**Operations Committee Quarterly Report**

**October 2016**

**One Stop Operator Designation:** It is a new WIOA requirement to designate a One Stop Operator through a competitive process. US DOL has a July 1, 2017 deadline for completion. A Work Group has stepped forward and will work on this project and a timeline to ensure completion compliance.

**WIOA MOU Requirement:** The GWDB, under WIOA requirements, is to ensure that local MOUs are in place. The committee stated that it sees the MOU process as partnership with the Local Workforce Development Boards. Discussion and information gathering will continue in early 2017 with a completion compliance deadline of July 1, 2017.

**Local and Regional Plans**: Update from DEED - local plans are provisionally approved to receive funding and a “user friendly” work plan template is in development with space for Key Action Steps, Expected Completion Date, Expected Outcomes, Data Source and Evaluation Method, Person Responsible, and Comments for the regional goal(s).

**November 2016**

**Work Groups:** MWCA and DEED collaborating on topic specific workgroups with subject matter experts. During the WIOA planning phase, Work Group chairs presented findings and recommendations to the Operations Committee. This will continue. The Work Groups to also include state agencies and partners. Initial Work Groups are WIOA and One Stop Operations, WIOA State Administrators, Technology Applications, and Programs.

**Minnesota State Combined Plan approved:** DEED Commissioner Hardy sent a letter to the GWDB membership to share the news that the plan was approved and to thank the GWDB for its continued partnership.

**GWDB Strategic Plan:** Approved draft. Final plan to be published and available at the December combined boards meeting.

**Committee Work Plan and Committee Charter:** Annual work plan in development and theoriginal July 2015 Charter was updated and approved. Committee accomplishments will be added to the Charter.

**December 2016**

**One Stop Operator Designation:** Introduced to Work Group leaders Barb Chaffee (CMJTS) and Dave Niermann (DEED). This Work Group is examining the regulations, reviewing national resources, looking at Minnesota’s needs and will present its findings and recommendations to the GWDB Operations Committee.

**Legislative Report:** Final draft review at December full GWDB meeting.

**New GWDB Branding:** Presentation from Laura Winge, Creative Director, DEED on the new branding for all Minnesota appointed boards, including the GWDC. Samples of the new brand were shared, and the reasons for the new brand include cyber security, ease of viewing web content on mobile devices, identification with being from Minnesota, and accessibility.