

MINUTES
SOUTHEAST INDIANA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Osgood Town Hall
147 West Ripley Street
Osgood IN 47037

February 18th, 2014
10:00am - 12:00pm

WIB Members Present: Chip Orben, Mark Cash, Patti Yount, Scott Hubbard, Amy Gosney, Beth Pattison, Josh Wilber, Robin Hilber, Chuck Kime, Gary Norman, Nancy Monroe, Mark Graver, Dennis Wimer

Chair Yount announced that she has appointed Amy Gosney to serve on the Executive Board to fill the position vacated by Beth Blasdel.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

No changes were suggested. Voice of approval. Motion passes.

Executive Committee Report

Chair Yount provided a summary of events related to the Greensburg office. The landlord at the existing office requested that we vacate the office by December 31st. A move to the Greensburg Office was already approved during the last meeting, so this was expedited and the deadline was met. A \$3500 deposit refund from the original building is expected.

Chair Yount then discussed the JAG event at the Columbus Learning Center, which was very successful. She and Commissioner Scott Sanders will be visiting Madison High School at the end of the month to award the students that had to leave before the awards ceremony.

Chip Orben, Chair Yount and Kurt Kegerreis attended 2 workshops that the Lieutenant Governor held to explore the relationship between the WIBs and Indiana Career & Works Councils. Chair Yount has been appointed to the SE Conexus board and believes this could lead to new collaborative opportunities.

The Youth Council will begin meeting as soon as possible. Robin Hilber and Jackie Hill have already agreed to serve. All WIB Members were invited to join and/or submit names for consideration for the Council.

Chair Yount has requested regular Eco15 updates for all future board meetings.

Mark Graver was introduced as John Hogan's replacement representing Ivy Tech.

Susan Zaring was introduced by Kurt Kegerreis as the new Quality Assurance and Administrative Assistant for National Able Network.

DWD Update

Dennis Wimer relayed that the Governors education task force will be issuing grants for any curriculum based organizations in the April or May time frame. He provided an update on the new UI system being rolled out in the state, which is going well thus far. Mr. Wimer indicated that WO traffic tends to increase during this period of the year and the Jobs for Hoosiers program has contributed to this as well. Volume is expected to slow down soon, which is natural for this time of year. He encouraged WorkOne operators to spread their Jobs for Hoosiers sessions out as needed to manage the volume.

Chair Yount inquired about next year's budget now that the Federal Government has been passed. Mr. Wimer indicated that the final allocation will depend on the results of a distribution

formula. Veteran funds went up by 8 or 9%. Mr. Wimer has been in conversation with Mr. Kegerreis about NEG expenditures. Extra money is expected to become available, so the Region is encouraged to spend these funds as soon as possible.

Financial Report/Approval of the Budget

Carla Crowe provided a budget update. All PY12 funds are now expended. There are no major concerns at this point. NEG and DEI funds will continue over into next program year. Mr. Wimer complemented the Region on its WorkIN expenditures, an additional \$50,000 is being requested. These expenditures will affect next year's allocation, and it is likely that Region 9 will receive more funds accordingly.

Funding to Direct Client Services has increased over previous years, and Chair Yount reiterated her commitment to this goal. Director Hubbard inquired about JAG expenditures and Ms. Crowe indicated that this was a little behind due to the transitions earlier in the year, but it is not expected to be a major issue. WIA Adult expenditures are going well.

Chair Yount reported that the NAWB conference was coming up at the end of March. The EC is recommending that the board set aside a line item to send one board member this year. This would come from the board's allocated funds. Beth Pattison made the motion, Vice Chair Orben seconded, motion passes. Mr. Kegerreis will send out an agenda for the conference and board members interested in attending should contact Patti

As discussed in previous meetings, Able submitted a Scope of Work for the additional \$60k in Business Consultant funds. This SOW entails a new staff member to join National Able Network to focus on out-facing business outreach. The plan was coordinated with RVR based on feedback from the State. RVR will be keeping their original allocation. In the future, if funding is reduced, any Business Consultant funds will go to Able to support the new staff member.

A motion was made by Chip Orben to amend Able's contract to add the \$60k from the new Business Consultant funds. Commissioner Cash seconded. Motion passes.

Mr. Kegerreis expect that some funding will be leftover before June 30th due to the late start of the grant. Able will be seeking the board and the state's feedback in determining how to best use these funds so they do not go to waste.

Mr. Kegerreis will be sending out the SOW to all board members and they are encouraged to pass along names of any interested candidates.

Service Provider Update

Margo Olsen provided a summary of recent activities. WorkIN enrollments have improved substantially year over year and the board is seeking additional funding. Lawrenceburg has expressed interest in JAG. Greensburg is potentially interested as well. The Business Services team has met twice thus far to coordinate business outreach. Staff have been trained on OJTs which should lead to additional spending.

Clearinghouse Presentation

Molly Dodge and Dan Baughman made a presentation about the Clearinghouse Project. Tenants are expected to move into the facility in May. Chair Yount indicated that Able and Executive Committee will be investigating this opportunity, and DWD will also need to be brought into the discussion to ensure that a move is feasible.

Director Hubbard noted that there is a substantial amount of investment and enthusiasm within the community for the project. He also declared that he is a board member for a group that has provided funding for the Clearinghouse, and he wanted to avoid any conflict of interest. Chair Yount thanked Director Hubbard for his comments and disclosure.

Executive Staff Report

The Retreat has been rescheduled for April 8th at the Technology Center in Vevay, IN. Mr. Kegerreis inquired as to whether Able needed permission from the board to begin disposing of excess furniture and equipment that the Region has acquired over the years. This will be done per DWD regulations. Chair Yount indicated that no special permission is necessary and Able is free to proceed.

Other Business

Mark Graver was asked for an update on Ivy Tech, but he indicated that the transition is still ongoing and would be reluctant to share anything before it is finalized. Chair Yount suggested that Ivy Tech may be able to make a presentation at a future meeting once the transition is complete.

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