



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Approval of the 2018 two year modification to the 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the 2018 two year modification to the 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan, as requested by the CareerSource Pinellas Board.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize Partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

This Modification is required at the request of Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Regulations require states and local workforce development boards (LWDB) to regularly revisit and recalibrate the plan strategies in response to changing economic conditions and workforce needs.

On January 4, 2018, DEO issued a directive to all workforce boards to submit a two-year modification to the 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan. CareerSource Pinellas (CSPin) Modification is due to DEO no later than April 13, 2018. The Modification was approved by the CSPin Executive Committee on March 7, 2018, and by the full CSPin Board on March 21, 2018. On March 9, 2018, CSPin submitted the Modification to run for a 30-day comment period on the CSPin website and a Public Notice was posted in the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper to allow for public comment and input.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) to develop and submit, in partnership with the local chief elected official, a comprehensive four-year plan to the State. CSPin's 2016-2020 Plan was developed in accordance with instructions provided by the FL DEO. It was originally approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 23, 2016.

Background Information:

On July 1, 2004, the Board delegated CSPin the responsibility of being the administrative entity and fiscal agent for the Federal Workforce Investment Act /Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act in Pinellas County.

Requirements for the 2016-2020 Local Plan, as outlined by the United States Department of Labor, require each state to have approved State Plans in place for program years 2016-2020. CareerSource Florida, Inc. and the FL DEO are responsible for the development of the State Plan and the process includes requiring each Local Workforce Development Board to update their Local Plan to be in alignment with the State Plan. The 2016-2020 Local Plan was developed in accordance with 2016-2020 Local Workforce Services Plan Instructions provided by the FL DEO.

The State of Florida has issued a hard deadline of April 13, 2018 for CareerSource regions to submit their two-year modifications in order to meet the federal reporting requirements. The "CareerSource Pinellas 2016-2020 Workforce Services Plan" is a living document and can be modified at any time. In light of recent events involving CareerSource Pinellas, it would be appropriate to recommend that the CareerSource Pinellas Board and staff revisit portions of this document in the coming months and make any changes necessary to address the findings of the various agencies that are currently investigating operations and practices within the organization.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no financial impact to the County.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

CareerSource Pinellas

Attachments:

2018 Two Year Modification

2016-2020 Workforce Services Plan