

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board
Switzerland County Technology and Education Center
708 W. Seminary Street,
Vevay, IN 47043
April 8th, 2014
10:00am – 11:00am

WIB Members present: Nancy Monroe, Josh Wilber, Carla Enzinger, Mike Busch, Beth Pattison, Patti Yount, Mark Cash, Chip Orben, Robin Hilber, Dennis Wimer, Scott Hubbard, , Gary Norman and Mark Graver

Other Local Elected Officials: Mayor Harold “Soup” Campbell
Chair Yount called the meeting to order at 10:00am and stated a quorum was present.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Chair Yount made motion to approve the minutes as read, Vice Chair Orben 2nd. Motion passed.

Executive Committee report

Vice Chair Orben, Richalene M. Kozumplik, & Mr. Kegerreis said the DC Trip was worthwhile. Chair Yount requested draft line item budget for July 1 to review in May and send to Board for a June Vote. Jackie and Carla were very helpful with the DC Trip receipts for Vice Chair Orben and he feels the return on investment was very good. REACH Audit conclusion is completed and Dennis is scheduled to attend an Executive Session meeting with Doug Jones and Carla to discuss steps going forward from audits.

Youth Committee Update

The First meeting of the Youth Committee was March 27th and the group is acclimating new members. The Chair of Youth Committee is Jackie Hill. Chair Yount suggested expanding JAG program to High Schools. A meeting will be held on April 21st between local and regional JAG and iGrad staff to discuss how the programs overlap. The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for May 28th in North Vernon from 10 – 12 AM.

DWD Update

Dennis Weimer reported he received allocations for next year and every Region will get more money. Some lose dislocated worker money, but overall will be positive. Things are rapidly changing due to UE rates improving. Legislative session is over, but will still act on money for each region, high performance jobs, and Adult ED dollars and Mr. Kegerreis is involved. US Senate approved extending UI insurance and it will go to House, however Representative Boehner is against extending UI Insurance. We will know more soon. Senator Donnelly discussed re-employment activities instead of UI activities. We had 3 representatives there. Coats was clear, we have reauthorization, the 1998 bill keeps going, and needed reauthorization. Coats said there are over 40 funding streams for UI to be flexible to help the people we are trying to help. There is an Overlap in funding reduced

Funds for that. They are talking about eliminating the overlap in administrators. Chair Yount requested that Dennis research to determine impact UI extension and what happened to those people that just came off UI are now doing, jobs, and labor market.

Financial report/ Approval of the Budget

Carla Crowe gave a financial report and handed out financial statements. She will wait to transfer dislocated worker funds this year until we know if it more will be needed. WorkINDiana funds expired in Sept and we have three months remaining. They are overspent and are receiving additional funds. Business Consultant funding started late. NEG is at 2 year rates and we have until June 2015 to use NEG money. If we are not spending funds by June will give funds to other regions. National Able cut administrative budget and added money to be spent on people that need it. Carla and Mr. Kegerreis will prepare a draft budget and have it ready for approval for the May meeting. RVR may have more money to put into direct client services and the Executive Committee has authority to move money to RVR Services if needed. Carla will continue with Red Flags when needed. Youth is a little under expected budget, TrackOne cost is budgeted and Audit costs will be allocated at the end of the year. Adult Basic Ed is now WorkINDiana.

Service Provider Report

River Valley Resources have done very well with WorkINDiana. Completion rate is 91%, Certification rate 82%, with a Total of 765. JAG targeted 160 and now has a total of 151. 4 Master OJT agreements have been signed in Region 9. Bartholomew and Jefferson Counties have nurses at Kings Daughters Hospital. Vice Chair Orben commented that the region should use the term investment instead of expenditure. Vice Chair Orben said he received success stories from Margo for use in DC. A Region 9 JAG student won Outstanding Senior.

Executive Staff Report

The last meeting of Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board approved hiring a Business Consultant. Michael Ames was hired and introduced at this meeting. He reported that meeting invites have been sent out. He is WorkINDiana with DWD, RVR, Business Team, and going to the BT Meetings. Already knows the lay of the land and will not be starting from scratch.

Clearinghouse investigation is continuing.

VETS & DC Trip

Michael Ames said he has been digging through information and will contact Steve Mackey at Cummins to see what they are doing to reduce duplication and reinventing the wheel. Vice Chair Orben and Mr. Kegerreis attended NAWB conference DC, and coordinated schedules to get most out of investment. Vice Chair Orben thanked board for allowing him to go and said it was a fantastic conference. They made connections for VETS and Youth and are hoping to implement in our region, workforce development, business, and schools. He said we need to work closer with local economic services in our community.

Indiana JAG is alive and well and leads the nation in JAG programs. Senators were

receptive to WIA UI and going forward in taking advantage of services. Business collaboration in workforce sessions, net WorkINdiana, and sharing of ideas was eye opening. Reinforced good things we are doing here and was very worthwhile.

Richalene M. Kozumplik did great job putting together a presentation for Senators and organizing the trip. There were 20 there from Indiana. Appreciate the opportunity to coordinate and maximize meetings. Dennis, Vice Chair Orben, had 7 people in one van with luggage. Richalene M. Kozumplik said Indiana has great group of people because they go to see their Senators. Chair Yount reported we have a good relationship with Senator Donnelly and he is involved in WIB, Arms Services Board, supportive of VETS, wants kept up on what we are doing, and will support funding for us on VETS. Chair Yount is serving on Conexus Council focused on logistics said SE Indiana looking tailored with Career demand. There is high demand for barge workers and with 3 yrs. experience at \$30,000/yr. they can become a captain at \$150,000/yr. We can help fill the void, at a critical mass at this time in Mount Vernon and Clark Co. Also, Jeff Boat has welding jobs that pay well in our neighboring region in Southern Indiana.

Schedule for Future Meetings

Chair Yount requested Mr. Kegerreis send a survey to get find out what day, time, and location is best for Board Members to attend a full board meeting.

Other Business

Jamie Geyer Billingsley announced Congressman Luke Messer will be at a Large Job Fair at Ball State in Muncie, and partnered for one at Ivy Tech on Aug 7th in Lawrenceburg. It will be held in conjunction with employer's seminar and the first hour is for Veterans only. Richard Sewell announced "Columbus Disability Asset Fair "at Fair Oaks Mall, resources and employers held from 4 – 7 today, April 8th. Stephany has done an outstanding job and assets are available at the fair for people with disabilities. Jennifer Montgomery announced that "Dress for Success" in Cincinnati contacted Lawrenceburg and is bringing a Mobile Van this Thursday, April 10th from 9 – 3. They have 18 customers signed up to go through the process. Job Interview, WIA and WorkINdiana customers will get an outfit, shoes, and purse. This is a great opportunity to partner in Lawrenceburg for donations to Dress for Success. JAG is also doing "Dress for Success" PROM for Ladies, but need donations for clothing for young men for PROM. Anyone wanting to donate clothing for PROM can contact Ashley Stewart at Madison. 3rd Annual Job Fair" on April 22nd at Ivy Tech Madison, Mike Barnes is coming, Jobs for Hoosiers, and currently have 14 employers, with goal of 30. Red Pepper will be catering as incentive to come. This event has grown and gotten better every year.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn was made by Mike Busch and Mark Cash Seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

The Summit Program continued with "Moving Your Board from Grant Steward to System Builder and Regional Backbone" presented by: Richalene M. Kozumplik. President/Owner Accelerating Higher Achievements Consulting 134 W. Third Street Peru, IN 46970 Phone: 765-472-1495 Fax: 765-472-1457 Email: kozumplik@iquest.net