massaro, Steve

Melcher, Tom

Pollard, Joshua

Rupert, Duke

Thomas, John

Acosta, Richard (Grant Associates)
Burstein, Joel (Keep It Simple Workforce Development)
Haggerty, Ryan (Work Hard Pittsburgh)
Higgins, Kiara (Dynamic Workforce Solutions)
Nestor, Jennifer (Labor and Industry, Oversight Services)
Roger, David (Hillman Family Foundations)
Stanboro, Sean (PA CareerLink/ResCare)

Wool, Liana (Grant Associates)

Staff Present

Buford, Earl Herrera, Jasmine Kramer, Kristin Moore, Dillon Mills, Jack Pajewski, Jennifer Puskar, Susie



Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

The meeting opened at 8:33 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was present. Staff and guests were asked to acknowledge their participation in the chat feature. The Minutes from April 3, 2020, Board meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE, IMPACT, ADVOCACY, AND DECISION-MAKING AMID COVID-19 CRISIS

Board Chair Dave Malone turned the floor to **David K. Roger, president of Hillman Family Foundations, for** a conversation on the response of the philanthropic community to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Roger discussed:

The region's philanthropy quickly mobilized to establish the emergency action fund, responding immediately to health and safety matters and quickly distributing \$2 million to the community. In short order, funders will focus on efforts to restart the economy. Later this summer, Mr. Roger expects attention to turn to structural recovery with the expectation that there will be significant economic damage across the region. The philanthropic community expects and desires a civic recovery coalition to be established with broad representation to include workforce and economic development, labor, education, business, and others. Partner4Work will play a key leadership role in that work, particularly as it relates to employment and talent. He further remarked that the community will not want to see the community return to pre-pandemic days. Issues around diversity, equity, and inclusion must be part of a long-term plan. Mr. Roger advocated for Partner4Work to take a key leadership role in assembling the coalition and organizing and aligning recovery efforts in the region.

CEO Earl Buford proposed a three-pronged approach, an immediate response, intermediate plans for the post-pandemic recovery, and a long-term strategic answer for a stronger regional economy.

In the following discussion, the board enthusiastically agreed for P4W to assume a leadership role and cautioned that the initial planning group should be small, strategic, united, and driven by philanthropy and business. Subsequent groups should be convened to align and connect efforts already underway in the community. The group discussed prioritizing lower-earning workers, displaced workers, and small MWBEs particularly hard hit. Diversity, equity, and inclusion must be part of the fabric to emerge stronger than before.

The post-COVID recovery coalition would be the focus of following board meetings, and the development of a framework would begin immediately.

Frank Staszko of Labor & Industry and Chief Program Officer Susie Puskar provided additional updates on local PA CareerLink offices. They discussed the planning and collaborative efforts of the partners to offer virtual services to job seekers and employers and post-pandemic recovery efforts. Discussion points:

- Serving individuals now with remote eligibility.
- Serving individuals safely when facilities are permitted to reopen.
- Opening facilities in a coordinated way.
- Understanding, planning, and coordinating for individuals seeking UC services (or the dedicated phone line) within CareerLink facilities.



On a motion by Debbie Caplan, seconded by Dave Coplan, the Board accepted \$117,228 in Rapid Response funding for Allegheny County and \$118,314 in Rapid Response for the City of Pittsburgh.

Dave Coplan, Executive Director of Human Services Center Corp. (HSCC), provided a quick overview of the organization's work and its pivot in serving young adults during the pandemic, delivering services virtually, helping individuals file for unemployment, and motivating young people through the crisis.

Mr. Coplan cautioned the board that the pandemic will have an impact on providers in terms of recruitment and outcomes. With no presence in schools and limited access to students and parents, it will be challenging for providers to collect the information necessary to enroll people in programming. He discussed how the organization is planning for the following year, such as planning for business as usual, to virtual services – virtual job tours and job shadows – and/or hybrid service delivery should schools reopen and then close due to a second wave of the virus.

He also discussed the challenges and stresses of blending funding models and the impact funding changes will have on programs and services.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Joe Belechak reminded that P4W, and other decision-makers, must rely on factual data for decision making and resource allocation. Mr. Malone reminded that between the information gathered by the philanthropic community, the Allegheny Conference, and Partner4Work, data will drive all decision making.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Dave Coplan, seconded by Deb Caplan, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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Vision

We will be a community leader, an innovator, a strong partner, inclusive, a bridge builder between human services and workforce development systems, a model workplace.

Values

We will lead with integrity; treat individuals respectfully and support all individuals in their quest for meaningful employment; be inclusive in recognizing diversity; be excellent stewards of public resources; respect employers' diverse talent needs.

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