

**SD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**May 21, 2012**  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CT**  
**DDN Locations**

**Pierre Kneip Building Conference Room # 3, 700 Governors Drive**  
**Huron DHS, 2361 Dakota Avenue S**  
**Sioux Falls DHS, 811 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Aberdeen DOL, 420 S Roosevelt Street**  
**Rapid City SDSM&T CB109, 501 E. Saint Joseph Street**  
**Belle Fourche High School, 1301 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Yankton DHS, 3113 Spruce Street**  
**Brooking DHS, 1310 Main Avenue**  
**Madison DSU TCB103**

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| A. Call to Order      | Warren Lotsberg |               |
| B. Roll Call          | Kari Porch      |               |
| C. Business           |                 |               |
| 1. AEL Funding        | Bill Molseed    | <b>Action</b> |
| 2. GED Testing Issues | Marcia Hultman  | <b>Action</b> |
| D. Adjournment        |                 |               |

**AGENDA ITEM A      CALL TO ORDER**

The South Dakota Workforce Development Council (WDC) met by Dakota Digital Network (DDN) on May 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Lotsberg at 1:30 p.m. CT.

**AGENDA ITEM B      ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Warren Lotsberg, Chairman	Paul Gough	Wally Myers
Tom Bohnet, Vice-Chairman	Pam Roberts	Mark Wilson
Helen Wegner	Randy Hanson	Dave Giovannini
Ann Gesick-Johnson	D. J. Mertens	Laurie Gill
Sarah Folsland	Cal Geis	

Members Absent

Mark Wilson

Others Present

Bill Molseed	Kari Porch	Dawn Dovre
Marcia Hultman	Barb Unruh	John Anderson
Mackenzie Osadchuk	Nathan Lukkes	Brett Gustin
Brenda Franken	Lori Yost	Laura Smith-Hill
Jennifer Keyes	Robin Wallum	Kim Olson
Scott Kwasniewski	Lori Naasz	Jeff Kjenstad
Sheri Duke	Dustin Larson	Gloria Pluimer
Steve Almeida	Fred Dieken	

**AGENDA ITEM C      BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM C1      AEL Funding**

Bill Molseed and Marcia Hultman provided information on funding for the AEL program.

- Our programs have been level funded for the past five years
- Our providers need sufficient funding to evidence high quality Adult Education programs across the state
- These proposed funding figures are based largely on award proposal amounts, participation rates, and need
- These proposed funding figures are slated to serve as maximum award amounts for each respective sub-grantee provider (applicant)
- Additional WIA monies are not guaranteed into subsequent years of the grant cycle

- However, with these additional monies for the 2012-13, we have the potential to support our providers to an extent whereby they can offer substantive AEL instruction, activities, and services—but also be held accountable by these increased monies, by the qualitative/quantitative data, by performance measures, and by the agencies’ programmatic goal progress

Funding for the AEL programs will come from three sources:

• 2012-2013 AEFLA Grant	\$996,923.40
• State General Funds	\$180,000.00
• WIA Funds	<u>\$298,076.60</u>
Total	\$1,475,000.00

Applications were submitted and read by DLR and three additional readers. The recommendations include:

• LATI for Watertown and Brookings	\$125,000.00
• CLC of the Black Hills –West	\$415,000.00
• Cornerstones Career Learning Center	\$255,000.00
• Department of Corrections	\$105,000.00
• Lutheran Social Services	\$100,000.00
• Madison Career Learning Center	\$ 50,000.00
• The Right Turn	\$ 80,000.00
• Southeast Job Link	\$ 90,000.00
• Southeast Technical Institute	<u>\$225,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,475,000.00

Cal Geis made a motion to accept the readers’ recommendations. D.J. Mertens seconded the motion. **Motion passed**

**AGENDA ITEM C2 GED**

Marcia Hultman provided information on South Dakota’s GED testing scores, and asked for the Council’s approval to lower the required passing score for individual tests to align with 48 other states. Currently, South Dakota GED testers must have a score of 450 on each individual test, and an average score of 450 to pass the GED. DLR would like to lower the score for each individual test to 410 and leave the average at 450. This would align with 48 other states.

A few years ago, South Dakota increased the score individual’s needed to pass the individual tests in hopes it would hold our GED testers to a higher standard. This did not prove to be the case. Instead requiring higher scores on individual tests, prevented some testers from obtaining their GED, and caused some testers to travel to neighboring states to take their GED test where lower scores were required.

If the Council approves lowering the individual test passing score to 410, it would be retroactive to 2009 when the scores increased. Press releases will be used to notify the public of the change.

Helen Wegner made a motion to approve lowering the individual GED test score from 450 to 410. Randy Hanson seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Currently, the maximum fee allowed for taking the GED battery in South Dakota is \$95. In 2014, all GED tests will be administered using computerized testing which has a maximum testing fee of \$130. Starting July 1, 2012, South Dakota will have three pilot sites which will allow individuals taking the GED the option of using the computerized version of the GED test or the paper version. In order to make testing fees consistent, we are asking the Council to approve increasing the maximum funding to \$130.

No federal funds to support GED testing. The \$95 currently charged, does not pay for the testing materials. The fee was last increased in 2007.

Randy Hanson made a motion to approve increasing the maximum fee for taking the GED battery from \$95 to \$130. David Giovannini seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM D      ADJOURNMENT**

Grady Kickul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. Pam Roberts seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**