

## AJLA Steering Committee Meeting

December 10-13, 2007

Savannah, Georgia

**Attending:** Kevin Adams – KY, Christine Bohannon – KS, Barry Butler – DE, Dave Coleman – MS, Robyn Coman – OK, David Copeland – VT, Judy Duncan – AR, Gerard Dye – AJLA, Shawn Gregory – AJLA, Jon Eller – OK, Rick Little – UT, Andrew Miller – IL, Marc Lowe – AJLA, Sandy Monaco – AR, Mehdi Nazeri – MO, Donna Ortmeyer – MO, Vicki Romig – AJLA, Vicky Scheve – KS, Jo Ann Terrell – GA, Lloyd Sisco – AJLA, Garry Jeffries – AR, Melanie Manry – KS, John Williamson – AJLA

1. Donna Ortmeyer – Welcome
2. Reading of Minutes – Jon Eller
  - a. Will email to attendees and put on AJLA website
  - b. Glen motion to accept
  - c. Barry seconded, motion passed
3. Review of Agenda – Donna
  - a. Survey from Boston review
    - i. See handout
    - ii. Only 15 responses
    - iii. Agreed survey for next annual meeting will be at the close of the day and short as possible
  - b. Savannah trivia
4. Liaison Update – Vets
  - a. Edward Davin – Performance Specialist for CSC
  - b. See PowerPoint for full notes
    - i. FY2008 Funding, first share distributed
    - ii. 3 CR a possibility, another year long CR is also a possibility, Senator McConnell is seeking unrestricted war funds plus democratic increases for 2008
    - iii. WISPR relevant to VETS
      1. ETA 9131 is revised to include employer outreach
      2. ETA 9132 is revised to reflect outcomes for veterans and disabled veterans receiving One-Stop services
    - iv. ETA 9133 reporting of non-participants continues to be a problem for states and VETS
      1. VETS has mandate to report annually to Congress on number of un-served veterans

- 2. inconsistent with a participant based system
- 3. Priority of service also a late entry factor
- c. Priority of Service Regulations
  - i. P.L. 109 – 461 enacted in November 2006
  - ii. VETS assigned as lead agency for publication of regulations
  - iii. Work group struggling with collecting “applicant” data vs. participant data
  - iv. For priority of service definition of veteran is WIA definition (recommended)
  - v. VETS for PY2006 missed 2 of 4 goals and all measures lower than PY 2005
- d. GAO study
  - i. Did not like that DVOP and LVER had different measures
  - ii. Recommended standardizing definition of veteran across programs
- e. OIG Performance Audit
  - i. Focuses on outcomes of services provided by DVOP specialists and LVER staff
  - ii. OIG intends to conduct state level validation of the basis for the outcomes reported
- 5. Liaison Update – NASWA
  - a. Rich Hobbie, Executive Director, Bob Simoneau, Workforce Development Specialist
    - i. NASWA staff situation
      - 1. Lost 25% , working on replacing, Curt Harris gone, need new AJLA NASWA replacement
    - ii. Budget – NASWA in good shape with state dues increase, and alliance with DirectEmployer association
      - 1. 41 states have signed agreements to work with DirectEmployer
    - iii. Priorities of NASWA – available on website
    - iv. WIA
      - 1. 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, usual different House and Senate bills, no resolutions
        - a. Stumbling block – organized labor concern with “merit” staff for Wagner-Peyser programs
        - b. NASWA submitted letter with views on WIA

legislation

- c. TAA – House did pass bill in October, expanding services and including employees of secondary layoff companies, Senate introduced bill in July – nothing yet, however looking at House bill, TAA extended through calendar year, will probably reauthorize by end of year
    - i. Revise eligibility requirements and sector groups
    - ii. Increases training payments, increases health insurance costs,
    - iii. UI connection – Jon research
  - 2. Veterans testimony given by NASWA to Congress for LVER/DVOP on viability of those programs, advocated more funding for training,
  - 3. Career Advancement Accounts – vouchers for military spouses – agreement with DoD and DOL
  - 4. SUR Employer UI tax will be extended 1 year
  - v. CR expires December 14<sup>th</sup>, talking about an omnibus bill but President and Congress at odds about funding amounts
  - vi. Best hope now CR with same level of funding, otherwise lower levels of funding
  - vii. NASWA Conference in September 16 – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Charleston, SC
    - 1. perhaps a plenary session with AJLA-TS on services offered with unique relationship
6. Liaison Update – USDOL
- a. Keith Rowe, Manpower Development Specialist
  - b. Annual Reporting PY 2006 data being analyzed
    - i. Self service participants for DLW and WIA Adults
      - 1. Participants large increases for 04 to 05 and 05 to 06 (178%)
      - 2. Retention drop large
      - 3. Get Keith’s notes
      - 4. Numbers change lower and higher with programming IT issues from soft exit requirements for PY 05 for different state systems

