SeVEDS Board Minutes

January, 16, 2014

Hannah Cosman Room

In attendance: Adam Grinold, Jenna Pugliese, Jill James, Lisa Sullivan, Andrew Robinson, Drew Richards, Patrick Moreland, Ann Andreosatos, Pat Moulton Powden, Ariel Brooks, Konstantin Von Krusenstiern, Stephan Morse, Anthony Summers

Jenna Called the Meeting to Order at 2:05

Drew gave Treasurers report. Motion to approve financial: All in favor to approve

Pat Moulton Powden introduces Andy Robinson as new BDCC Director of Workforce Development. Andy speaks.

Patrick moves to approve minutes from December 19, 2013. All in favor to approve

Discussion about anticipating Jeff Lewis’ letter of resignation to the board. Discussion continues onto recommending Pat fill his seat. A vote is taken to fill his seat with Pat Moulton Powden. All approve and unanimously vote Pat Moulton Powden fill Jeff’s seat.

**CEDS**

In Laura’s absence, Pat shares latest information acquired from conversation with Laura. Pat: public comment period ended last Friday. Not many comments. We need a little more time to give proper due to comments. We need a little more time to file CEDS … a few more weeks. CEDS committee meeting needed with recommendations.

Jenna: This will be approximately 30 days after we initially intended to file with EDA.

Pat: Discussion about board approving spending of 5k to fund rollout plan Frank Knott developed. Waiting to develop full rollout. Waiting on resources.

Future CEDS project submission is discussed.

Patrick: Project submission. Turn into a regular more annualized process. Second qtr publicize for proposals. Early important point: folks we tapped to evaluate submissions did an excellent job. Should we ask them to stay on to evaluate for the next series of submissions?

Andy: Would it make since to stagger their involvement? For continuum?

Group seems to agree with Andy’s idea. Positive comments are shared.

Pat: Consistency is important for 2nd submission period. And then stagger.

More conversation about next CEDS project submission period: Must be a best practice in this and should ask Frank Knott.

Pat: let’s check in with Frank. Check in with current committee (where are they with getting back on? Then explore stagger).

**Workforce**

The conversation about how to share credits and courses among 6 colleges was productive.

Hiring inventory still in process. Currently have 25-27 employers, the goal is total of 50. Looking to wrap up end of this month.

Mention of 10k from DOL given to help with workforce development budget.

Conversation about the Internship Coordinator Position: 5 candidates. We should be able to find one out of this group.

Mention of summer internship opportunities as well, when other students form other colleges come home to Windham Region for summer.

Pat: Discussed figuring out the next few years of intern budget. Laura was saying she hopes to couple Intern Coordinator position with young professional coordinator as well.

**Clusters**

Lisa: Green Building. Working closely with performance cluster they are getting good traction. Tech: Is broad, how to break up? Talk to Frank about how to break this cluster up.

**VY Settlement** (Stephan on phone)

Pat: Fiscal year 14 enabling language. Two exciting things 2mil for 5 yrs, ACCD then dole that money out. What is that process going to look like? Pat talking with Lawrence Miller about this. PBS has to approve this. Likely to be an appeal to PBS decision. When will we receive funding? The question. Funding is for implementation, capacity (people to move projects) walking around money. Lawrence in agreement on this. Guiding doc needs to be our CEDS. Tie funding to CEDS Strategies and projects. Has to occur in Windham County. Project must lead to job creation and has support. We have to leverage those funds as much as possible. Incentive and GAP funding potential. Want to be thoughtful and stretch money as far as possible. Hoping 10 million will last more than 5 years.

Pat: suggesting you have to be in the CEDS or related to the CEDS. Should be tied to CEDS strategies. This will test our regional approach. ACCD will be clearing house. BDCC drawing from ACCD, level of scrutiny.

Cynthia: What can we do to help? Letter of support etc?

Pat: now we are good, but later we may need.

Drew: what is our first project we are excited about doing?

Pat: We would refer to the immediate needs list. (Shared in Vernon)

**Fundraising**

Table fundraising, but we need a sign up. We are on warning in 11 communities. Next month will need a sign up.

**Young Professional Events**

Jenna: Sunday Jan 26, tubing at Stratton, $10 tube for 2 hrs, bar in base lodge open after. Looking for rsvps for estimate for tubing. Feb 22, Bellows Falls, Donovan’s Restaurant. Night out of music (band at bar). March, Bartleby's Books, Wilmington event potential. No date, but planning a cooking class at Coop. Someone of note as guest chef.