

LED Steering Committee 4/10 Meeting

Attending – Vicki Boylston, Robert Brown, Tammy Coxen, Alex Hall, Timothy Kestner, John Dorrer, Erika McEntarfer, George Putnam, Andrew Reamer, Rick Waclawek, Greg Weeks, Jeremy Wu, Gary Yakimov, Fredrik Andersson

Update on program transition to Economics Directorate

The LED program was moved intact from the Demographic Directorate to the Economic Directorate effective March 30. The senior staff of the LED program had an all-day meeting prior to the move with the Associate Director for the Economic Directorate and other senior staff, and all are excited about the move and the future of the program. At the request of the Steering Committee, Jeremy Wu will arrange for a representative of the Economic Directorate to participate on the next steering committee call.

Steering Committee members indicated interest in participating in strategic planning for innovation and future product development with the leadership of the Economic Directorate.

Status of New Hampshire

The LED bill in New Hampshire has passed the Senate and House. It will go to the Assembly next, then to the Governor. State LMI Office has been instructed to begin the application process, so it seems likely to proceed.

OnTheMap (OTM) data issue

George Putnam reported on a data issue in OTM that was reported by a user in Illinois. Because of data suppression, the QWI report generated by OTM can severely underestimate number of workers compared to OTM area and labor shed reports. This could create a credibility issue since these reports are presented side-by-side.

Jeremy Wu reported that work is underway to remove suppression via synthetic modeling, but that implementation is still at least a year away. Steering committee members agreed that a more noticeable explanation/warning should be included on the QWI report so that users will be aware of the limitation. Frederick, George and Jeremy will work on a specific recommendation and bring it to the next steering committee meeting.

Update on Launching of Working Groups

Gary Yakimov stated that Jeremy approved the sub-committee work plan for the CSW contract and CSW will be launching the sub-committees over the coming weeks.

Best Practices

Tammy Coxen will be staffing the Best Practices group. Bob Brown is drafting a tool to send out to LMI directors to facilitate gathering of best practices. Bob and Tammy will work together on a plan for collecting and utilizing the best practices research.

Outreach

Gary will serve as staff to the committee and will follow-up with Jeremy, Andy, and John on the best time for launching.

Training

Tammy will be serving as lead staff for this and will help reconvene the group that has already been meeting. A call is scheduled for late April.

Survey Update

Interviews have been completed with 10 states, with 6 scheduled and more pending. CSW will provide the results of the survey at the May meeting, even if there are still some outstanding interviews pending.

Disposal of CD/DVDs

Jeremy requested that a message be sent via the steering committee informing state partners of the need to destroy inventory of several thousand CDs and DVDs that were collected from data submission in the early days of the program. This is in response to a policy from the Department of Commerce that no identifiable data can be put on removable media. They would like to destroy the inventory of several thousand discs, but earlier versions of the MOU said that data files at termination of program would be returned to state partners. This language has been removed in more recent MOUs in favor of deletion language. Jeremy would like to go ahead and destroy the data with the concurrence of steering committee and modification of national MOU in the future. Jeremy will to draft a message and circulate it to the committee.

Reminder on Rules of Behavior Form

The Rules of Behavior Form needs to be collected from all states as part of the Federal IT Security Act. This was sent out directly to the LMI Directors, and Jeremy requested that Directors be reminded of the need to fill this out when they are being interviewed for the survey.