



Agenda
Board Meeting
January 15, 2010
North Vernon Education Training Center
1200 O & M Avenue, IN

10:00 am

- I. Welcome, Roll Call & Introduction
- II. Discussion/Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
- III. JCCDV – Jeanie Hahn
- IV. Financials Doug Jones, Crowe Horwath
- V. RO/Service Provider Report
- VI. WorkOne Operations Update
 - WorkOne Relocations
- VII. EcO15/DIDI
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - Youth Committee
- IX. Other Business
 - SWIC Board Member Request
 - Next Board Meeting: February 12, 2010
 - End of Meeting Resolution
- X. Adjournment

**Minutes of Meeting
Of the Indiana Region 9
Workforce Board**

**North Vernon Education Training Center
1200 West O & M Avenue, North Vernon, IN
January 15, 2010**

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Chairwoman Yount.

Board Members present:

Patti Yount
Beth Blasdel
Rick Bryant
Jackie Hill
Ron Timms
Chip Orben
Marty Hon

Board Members absent:

Stacey Staggs
Scott Hubbard
John Burnett
Gary Gombita
Tom Linkel
Katie Jenner

Board Staff Present:

Jim Battin
Doug Jones
Michele Bowman
Mark Bryson
Barbara Kemp
Connie Berry
Bart Brown
Mark Bryson

Quorum Present

After calling the meeting to order, Chairwoman Yount welcomed the guests who included: Mayor Campbell North Vernon, Mayor Herbert Greensburg; Teresa Begley, Ivy Tech; Deb Thompson, Ohio County Community Foundation; Peg Dickson, Ohio County EcO15 Coordinator; Margo Olson, Molly Dodge, Lissa Griffin of River Valley Resources; Shannon Hamilton, Steve Corona of Job Works; Rick Nobbe, Commissioner Decatur County; Bill Wagner, Dearborn County Building Owner; and Jeanie Hahn, Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence.

II. Discussion / Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the December 11, 2009 meeting were reviewed. With no requests for changes Director Hon motioned to accept the minutes as written, Director Timms seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Jeanie Hahn/JCCDV

Jeanie Hahn, Executive Director of the Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence gave a brief presentation on the progress of the program over the last year. Ms. Hahn explained this initiative began a year ago at the request of the North

Vernon Mayor. Ms. Hahn handed out a report on the statistical progress made over the last year. "One item was that as we work with these individuals on getting them out of the domestic violence home than we must work at getting them back into the work place and this is where the Indiana Region 9 Workforce Board has really helped". The board provided a computer and assistance with increasing staff time for case workers. Originally thought Ms. Hahn hoped to assist 50 people but she reported they have 99 going through the program. Ms. Hahn thanked the board for all their help in getting this program started and is willing to assist with setting this up in the other counties also. Chairwoman Yount would like to look through this year's budget and see if we can develop strategies to get this program out to all the counties. Mayor Herbert of Greensburg stated that he was unaware of the lack of support for the domestic violence and is very eager in getting a program started throughout the region.

IV. Financials

Doug Jones presented the financials. Mr. Jones explained due to the weather there was no Executive/Finance Committee meeting this month. The status of the budget has not changed from last month. The service provider is still over the benchmark due to the high demand for training and supportive services. Chairwoman Yount and Mr. Jones met with Commissioner Voors and Greg Vollmer regarding this. They support the request for the additional funds for the education and training programs. The hold-up is in getting the SWIC to commit to a full vote. Director Blasdel asked about the progress of the JumpStart modification. Bart Brown explained that we have received a verbal approval but we are waiting on a written notice. Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to approve the financials. Director Hill motioned to accept the financials as presented. Director Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried

V. RO/Service Provider

Regional Operator

Bart Brown discussed the November 2009 Dashboard. He explained that we can expect to remain the same on the unemployment numbers. We are still getting requests for rapid response but it has slowed down dramatically. We have allocated 40% of our training dollars in WIA and we are still enrolling in WAG. Chairwoman Yount asked why WAG is increasing; Margo Olson explained that they have concentrated in increasing January enrollments. Also, Ivy Tech has some new certified courses.

