

WISCONSIN STATE USE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Held via Microsoft Teams

- I. The State Use Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tracy Nelson at 11:06 a.m.
- II. Introductions of New Board Members
 - a. Richard Rydecki, DOA, DEO Division Administrator
 - b. Shawna Anderson, Executive Director for Embark Supported Employment
 - c. Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki, DWD, DVR Policy Analyst
- III. Introductions
 - a. Board members present:
 - i. Tracy Nelson, East Shore/Algoma Mops; Private Business representative; Chairperson
 - ii. Bill Smith, NFIB; Small Business representative
 - iii. Richard Rydecki, DEO Division Administrator: DOA representative
 - iv. Shawna Anderson, Embark Supported Employment: Work Center representative
 - v. Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki, DVR: DWD representative
 - b. Board members absent:
 - i. Nickolas George, MFPA; Public representative
 - ii. *Vacant; Mental Health representative*
 - iii. *Vacant; Other representative*
 - c. Board staff present:
 - i. Nadine Malm, Department of Administration
 - d. Others present:
 - i. Nathan Wardinski, DOA
 - ii. Jessica Potter, DOA
 - iii. Rob Buettner, Beyond Vision
 - iv. Randy Klein, Greenco Industries
 - v. Allen Schraeder, Opportunities Inc.
 - vi. Barb LeDuc, Opportunities Inc
 - vii. Cara Connors, DOA
 - viii. Michael Snodgrass, Lakeside Curative Services (LCS)
 - ix. Angela Vukusich, Highline Corporation
 - x. Alice Salli, DOC
 - xi. Susan Osteen, Diverse Options
 - xii. Shelby, Rosenblatt, DOC
 - xiii. Cheryl Edgington, DOA
 - xiv. Alison Hoffman, Lakeside Curative Services (LCS)
 - xv. Dave O'Mara, Disability Services Provider Network (DSPN)
 - xvi. Tammy Weber, Black River Industries (BRI)
 - xvii. Patty Clark, Handishop Industries
- IV. Discussion and approval of Wisconsin State Use Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, October 10, 2024.
[Chairperson Tracy Nelson]

- a. Motion to approve by Bill Smith.
 - b. Motion seconded by Shawna Anderson.
 - c. Motion carried.

- V. State Use Program Subcommittee Update – [Ms. Cara Connors]
 - a. Moving forward with changes.
 - b. Thanks for recommendations outlined in the education document.
 - c. Questions: Anticipated to be standalone legislation.

- VI. 2025 Recertification/Certifications for State Use [Ms. Nadine Malm]
 - a. Will be sending out recertification docs March 24th.
 - b. Due April 7th.

- VII. Price Increase Request - Mops [Ms. Nadine Malm]
 - a. Algoma request price increase.
 - b. Raw materials cost increases.
 - c. Fair Market research and analysis completed.
 - d. Requested quotes from contracted vendors for maintenance supplies.
 - e. Prices are within fair market price, nothing needs to be changed.
 - f. If prices approved, effective March 17.
 - g. Questions: why variation in quotes? Private vendors with low volumes have high prices. Price increases based on materials.
 - h. Motion to approve by Shawna Anderson.
 - i. Motion seconded by Bill Smith.
 - j. Motion carried.

- VIII. Supportive Employment and DVR Payments Discussion [Ms. Nadine Malm]
 - a. Email received from work center regarding denied DVR payments.
 - b. DVR does not consider contracts competitive to achieve competitive integrated employment.
 - c. DVR determined the work center does not meet definition of competitive integrated employment.
 - d. Rob Buettner: Language of requirements is not clear, open to interpretation.

- IX. SUPRA Conference Report - [Ms. Nadine Malm]
 - a. Keynote address by Susan Luchi.
 - b. Conflict resolution presentation.
 - c. Government affairs panel – SUPRA discussed three-year strategic plan.
 - d. Source America discuss agreement, JWOD Act.
 - e. Access and Porter Group discuss changes to state use.
 - f. Fireside chat with Source America and NIB.
 - g. Maryland Works presentation on manufacturing growth.
 - h. Premiere Biotech discusses harm reduction.
 - i. Open discussion session reveal trouble identifying and hiring employees with disabilities.
 - j. Session on business development.
 - k. Texas discussed yearly initiatives and collaborations with SUPRA.
 - l. CEO Roundtable.

- X. Product Ideas/Opportunities (Standing Agenda Item) [Ms. Nadine Malm]
 - a. DNR had janitorial services due March 28.
 - b. DOC asked about work centers providing confidential shredding services. Nadine will send a survey.

XI. Public Comment

- a. Looking for input on subcommittee to oversee issues.
- b. Seeking interest in forming a committee to expand state use marketing reach.
- c. Bill Smith retiring in April.

XII. Future Meetings Review

- a. April 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
- b. July 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
- c. October 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

XIII. XIII. Adjourn

- a. Adjourned by Chairperson Tracy Nelson at 12:10pm.