



Agenda
Board Meeting
March 12, 2010
Education Center of Rising Sun
591 Smart Drive, Rising Sun, IN

10:00 am

- I. Welcome, Roll Call & Introduction
- II. Discussion/Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
- III. Rhonda Savage / AHEC (Area Health Education Center)
- IV. Financials Doug Jones, Crowe Horwath
- V. RO/Service Provider RFP
 - Fiscal Agent RFP Policy
- VI. RO/Service Provider Report
 - WIA Funding – Resolutions 2010-1 and -2
 - WAG Funding
 - Youth Policy
- VII. WorkOne Operations Update
- VIII. EcO15/DIDI
- IX. Committee Reports
 - Youth Committee
- X. Other Business
 - Next Board Meeting: April 9, 2010
 - LEO Meeting
 - End of Meeting Resolution
- XI. Adjournment

Executive Session to begin at 9:30 for all Board Members

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

**Ohio County Learning Center
591 Smart Drive, Rising Sun, IN
March 12, 2010**

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by Chairwoman Yount.

Board Members present:

Beth Blasdel
Patti Yount
Rick Bryant
Peter Chu
Ron Timms
Marty Hon
Gary Gombita

Board Members absent:

Tom Linkel
Katie Jenner
John Burnett
Jackie Hill
Chip Orben
Scott Hubbard
Gary Norman

Board Staff Present:

Jim Battin
Angie Black
Amy Lay
Michele Bowman
Mark Bryson
Barbara Kemp
Connie Berry
Bart Brown
Carla Crowe

Quorum Present

After calling the meeting to order, Chairwoman Yount welcomed the guests who included: Peg Dickson, Ohio County Community Foundation; Margo Olson, Lissa Griffin, Bev Smith, Deb Cole of River Valley Resources; Lavern Hayes; Shannon Hamilton, Job Works; Carla Enzinger, Youth Committee Chairwoman; Cheryl Obendorf, Mark Neff, Deb Thompson EcO15; Jeff Hughes Dearborn County Commissioner; Marsha Stenger Purdue-Ohio County Extension Office; Rhonda Savage Indiana Area Health Education Center

II. Discussion / Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the March 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Director Timms noted a correction with Peg Dickson and Deb Thompson titles. Chairwoman Yount

requested a motion to approve the minutes with the suggested corrections. Director Timms motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections. Director Hon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. USDOL Indiana Waiver

Chairwoman Yount explained the USDOL letter of denying the State of Indiana Waiver on the Workforce System. Chairwoman Yount stated that one change will be that every region will now become responsible for their fiscal agent which is to occur July 1, 2010. Chairwoman Yount would like to have clear direction to give the Local Elected Officials at the April 9, 2010 Region 9 Workforce Board meeting.

IV. Rhonda Savage/Indiana Area Health Education Center

Jim Battin introduced Rhonda Savage with the new Indiana Area Health Education Center. Ms. Savage explained the mission of this organization. They are located in all Region 9 counties except for Jackson (it is with Bedford). There are two objectives: career awareness and clinical experience in our region. One question of concern is "What are the continuing education needs once the professionals are here?" Ms. Savage stated that they are promoting within the Hoosier Hot job listing. One goal will be to track people who participate in these programs. Ms. Savage has met with Michele Bowman and is looking at ways to get RWB-9 youth involved in this program.

V. Crowe Howarth/Financials

Carla Crowe explained the financials and the benchmark of 58%. All the percentages that show we are over expended will not be there on the next financial report due to the additional funds we just received. Ms. Crowe went on to explain that the Board needs to expend at least 74% of all funds; the State will not allow allocations on any funds not spent by the end of program year. Ms. Crowe stated that the Navigator Grant is spending at a higher spend rate, Rapid Response is showing at a negative because we are in need of additional funds, and the YHCC has expired. Other than that everything else seems to be on track. Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to accept the financials. Director Bryant motioned to accept the financials as presented. Director Timms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. RO/Service Provider RFP

Bart Brown stated he did receive an email that the JumpStart waiver will be issued and Ivy Tech will be able to bill for 100% of the training. Angie Black is working with Ivy Tech on a few clarifications. As soon as the payment is received the JumpStart funds on the financials will show 100% expended. Mr. Brown also stated that the additional WIA fund request of \$633,000 has been approved. The majority of the funds will go into the Service Provider contract with the exception of about \$41,000 that will go into the Boards discretionary funds.

Mr. Brown explained the new DWD announcement on the Fiscal Agent. Scott Sanders informed all RWB's that the State was not going to continue with a state fiscal agent. The regional boards will have the opportunity to take on the responsibility of the fiscal agent or the regional operator could add the fiscal agent as a part of their staff. Chairwoman Yount believes if the regional operator has this new staff position and splits the duties between Region 9 & 5 and then it should only be a part time position. Chairwoman Yount also stated that the Board has discussed putting all requests for proposals and qualifications on hold until we have further guidance from the State.

