

## W-2 Contractors' Meeting – Notes

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**Date:** June 15, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am-11:30am

**Location:** H206

**Conference Line:** (888) 557-8511 Access Code: 5834260

**Adobe Connect Link:** <https://connect.wisconsin.gov/dcfdfesbwfw-2contractorsmeeting/>

Members					
	<b>America Works</b>		<b>Bureau of Budget and Policy</b>		Ed Emmons
X	Adenike Joyner		Joe Meeker		Amber Hardin
X	Carlyle Outten		<b>Bureau of Regional Operations</b>	X	Beverly Jenkins
	<b>Forward Service Corp.</b>		Kelly Bueschel		Beki Lockery
X	Tony Dziedzic		Jamie Fawcett	X	Neb Macura
	Stacey Eggen		Tonja Fischer	X	Rachel Marker
	Jennifer Marks	X	Justine Girard	X	Robb McCann
X	Brian Wolfe	X	Zulema Hauer		Margaret McMahon
	<b>MAXIMUS</b>	X	Jordan Lee	X	Jessica Moss
X	Rachel Zietlow	X	Dara Martinovich	X	Lorinda Patzner
	<b>ResCare</b>	X	Tim Schindler	X	Linda Richardson
X	Michelle Day		Heather Sommers	X	Liz Riley
X	Shawn Yang		Roxanne Sperber		Luz Scott
	<b>Ross</b>		Lori Thuli	X	Daniel Yang
X	Nicole Hagen		John Tuohy		MayChee Yang
X	Reno Wright		Jean Zawacki		<b>DFES Management</b>
	<b>UMOS</b>		<b>Bureau of Working Families</b>	X	Kris Randal
X	Parker Rios		Debaki Ale	X	Marianne Rosen
X	Sandra Salazar-Lozano	X	Brian Anderson		
	<b>Workforce Connections Inc.</b>	X	David Arb		
X	Gina Brown	X	Sara Baudhuin		
X	Shannon Franek	X	Jason Bergh		
	Teresa Pierce		Katie Castern		
	<b>Workforce Resource Inc.</b>	X	Debra Cronmiller		
X	Jody Connor	X	Danise Doudna		
	Carolyn Frogness	X	LaTanya Dukes		
X	Deb Leslie	X	Amy Duncan		

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### **Welcome and Introductions – Debra Cronmiller**

- Mac Strawder is the new BWF Milwaukee Operations Section Chief.
- Jen Cole has been promoted to Policy Supervisor in the Policy and Automation Section.
- 2017-2019 Biennial Budget – BWF veto recommendations
  - Employment Services for Homeless Families – Recommend to strike the provision expanding grants to organizations other than homeless shelters.
  - Case Management Incentive Payments – Recommend to strike the provisions requiring DCF to submit periodic reports regarding WPR targets, etc.
  - Boys & Girls Clubs – Recommend to strike the provision expanding the BE GREAT: Graduate program beyond Milwaukee.
- Most of the BWF IT budget for next year will be spent on mandated items.
  - Last year's budget initiatives will continue.
  - The WPASS project is continuing in phases.
  - There will probably be no access enhancements.
  - We will review the budget at the next contractors' meeting.
- The 2017 Work Programs conference will be held on October 16-17 at the Osthoff Resort.
  - More information will be sent in early July.
  - Rooms are available at the state rate for October 15 and 16.

### **Contract Issues – Linda Richardson and Jason Bergh**

- Linda received six signed contracts and is waiting for two more.
  - All six months of payments will be issued simultaneously after all contracts are received.
  - Line codes roll up into contract codes.
  - Admin Memo 17-03 provides more information.
- 229 duplicate LT claims had to be denied.
  - Takeback will be done with the May payment.
  - Agencies are responsible for verifying that a participant has no previous LT claims.
  - Jason sent an email to Agency Directors on June 7.
- BWF will be issuing an Ops Memo regarding Educational Attainment and Vocational Training incentive payments
  - An educational activity should be ended in CARES only when the activity is completed.
    - Agency managers need to share this info with FEPs.
  - Takebacks of erroneous payments will occur at the end of FY17.

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### **Federal Compliance – Linda Richardson**

- See PowerPoint presentation – [WPR and Why It May Be Declining](#)

### **Policy Changes – Debra Cronmiller and Liz Riley**

- More participants have blank SSNs this year than last year.
  - Most are for newborns.
  - This topic is covered in Ops Memo 17-02.
- Ops Memo 17-11 – loosening of supervision requirements applies only to educational activities.
- Forthcoming Ops Memo – Educational Attainment activities need to focus on hard skills resulting in an employer-recognized certificate, diploma, or other credential.

### **Automation Updates – Ginger Seery, Debra Cronmiller, and Danise Doudna**

- Time limits
  - Three Ops Memos are forthcoming.
  - PTT is working on three new desk aids and a webinar.
  - Phase II will implement the change in lifetime limits.
  - Deloitte will have only three production move dates next year.
- WPASS
  - Phase is scheduled for late summer 2018.
    - It will include informal assessment, enrollment, and client registration.
    - Response from field demos has been positive.
    - Extensive training will occur next summer.
  - Phase II is scheduled for December 2019.
- BRITS – see [handout](#).