

West Central Vermont CEDS – Strategy Committee

Friday, January 21 – 10 AM to 12 PM

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Present:

Taylor Newton, CCRPC
Regina Mahony, CCRPC
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Whitney Coombs, GBIC
Adam Lougee, ACRPC
John Van Hoesen, ACRPC
Dana Hanley, ACEDC
Fred Kenney, ACEDC
Tyler Richardson, CEDRR
Ed Bove, RRPC
Jamie Stewart, CVRDC
Melissa Bounty, CVRDC
Bonnie Waninger, CVRPC
Blaine Hoskins, CVRPC

Chris Koliba, UVM
Emma Swett, UVM

Taylor kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone at about 10:01 a.m.

1. Changes/adjustment to agenda:

Taylor asked for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none proposed, he continued.

2. Minutes – December , 2021:

Taylor requested a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. Jamie Stewart **moved acceptance of the previous meeting minutes. Fred Kenney seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.**

3. Task 2, Data

Chris Koliba from UVM, presented about UVM's data agreement with the RDCs. He noted that UVM will be preparing standard datasets for each of the RDCs on an annual basis. They are still working on the exact sets, but Fred has proposed that we tie the CEDS to these datasets so we get the CEDS updated automatically and it matches the data the RDCs have already identified as important to them.

Chris asked that the CEDS Strategy Committee keep UVM in the loop regarding how we use and publish the information they share to make sure they stay in compliance with their licenses. **Taylor from CCRPC will handle this conversation.**

The group discussed the level of NAICS code data that was appropriate. UVM will send all data runs and let the CEDS Strategy Committee pull out the appropriate level of granularity for LQ, occupations, jobs, and wages.

Chris indicated that UVM should be able to update the data for the CEDS in the future. We should keep this aligned with the RDC dataset.

Taylor formed a subcommittee to work on data with UVM. Members include:

Taylor, John, Bonnie, Fred, Sam, and either Sarah or Tyler. Taylor will work with Emma to set up the meeting.

4. Task #3 - Engagement

- A. Employer Survey Report: Sam Andersen reviewed the Executive Summary of the employer survey the RDCs had created and conducted. She noted that they did not find any big surprises. She noted that employers remained concerned about workforce issues, taxes, permitting and workforce training. She also noted that broadband coverage and childcare had also risen as stronger new concerns. Lastly, She highlighted the fact that a lot of the businesses that responded to the survey noted they were located in Vermont because of the Founder/CEO's affinity to the area.
- B. \$20,000 Consultant funds – Regina has created an RFP that they will release in January looking for Equity Consultant. Taylor noted he will also add a \$5,000 cash match from ACCD. It should go out tomorrow. Regina would like to organize a sub-committee. **The group agreed and Adam, Bonnie, Whitney, Dana and Tyler volunteered for the group to meet in the beginning of March to make a selection.**

4. Task #4 - Creation of a CEDS: Taylor gave a presentation he had created starting to structure the CEDS. He showed a document including goals and actions. The group discussed certain actions. Taylor invited all to share any proposed amendments with him.

5. February 18, 2022 Agenda - Report of the Data committee

6. Adjournment: Jamie Stewart moved to adjourn, Sam Andersen seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee