



Hennepin-Carver

Workforce Development Board

Action Request: 2024-3

Topic: WDA 09 Regional and Local Plan Board

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024

Item Description

Approval of Regional and Local Plan draft for Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Area 09.

Action Needed

A motion (and second) to approve the Regional and Local Plan draft and move it forward to the Hennepin County Board and the Carver County Board for approval and submission to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Allow staff to incorporate public comment as necessary, acquire signatures and make any technical corrections necessary prior to submission. Approval for staff to make modifications to the plans as may be required by the state during the 90-day review period from 5/31/24 – 8/30/24.

Background

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), each local Workforce Development Board must develop and submit a comprehensive Regional and Local plan to the Governor. In Minnesota, these plans are submitted to the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Federal guidance requires a four-year plan must be submitted, so the effective date of the plans submitted this year will be 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2028.

Hennepin-Carver is part of Minnesota Region 4 (Metro Area). Each of the six Workforce Development Boards within this region will submit identical regional plans to DEED.

The Local Plan was written/compiled by HCWDB Director Erik Aamoth and HCWDB Staff. Hennepin, Carver and partner program staff (Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Veterans Services, Job Service, and Adult Basic Education) contributed to the plan. Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board members were engaged in the writing process in their respective Work Groups and provided valuable input that was incorporated in to the Local Plan draft. HCWDB members were provided a draft of the Local and Regional plan for review prior to the April 3rd, 2024 HCWDB Board Meeting.

Per Federal and State Guidance, the plan will be posted for a 30-day public comment period on the Hennepin County and Carver County websites on April 17th, 2024. Board members, community partners, and providers will be alerted when the plan is posted.

The Local Board Chair (Nicole Mattson) and the WIOA-designated WDA 09 Local Elected Official (Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Fernando) are required to sign the plan prior to submittal on behalf of our area. It is requested, therefore, that the plan be approved by the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board and sent to the Hennepin and Carver County Boards for approval. The final plan is due to DEED on May 31, 2024. The Governor's Workforce Development Board's (GWDB) State, Local, and Regional Plan Special Committee will review the plans and request that WDA 09 make any modifications by August 30, 2024.

Attachments

- Hennepin-Carver Local Workforce Development Area 09 Regional and Local Plan
- DEED Guidance (Note: this guidance indicates a deadline of 5/6/2024. DEED subsequently provided all areas an extension to 5/31/2024).