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PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

2342 North 27th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210 – Via Zoom Technology

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present Virtually: Carla Cross, Parker Rios, Tracy Lubber, Laura Bray, Bevin Christie, Randy Crump, Mark Kessenich

Guests: UNCOMM, Dynamic Workforce Solutions, Equus, Ross

Employ Milwaukee Staff Present: Carrie Hersh, Suzy Reinstein, Julie Cayo, Brenda King, Cindy Anderson, Alec Fischer-DWD, Wylbur Holloway,

Chair Carla Cross called meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

I. Minutes from February 15, 2023, Meeting – (Approval)

Tracy Lubber motioned for approval of the February 15, 2023; meeting minutes as circulated; Mark Kessenich seconded; approved unanimously.

II. Contracts and Compliance

Chair Carla Cross announced the next order of business is contract approvals. There are a series of approvals through three funding sources: the DWD Worker Advancement Initiative, WIOA Title I B Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker, and Windows 2 Work. The WAI grant approval will not have a presentation; however, the rest will include presentations from the Service Providers that have been recommended by the respective Evaluation Committees. Julie Cayo will give an overview of the WAI contract to fund the YAP program and Chair Cross said she will ask for a motion, second, and approval for that contract. Next, Julie Cayo will review the Evaluation Committee recommendations for WIOA Title IB Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker contracts and a schedule of presentations. Each provider will have 10 minutes to present and there will be 5 minutes afterward for questions. Providers will be let in and out of a waiting room by Brenda King. Following the WIOA presentations, we will have a presentation by Ross, who has been recommended as the service provider for Windows to Work. Ross will have 10 minutes to present followed by 5 minutes of questions. Chair Cross said she will ask for a motion, 2nd, and approval to enter Closed Session to discuss the recommendations. Anyone from the public will be put into a virtual waiting room by Brenda King. They will be let back into the meeting after closed session. The committee will motion, 2nd and approve each contract after leaving closed session.

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Chair Cross noted that the remainder of the slides in the agenda packet are informational only, but if you have questions, please reach out to Julie Cayo.

a. Contract Approvals

Julie Cayo provided an overview of the Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI) proposal from Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), Inc. in the amount of \$379,905. The program will incorporate skills training and paid work experience services to Milwaukee County youth aged 14 –18, many of whom have been involved in the juvenile justice system. Services will include YAP’s wraparound support along with supported employment opportunities. The program will serve up to 13 youth at any given time and up to 38 youth annually. Youth will be referred by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) Children, Youth, and Family Services (CYFS). For the duration of the program, youth will receive an average of 5 hours per week of wraparound support, as well as up to 20 hours per week of Supported Work/employment for up to 14 weeks. Services will be provided at days and times consistent with participant needs, including evenings and weekends. YAP staff will be available 24/7 for crisis intervention support. Julie requested that the contract be approved contingent upon available funding.

Chair Cross began the series of 10 minute presentations with 5 minutes for questions between each presenter.

9:10 – 9:20 AM: UNCOM – WIOA In School Youth

9:25 – 9:35 AM: UNCOM – WIOA Out of School Youth

9:40 – 9:50 AM: Dynamic Workforce Solutions – WIOA Out of School Youth

9:55 – 10:05 AM: Dynamic Workforce Solutions – WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker

10:10 – 10:20 AM: Equus – WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker

10:25 – 10:35 AM: ROSS – Windows to Work

Tracy Luber motioned to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Mark Kessenich seconded. Motion carried. The committee moved into Closed Session at 10:33 AM.

The committee was not able to maintain quorum during closed session, so Chair Cross instructed staff to send the contract approvals to the committee members through a proxy vote. The results of the proxy vote will be posted with the meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47am