5. Revised incentive/sanction measures, TEGL 9-07 released October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and retroactive for PY 2006
  - a. Holding waiver for CM states to 9 Common Measures
  - b. 90% of measures must be attained to qualify for incentives and over 100% aggregate
  - c. 2% or lower DV error - not applied to PY 2006 only
  - d. 80% level only applies to sanctions
6. WISPR
  - a. Currently with clearance officer in DOL concerning responses on public comment period, expecting to get final package to OMB in a few weeks, then up to OMB
  - b. Not likely to meet December 31, 2007 deadline
7. 41 states have rejoined WRIS, Colorado to rejoin soon
  - a. 1 proposal - send 1 designated WRIS representative to WRIS meetings, DOL to propose 2 reps
  - b. Confidentiality issues for private contractor to review/audits
  - c. Another amendment on language to add more programs to WRIS
  - d. Other proposals/amendments
8. Following this year's DOL training DOL developing 12 month training plan, looking for state feedback on training material, training venues, send to Keith or Karen Staha

## 7. AJLA Product Update

- a. Marc Lowe, AJLA-TS Director
- b. Welcome, introduced Lloyd - new Reporting Service manager, Susan Andrews retiring this Friday
  - i. Currently in process of hiring 5 programmers and 3 business analysts, recommendations appreciated
  - ii. South Carolina getting ready to implement January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for JobLink
  - iii. Customization project for Kansas on going
  - iv. Subscriptions for customers working well and keeping costs

for subscribers down

- v. Some states via NASWA may have not sent in funding for subscription
- vi. Melanie Manry now works for Kansas Department of Commerce with performance reporting
- vii. AJL – Rewrite, Shawn Gregory
  - 1. ReportLink worked with integration with Rewrite, security
  - 2. Registration
  - 3. New search for jobs includes spidering, no longer separate searches
  - 4. JobLink states may get some .Net features before release of rewrite
  - 5. ReportLink will be released by December 2007
  - 6. JobLink report - Vicki Romig, 208 actual work requests submitted, 66% already resolved,
  - 7. CMDART, WISPR - Gerard, DART will import files to create reports
    - a. Literacy/Numeracy issues resolved
    - b. Past due dates relating to DV resolved, can go to ftp site for latest CM Dart version

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Remarks – Marc Lowe, thanked committee for all the work

1. Subcommittee Reports

- a. AJL – next release will be the final release in February or March 2008.
- b. Demonstration of rewrite AJL, Trac system, using lat. & long. for searches
- c. States need to upgrade to ColdFusion 8 asap for any changes before new release of rewrite
- d. Reporting
  - i. ReportLink recommendations by committee were to be implemented by December 31, 2007. However, release will be delayed to add WIA Quarterly reports by March 1, 2008 to WIA Annual reports. Also to add 9002 and VETS 200 since WISPR not in place yet from the feds. Targeted by June 1, 2008. If WISPR does get implemented then 9002 work will be discontinued.

- ii. All non federal reports, wage reports will be added
- iii. AJLA-TS asked to look at bundling SQL licensing for states to use ReportLink, otherwise states using ReportLink will have to purchase their own SQL licenses
- iv. Survey needed to ask DART states if they can use or migrate to SQL servers or must they or want to continue to use DART. AJLA will draft.
- v. Arkansas ready for ReportLink, AJLA will as specific AJLA-TS personnel and perhaps Arkansas and other states can be beta testing ReportLink before March release.
- vi. CM DART now will calculate literacy/numeracy measures correctly
- vii. Discussion concerning New Hire report data for states wishing to add wages to enhance performance numbers in DART - some security and privileged information concerns, ongoing
- viii. Discussing concerns by subcommittee about competing software programs that are "glitzy" that some state administrators believe might be better for state use
- ix. Gerard wished the best on his retirement.

e. Planning

- i. April 22 - 24, Perdido Beach, Alabama for the Spring Meeting
- ii. August 18 - 22, 2008 for the Annual Meeting - just the meeting no training, looking for Pennsylvania or Vermont
- iii. December Meeting 2008 - ???, looking as Mississippi (maybe Vicksburg) or Atlanta
- iv. Looking for any suggestions for next annual meeting as soon as possible

2. Project Assignments

3. New Business

- a. Promote AJLA products

4. Motion to adjourn - Jon Eller

- a. Seconded - Robyn Coman
- b. Adjourned