VII. RO/Service Provider Report

Bart Brown explained Resolution 2010-1, which directs the board to give the additional WIA funds to the regional operator; the regional operator will then direct the funds to the service provider. The allocation of those funds will go toward WIA Dislocated Worker \$266,014 and WIA Adult \$325,128, with the remainder of the funds to be allocated to the Board's discretionary funds. This additional funding will take us to the end of the program year, June 30, 2010. Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to accept this resolution. Director Hon motioned to accept Resolution 2010-1. Director Chu seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bart Brown informed the Board that the Commissioner has approved the additional \$500,000 WAG funds. We should have the contract from the State prior to the next board meeting.

Lissa Griffin gave the report on the service provider progress. One new item she pointed out is the Veterans Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) Grant. Ms. Griffin informed the Board that we are beginning to see some employers and staffing agencies coming into the WorkOnes. Director Blasdel inquired about what green jobs have been identified for VWIP. Amy Lay stated that Computer Technicians in the Columbus WorkOne is the current training and it involves rebuilding computers. Director Blasdel asked if individuals working for the Census will still be eligible for their unemployment benefits after their Census work is complete Lissa Griffin stated that those individuals will return to their original benefits if necessary.

Director Hon inquired about the request for a letter from the service provider regarding the new Service Provider Executive Director. Margo Olson stated her board chair contacted our board chair and the two Chairs decided to review prior to the new program year. Chairwoman Yount explained this way we will know who is working where and in what capacity. Director Hon explained he just wanted a letter with the new Executive Director information. Ms. Olson reiterated that she said she would asked her board, which she did, at which point their board chair and our board chair agreed they would like to wait until the new program year.

VIII. WorkOne Operations Update

Bart Brown informed the Board that the Lawrenceburg WorkOne new location will be open for business on April 5th & 6th.

IX. EcO15/DIDI

Jim Battin gave a brief discussion on the MSSC program and also discussed the IT initiative in our region.

Mr. Battin explained EcO15 has a transition team made up of representatives from each county. They are meeting twice a month to discuss the grant end. He stated there has been discussion with Lily Foundation to extend the grant. There has also been discussion on the future government structure and the extension of the grant. Director Burnett would like to come back to the board and get on this issue. Mr. Battin stated that Susan Clifford is facilitator of this process.

X. Committee Reports

Michele Bowman explained that the Youth Policy has been drafted but not approved by the Youth Committee. Once the policy is approved it will be presented to the Board.

Ms. Bowman stated that the youth advisors are on track. There will be 14 youth trained in Work Experiences throughout the region by the end of the fiscal year.

YHCC will be announced next month with 164 youth for our region. YHCC has been expanded to include INDOT in regions 1-4. Chairwoman Yount explained the reason of this expansion is that these regions do not have parks or the ability to use these funds, the expansion will cover that. Chairwoman Yount also explained that the Board's request for youth for city and local government did not get approved. Director Bryant asked about the scope of the YHCC program. Ms. Bowman stated no one is sure yet. Commissioner Hughes expressed disappointment with this decision; Dearborn county Parks Board could have used the additional funds and help.

XI. Other Business

Chairwoman Yount explained the events at the last SWIC meeting. It was discussed at the SWIC meeting that Region 9 was in the process of the RFQ for Regional Operator. Chairwoman Yount went on to explain that Region 9 Board had been in discussion with the Commissioner and Greg Vollmer on how we planned the RFQ for Regional Operator process. We were hoping that the SWIC would use our process as an example for a state wide process. We advertised, there was a pre bidding meeting, and Crowe Howarth, our fiscal agent, was in charge of our process. This entire process was discussed with DWD. Director Blasdel was at the SWIC meeting and treated rather poorly. Chairwoman Yount stated she responded to Gina DelSanto, Teresa Voors, and Greg Vollmer on how disappointed she was that a volunteer of a

board was treated the way they were by the state board. There was a motion at the SWIC meeting to help Region 9 start the RFQ process by providing us a template. Chairwoman Yount received a call from the SWIC legal counsel ordering her to stop the RFQ process. Chairwoman Yount stated that this was not the motion of the SWIC. The motion was for DWD to work with Region 9 on the process. Chairwoman Yount has requested a copy of the SWIC minutes where this motion was carried and she wants an official letter requesting the discontinuing of our RFQ process.

Director Blasdel explained she went to the NAWB conference and did get to meet with personal for Congressman Pence and Senator Lugar and Congressman Hill and Michele Bowman was able to meet Senator Bayh. Ms. Blasdel discussed what we were doing well in Region 9 and how we plan to grow. They do expect WIA reauthorization this year. The big focus was on Youth, Work Experience and On the Job Training.

Director Timms would like a motion to approve the Indiana Region 9 Workforce Board to be the applicant on a grant to the city of Lawrenceburg Economic Grant program, for a feasibility study and an Officer of the Indiana Region 9 Workforce Board is approved to sign said application on behalf of the Indiana Region 9 Workforce Board. Chairwoman Yount would like letters of support on this matter. Director Timms stated that Susan Craig is preparing this grant for \$90,000 and will get the letters of support. Director Hon motioned to approve the request. Director Blasdel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be in Dearborn County, at the Ivy Tech Community College, 50 Walnut Street, Room 444 on April 9, 2010 beginning at 10:00 am. There will be a Local Elected Official meeting in conjunction with the Board meeting.

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 Hon motioned to accept these actions. Director Blasdel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XII. Adjournment

Chairwoman Yount requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bryant motioned for adjournment, Director Blasdel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 12:11 pm.