Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2015 Kneip Building, Conference Room #3 700 Governors Drive Pierre, SD

Members Present:

Marcia Hultman, Chair
Robert Anderson
Shannon Stucker
Tim Fitzgerald
Carol Hinderaker
Don Kattke
Shawn Lyons

David Owen

Others Present:
Deb Mortenson
Amber Mulder
Bob Mercer
Morgan Ness
Lindsey Riter
Dawn Williams
Scott Geffre
Pauline Heier
Julie Albano
Dan Thielsen

The Council meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Hultman, and roll call was taken by Julie Albano. A quorum was present.

Shawn Lyons MOVED to approve the January 7, 2015 minutes. David Owen SECONDED. **Motion carried**.

An update was given by Chairwoman Hultman and discussion was held by the Council on the current financial status of the State UI Trust Fund. The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) reemployment intensive services program's impact on the Trust Fund was discussed. Shawn Lyons, on behalf of the South Dakota Retailers Association, asked for more information about the program to share with his constituents.

Pauline Heier presented and discussion was held about the federal Treasury Offset Program (TOP). TOP allows states to collect delinquent unemployment compensation debt by intercepting federal tax refunds. Federal legislation passed in 2013 required states to use the TOP to recover covered debt that remains uncollected one year after the debt is determined to be due. DLR will be proposing an administrative rule authorizing the use of TOP for the collection of delinquent employer debt.

The Council considered items for 2015 discussion. They included domestic employee filing rules and the maximum unemployment insurance benefit as compared to bordering states.

Carol Hinderaker MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Robert Anderson SECONDED. **Motion** carried.