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To: GWDC Creating System Excellence Committee
From: John Molinaro, Chair
CC: Erik Aamoth, Anne Olson, Libby Starling, Luke Weisberg
Date: 11/8/04
Re: Preparation for 11/19/04 meeting and completing the WorkForce Center Strategic Plan

As we head into our November meeting, I thought it might be helpful for me to outline what I see as our process for moving forward.

We have had some very productive conversation thus far about the vision and direction for the WorkForce Center System that has yielded some principles and potential operating models for our current political and financial context. We will need to use our time in November and December to affirm the vision we've begun to sketch out, and then begin to lay out potential decision points that follow. I want to underscore that our task is to complete a vision for 2007 through 2012. We do not need to work through every detail that transforms the WorkForce Center system from its current operation to the vision we craft. We do, however, need to identify the path to change so that Local Workforce Councils, DEED, and other partners can make it happen. A reminder, our final report is due to the Legislature on January 15, 2005.

To ensure we meet our deadline, I'm going to ask you to do some homework prior to our 11/19/04 meeting. Attached are two documents for your review: 1) meeting summary from 10/15/04; and 2) Our vision thus far, put into a business plan outline format. The second document includes our principles, as we've articulated them to date. Your homework is to rank order to the principles – think about what's most important to you – and be prepared to bring your ranking with you on 11/19.

Our agenda for 11/19 will include a discussion of our ranked principles, a review of the business plan outline, and an opportunity to begin putting these pieces together with some likely scenarios regarding funding and governance.