At the next board meeting Gina DelSanto will be here for a brief presentation and will be asking the RWB-9 for input. Chairwoman Yount suggests that we have the meeting at the Columbus Learning Center so Dr. DelSanto can see the new Columbus WorkOne office. Chairwoman Yount explained that we reconfigured the WorkOne Columbus to more closely follow the integration model that was originally presented. And we are trying to have this integration model in all our offices.

Service Provider

Margo Olson gave a report of the RVR numbers. We have 389 WAG enrollees with more in the pipe line. As of January we will have expended all of the WAG Adult funds and soon after will have expended all but 100,000 in WAG Dislocated Worker Funds. We are hoping to be the first region to request additional Dislocated Worker Funds.

Lissa Griffin discussed the highlights from November. Mind Leaders is being reviewed to possibly have it more accessible. This is a nice source for our customers. There are over 700 courses they can take on-line and our region has 560 licenses issued. The state is pushing to get the licenses renewed. Ms. Griffin went on to explain that the WorkOne staff is completely focused on WAG. We are utilizing considerable amount of these funds for our customers. CAA's have 58 accounts issued focusing on incumbent workers and it has been increasing.

Ms. Griffin wanted to inform the Board of a Greensburg WorkOne issue. One of our regular UI customers came in, not feeling well and not realizing his Diabetic sugar level was high, he started to have medical issues. Fortunately one of our staff had been trained in first aid and took the lead in assisting our customer until the EMTs arrived. The customer returned later that afternoon and thanked the employees for all their assistance. Chairwoman Yount asked if all our staff were trained in first aid. Ms. Griffin stated that some are, but not all. Margo Olson agreed to look into getting staff trained in first aid just in case something like this was to happen again.

VI. WorkOne Operations

Director Blasdel would like the Weekly Count sheet updated. Believing that the numbers could be misleading, we should remove the "enrolled in TrackOne" column. Director Blasdel said that understanding a lot of our customers are repeat visitors, removing this column and relying on the Dashboard for accurate enrollment numbers would be best.

Director Hon wanted to inform the Board of his recent visit to the Lawrenceburg WorkOne. Director Hon has been to the Lawrenceburg WorkOne twice since December and the staff was more aware of the customer walk in presence and he did not meander around the office, staff did not let him past the front desk. Director Hon wanted to let Amy Lay know that he appreciated her efforts in improving security.

Seymour WorkOne

Director Hill informed the Board that they are looking at ground breaking in the next few months for the WorkOne Seymour. The new office will be located behind the Goodwill store off US 50.

Lawrenceburg WorkOne

Bart Brown began discussions on the Lawrenceburg WorkOne move. The State is ready for the move and we are waiting to receive a letter from the State releasing the lease. Bill Wagner, the building owner of the new location, is here for any questions. Mr. Brown stated that we have completed our cost analysis and it appears will be saving about \$250 a month plus have more space.

Director Hon inquired about a tax issue on the Lawrenceburg new location. Mr. Wagner explained that the assessor's office assessed and categorized the building incorrectly. On 2-10-2008 there was the fire; the state fire marshal found that Don Townsend, Lawrenceburg Building Inspector, did not apply for the business design releases in Dearborn County. By then they had already assessed our building and it was ready to be developed. Mr. Wagner was working with Don Townsend and was under the belief that it was the assessment was completed but later he found out that there was a tax sale on the property. Technically Mr. Wagner still owes the taxes and

has filed Tort Claim with Dearborn County and the town of Lawrenceburg. Director Hon would like a letter from Gayle Pennington, Dearborn County Treasurer, for the Board's records.

Director Timms inquired about the two mortgages. Mr. Wagner stated that the plan is to roll both mortgages into one and have the City of Lawrenceburg be the mortgage holder. Director Timms asked for a Non-Disturbance Agreement; Mr. Wagner said there is no problem with that. Director Timms asked about parking. Mr. Wagner stated that the city said it would subsidize parking. There appears to be about 50 parking spaces that are never occupied at the same time on the city street. If the convention center is built there will be a parking garage that would be at least two/three levels which would be free parking.

