

W-2 Contractors' Meeting – Notes

Date: August 17, 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					
	America Works		Bureau of Budget and Policy	X	Ed Emmons
	Adenike Joyner	X	Sasha Bong		Rachel Gabor
X	Carlyle Outten		Bureau of Regional Operations		Amber Hardin
	Forward Service Corp.	X	Kelly Bueschel	X	Beverly Jenkins
X	Tony Dziedzic	X	Jamie Fawcett	X	Beki Lockery
X	Stacey Eggen	X	Tonja Fischer	X	Neb Macura
	Jennifer Marks	X	Justine Girard	X	Robb McCann
X	Brian Wolfe	X	Zulema Hauer		Margaret McMahon
	MAXIMUS	X	Jordan Lee	X	Jessica Moss
	Rachel Zietlow	X	Dara Martinovich		Lorinda Patzner
	ResCare		Tim Schindler	X	Linda Richardson
X	Michelle Day	X	Heather Sommers	X	Liz Riley
	Vacant	X	Roxanne Sperber	X	Luz Scott
	Ross	X	Lori Thuli	X	Mac Strawder
X	Nicole Hagen	X	John Tuohy	X	Daniel Yang
X	Reno Wright	X	Jean Zawacki	X	MayChee Yang
	UMOS		Bureau of Working Families		DFES Management
X	Parker Rios	X	Debaki Ale		Kris Randal
X	Sandra Salazar-Lozano	X	Brian Anderson		Marianne Rosen
	Workforce Connections Inc.	X	David Arb		
X	Gina Brown	X	Sara Baudhuin		
X	Shannon Franek		Jason Bergh		
	Teresa Pierce		Katie Castern		
	Workforce Resource Inc.	X	Debra Cronmiller		
X	Jody Connor	X	Danise Doudna		
X	Carolyn Frogness	X	LaTanya Dukes		
X	Deb Leslie	X	Amy Duncan		

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Welcome and Introductions – Debra Cronmiller

- Budget Initiatives
 - Drug testing and Child-only payments
 - Case Management Follow-up Payments
 - Expanding TJ services to four additional counties
 - JAL enhancements
- Recent and ongoing BWF recruitments
 - Program Integrity and Performance – Contract Specialist
 - Milwaukee Operations – OPA and HSAC
 - Policy and Automation – Two PPA positions
 - Liz Riley has accepted another position in DCF.

Contract Issues –Linda Richardson

- Reminder: Use new codes to report capitation expenditures for ISS funding.
- Linda Richardson recently attended the TANF Summit in Washington, DC.
 - Other states are dealing with similar issues to WI.
 - The federal government will focus on harder to serve populations.
 - Example of a useful resource: www.newhavenmomspartnership.org
- 2018 contract discussions are in progress.
 - Contracts will contain new civil rights language.
 - BWF is waiting on finalization of proposed 2018 performance outcomes.

Federal Compliance – Ed Emmons

- Federal reporting changes will affect WPR.
- Recent data load issues
 - July preliminary WPR contains fewer W-2 T cases in the denominator.
 - Some W-2 Ts have been moved to child-only cases.
 - The federal reporting week now corresponds with the activity week.
- The federal reporting system will gradually be moved to a newer programming language.
- Agencies should provide the names of staff to be notified in case of data load issues.
 - Sara Baudhuin will solicit this information via email.
 - BWF will create a dedicated email distribution list.

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Policy Changes – Debra Cronmiller

- Recently published items
 - Ops Memos 17-15, 17-16, and 17-17 – Time Limits
 - Ops Memo 17-18 – BRITS enhancements based on user feedback
- Forthcoming items
 - Updated Ops Memo on vocational education tracking.
 - Instructions on the use of proper closure codes.
 - Preventing inappropriately earned payments.
 - Updates to BI guide and TMJ/TJ manual
 - Joint Ops Memo with Child Care regarding the counting of subsidized wages

Automation Updates – Danise Doudna, Heidi Hammes, and Ginger Seery

- Time Limits
 - Phase 1 was implemented in August 2017.
 - Phase 2 will be implemented in October 2018 (notices and move to 48 Month lifetime state limit).
- WPASS
 - See PowerPoint Presentation – [WPASS Phased Implementation Overview](#)
 - WPASS demo will be shown at the Work Programs Conference in October 2017.
- BRITS – see [handout](#)
- HOD print functionality will no longer be supported in 2019.
 - Replacement needs to be in place by Fall 2018.
- DHS will be moving all notices from the mainframe to CWW.
 - W-2 notices will no longer be translated into Hmong.
 - BWF will consider other languages for translation if criteria are met.

Other Business – Debra Cronmiller

- 2017 Work Programs Conference
 - Invitations were sent via Eventbrite.
 - Agency senior management should attend.
 - If agencies want to send additional managers, contact Debra Cronmiller.
- Other upcoming conferences: Poverty Summit, Poverty Matters and WETA