



Agenda

Board Meeting
November 19, 2010
High Point Orchard
3321 N. Old Highway 421
Greensburg, Indiana

10:00 am

- I. Welcome, Roll Call & Introduction
- II. Discussion/Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
- III. Financial Report
- IV. Discussion on alliance with Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky WIBs- Greg Vollmer and Bart Brown
- V. RO/Service Provider Report
- VI. EcO15/DIDI – Stephanie Weber
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Youth Committee
 - Economic Development Committee
 - Performance Measures Committee
- VIII. Other Business
 - Next Board Meeting: January 21, 2011
 - End of Meeting Resolution
- IX. Adjournment

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

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I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairwoman Beth Blasdel.

Board Members Present: Beth Blasdel, Patti Yount, Rick Bryant, Gary Norman, Gary Gombita, Marty Hon, Peter Chu, Jackie Hill, Katie Jenner, Ron Timms, Chip Orben

Quorum Present

After calling the meeting to order, Chairwoman Blasdel welcomed guests who included: Mayor Herbert Greensburg; Commissioner Rick Nobbe Decatur County; Greg Vollmer, DWD Deputy Commissioner of Field Operations, Stephanie Weber, EcO15 Community and Outreach Coordinator, Commissioner Don Vondermuelen Franklin County.

II. Discussion / Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the October 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Chairwoman Blasdel requested a motion to approve the prior minutes. Director Yount motioned to accept the minutes. Director Timms seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Financial Report/Carla Crowe

Carla Crowe presented the October financials. A Grant Funding Narrative was added to the report. Benchmark is at 33.33%. Carry over funds from last program year have been 100% expended. Spending of OJT- ARRA funding is getting underway, but the ABE funding is not going as quickly as we had hoped. Vouchers have been issued and we should have no problem spending the money by June 30, 2011. The OCRA grant expired on October 31st. DIDI won't see activity until December or January when champions start turning in vouchers. Director Yount questioned the WorkOne rent and suggested that the money be used to improve the WorkOne Centers in making them more customer friendly. Chairwoman Blasdel made a motion to accept the financials. Director Norman motioned to accept the financials as presented. Director Chu seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Alliance with Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky WIBS/Greg Vollmer & Bart Brown

Bart Brown explained that the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati Workforce Investment Boards have been discussing a concept called Workforce Service Area which goes across state lines and forms what you might call a Super WIB. The idea of this is to be more competitive in the grant

writing process for federal and private foundation grants. There is only one that currently exists between Eastern Pennsylvania and Northwestern Ohio. They have created what is called a Competitiveness Council where members of this council are from the WIBs of that area. These members go after grants so that WIA funds are not being used. The Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky group have hired Thomas P. Miller to do a study on whether or not it makes sense to do this in our area. Bart Brown and Greg Vollmer spoke with Roy Vanderford of Thomas P. Miller to understand more of what this entails. Greg Vollmer explained from the State's point of view what the advantages and disadvantages are of being a Workforce Service Area. Mr. Vollmer stated that it is very important, if we are going to move forward with this, how we draft the agreements with the other states. Roy Vanderford is going to develop good strong speaking points for us to present to the Governor. Director Hon asked if the Board Members for the Workforce Service Area automatically come from our current Board. Greg Vollmer stated they would be selected from the Chief Elected Officials. Director Yount stated we should be very cautious. Director Norman asked which of the four counties were in question. Switzerland, Ohio, Dearborn, and Ripley, but the counties chosen are negotiable. Director Hon asked if the number four was a lock-down number. Mr. Vollmer explained that is only what they have proposed. Chair Blasdel questioned how we were looked over in being included in any of this. Greg Vollmer explained it was an Economic Development Group from Southeast Indiana, Southwest Ohio, and Northern Kentucky. Director Norman would like to know what group hired them. Director Hon asked where we go from this point. Bart Brown explained there will be a formal presentation at the January Board Meeting from the consultant.

V. RO/Service Provider Report

RO Report

Bart Brown reported good news on our Dashboard. Our unemployment rate has gone down and we are below state average. We received another Warn Notice that Print Pack is closing operations in Greensburg. Chair Blasdel reported that the first 150 salaried and union employees will be let go in late January with closure in September 2011. Chair Blasdel asked what happens after Warn Notices are filed with the State. Bart Brown and Kirk Kuhn explained how Rapid Response works. Chair Blasdel asked if the company can refuse to have the Rapid Response team to come in. Greg Vollmer explained that we have a right to go on site.

Bart Brown and Michele Bowman met with Mike Bush and John Bond of Switzerland County to hear about their plans of a learning center. They asked if we would be interested in putting a WorkOne Express there. They would like to present to the Board in January or February. Margo Olson reported for Lissa Griffin that they have recently completed refresher and case management training.

VI. EcO15/DIDI

Stephanie Weber presented on behalf of John Burnett. She talked about what Dream It Do It (DIDI) is. She stated student enrollment numbers should be up to date for January. The year-end meeting with all champions throughout the region is in April if anyone is interested in attending. Stephanie reported on recent changes. She was asked to take over for Jim Battin as Director. Stephanie talked about the Kuder Test and how great of a tool it is. Director Jenner

thanked Ms. Weber for all they are doing in our schools and invited her back to our monthly Board meetings.

VII. Committee Reports

Youth

Michele Bowman talked about the updated school report and was happy to announce they have made progress with over 50% of the schools. Chair Blasdel asked Michele to update in the next meeting with the graduation rate percentage and ranking to make sure we aren't missing kids. Michele reported that Stephanie Weber has invited them to go to a DIDI meeting to help improve relationships with the schools. The JAG Outreach Coordinator position has been revised to have a more regional focus. Interviews will take place in December and hire for the position in January. The YHCC follow-up report will be presented at the January meeting.

Economic Development Committee

Director Hill reported the committee approved three companies for OJT dollars. There are currently four to five additional companies that have expressed interest. A press release has been drafted for the HIRE act. Director Hill commends everyone for a great job with OJT.

Performance Measures Committee

Chair Blasdel discussed that some of the reports are going to change slightly. Amy Lay will need reports per WorkOne office and Michele Bowman will need reports per county. This will enable them to set goals and to evaluate Performance Measurements being met. ABE and GED will be per office with the Youth reported per county. Chair Blasdel stated Bart Brown gave them a report off of ICC to help see what jobs are out there. Chair Blasdel stated they want to make sure the training dollars are going where there are job openings.

VIII. Other Business

Our next meeting will take place in Ripley County, at a location to be determined, on January 21, 10:00 am. Director Norman reported that Vincennes University has expressed interest in having space at the Versailles Career Center. He invites Bart Brown to attend their future meetings.

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

IX. Adjournment

Chairwoman Blasdel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Hon motioned for adjournment, Director Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.