Director Timms informed the Board that he visited the Lawrenceburg WorkOne on December 28, 2009 and every chair in the waiting area was filled and all the computers were occupied. Bart Brown explained that the new waiting area is larger and can accommodate up to 30 people. There will be additional computers for customers to use also. Chairwoman Yount explained that this location was selected because it was the closest to Ivy Tech and would be very useful to all our clients. We have a great deal of business and training with Ivy Tech. Chairwoman Yount has spoken with the original owner, Randy Maxwell, and discussed his concerns. She explained that Patty Weddle had a presentation to the Board on integration and it became clear that there was an issue with visibility and accessibility of some of our locations. The integration survey Ms. Weddle conducted made it clear that all our offices needed improvement, some were superficial and some more extensive. The City of Lawrenceburg agreeing to assist with the renovation cost was a plus to the decision.

Director Timms asked if the lease has been signed. Mr. Brown said it had. Director Timms would like to review the lease with Bart Brown, Connie Berry and Bill Wagner. Mr. Wagner has no problems with this. Director Hon was curious if any item in the lease could be changed as long as everyone agreed to the change. Director Orben asked about the additional issues with the lease. Director Timms explained that the original lease was with the State and he would just like to review some of the verbiage; there is no request for changes to the financial part of the lease.

Chairwoman Yount had conversations with DWD regarding the "resolutions to approve the board actions" at the end of the meeting. Even though these resolutions cover all actions, Chairwoman Yount would like to clarify by motion the following:

Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to approve the Chairwoman to sign the leases for the North Vernon, Seymour, Madison, Lawrenceburg, and Greensburg WorkOnes. Director Orben motioned to accept the Chairwoman signing the leases. Director Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. EcO15/DIDI

Jim Battin handed out the current EcO15 information. We have just completed the second year and we have increased in enrollments. MSSC has increased 83% and Project Lead the Way started with 8 schools and now there are 24 involved, which is an increase of over 1000%. As far as the STEM related enrollments; Career Tech Ed has dropped slightly and we expected that due to PLTW. The two and four year

degrees have increased 40% and last Friday the high school stats were released and it showed an improvement by 3.3%. Chairwoman Yount has shared this information with the Commissioner and Greg Vollmer. Chairwoman Yount wanted to show them the success of our efforts even though we are the one of two regions that does not have JAG.

Chairwoman Yount explained the new initiative beginning in our region. There is currently a lack of IT structure in our Region making it difficult for our customers. There appear to be pockets of wireless in our region, but when you go outside of the cities there is a lack of internet capability for our citizens, schools, etc. Our next initiative will be how to wire our ten counties. There is a National Broad Band Grant opportunity coming. The funding will not be available to any population over 25,000 and Columbus is the only one in our Region with that many citizens. A professor at Purdue has come up with a way to do Broad Band through FM radio. We will have the report completed by the end of February and are looking at three funding sources.

VIII. Committee Meetings

Youth Committee

Michele Bowman stated that the letters for continuation and age modification of the YHCC program have been mailed to the Elected Officials in our Region. About half have been signed and collected by our youth advisors. We should have all the letters collected by the end of next week and ready to send to the Governor.

Our youth advisors are working on increasing new enrollments. They are continuing to do community outreach. We are targeting every avenue we can think of. The number of services available to our youth has also increased. Director Hill stated that the Jackson County Council was excited to get that message out to the schools in their area. Mrs. Bowman stated that we are not waiting on the kids to come to us we are going to them. She would like for anyone who has connection with youth programs, youth leaders, and schools to let her know so we can get this in their counties.

IX. Other Business

Bart Brown explained the SWIC board member request that is in the Boards packet. We were invited to have a member of our board nominated to sit in on the SWIC board. Indiana Region 9 Workforce Board has recommended Director Blasdel to sit on the SWIC board. We will await the SWIC's response to our request.

Chairwoman Yount announced that the next Board meeting will be February 12, 2010. We will be meeting at the Columbus Learning Center, 4555 Central Avenue, Columbus, IN at 10:00 am.

Chairwoman Yount wants the agenda kept minimal for Ms. DeSanto's presentation.

Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to accept and ratify all actions of the Board and its members that have occurred since the last meeting. Director Timms motioned to accept these actions. Director Blasdel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bryant motioned for adjournment, Director Hon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:55 am.