



Keep Washington Working Work Group

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Keep Washington Working Work Group Members –
Rich Stolz, Kristin Snapp-Kershaw, Eric Gonzalez Alfaro, Julia Gorton, Keelcy Perez Woolley,
Tim Warden-Hertz
Commerce – Rick Anderson, Carolyn Busch, Tammy Deets

Work Group Structure

1. \$200,000 funding for KWW in 2022-23 Supplemental State Budget
 - Majority of the fund will be used for a FTE
 - Commerce HR has guidelines on appropriate level, salary range, & benefits
 - KWW members to provide a wish list that may require funding
 - o Speakers/Advisors travel expense & fees
 - o Immigrant small business & workforce data compilations
2. KWW Workgroup staff-person
 - New FTE will report to Carolyn Busch
 - Coordinate Working Group meetings
 - Must be able to comb through data using multiple data sources including the US Census
 - Carolyn will provide outline of Commerce’s hiring procedures & suggested job description
 - **Ideally someone with lived experience as an immigrant, preferably had started a small business**
 - Earliest start date is July 1st with want ad coming out in June
 - Interview committee should include one KWW member
3. Workgroup members composition & recruitment (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B65hXNrLKxkc0SAuU_V91szz8qe2xvRFNo2kTYjs2Tg/edit?usp=sharing)
 - Reviewed the names in the Google document
 - Recruitment process (Tammy will share the process for the initial round via email – see attached).
 - *Important to have someone with lived experience as an immigrant and ran or running a small business*
 - Other potential collaborative organizations include Farm Bureau, AWB, Upwardly Global, We Train Washington

Update

4. Policy update on the small business funding (implementation plans within Commerce) – see attached summary

Engaging legislators:

5. Senator Saldana is pulling together a couple meetings with activists to review the KWW Workgroup recommendations in the 2022 report
6. Senator Wellman expressed interest in pulling together some folks on the topic of immigrant workforce development, expressed interest in sponsoring legislation on credentialing and/or expanding the Welcome Back Center to eastern Washington
7. Representative Slatter is open to a meeting with the Workgroup during the interim
8. Rep. Gregerson, Sen. Saldana, Rep. Ortiz-Self all expressed interest in attending a future KWW Workgroup meeting

Next Steps

9. Set up a small group discussions in the following week for interested individuals to think through next steps on the Report recommendations.
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