

SE MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Healthcare Sector

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Workforce Development, Inc.

Rochester, Minnesota

Minutes

Attendees: Cheryl Gustafson, Guy Finne, Julie Nigon, Misun Bormann, Roy Harley, Ruth Borsheim, Savita Katarya, Sue Wood, Kolloh Nimley, Jakki Trihey, Jennifer Wilson, Cory Paulson

- Julie reported that a quorum was present. There was a discussion about Healthcare Academies. She stated that there are 8 Albert Lea students going on for CNA training, there is a new class starting soon in Owatonna, and there were 24 new CNAs certified at Hawthorne in Rochester. There were also conversations about the Nursing Shortage Solutions (NSS) Taskforce and the LPN shortage. The NSS Taskforce will meet again in February and should come to a conclusion and present a formal report sometime in June. The group also reviewed the targeted jobs list and added to the list; there were no deletions. Julie discussed that Kolloh Nimley spoke about the International Medical Graduate (IMG) Assistance Program and the excitement of participants applying for internships. There was talk about replicating the Bridges to Healthcare Program in other communities, but that has been put on hold.
 - Guy Finne stated that at the Healthcare Sector meeting today, he learned that the Healthcare Academies in Albert Lea, Austin, and Owatonna are being impacted by the recent reduction in staff FTE at WDI. He asked Randy Johnson what will happen in the future to our efforts with those academies. Randy responded that the decision to discontinue these was a combination of short funding and a shortage of enrollees who were eligible for the program. It did not look like the program could survive in those communities.

- Rebeca Sedarski asked if Comuidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) will be providing any funding for the Bridges to Healthcare Program. Julie Nigon commented that Hawthorne has had conversations with CLUES. Julie reported that CLUES will provide funding for two additional basic CNA sessions in the next year. She commented that the funding would only be for the two additional basic CNA sessions and would not support the overall Bridges to Healthcare Program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00PM.

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