

Minutes
Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board
Osgood Town Hall
147 West Ripley Street
Osgood, IN 47037

November 18th, 2014
10am – 12pm

WIB Members Present: Patti Yount, Mark Cash, Gary Norman, Nancy Monroe, Beth Pattison, Jennifer McCalvin, Mike Busch, Chris Lowery, Laura Welborn, Nina Babich (proxy for Dennis Wimer)

Other Attendees: Shelley McClintock, Karen McKinley, Margo Olsen, Ashley Stewart, Richard Sewell, Kurt Kegerreis, Stephanie Frondorf, Melanie Douglas, Leslie Crist, Michael Ames, Sue Zaring

Call to Order:

Chair Yount called the meeting to order and noted that we had no quorum.

I. Approval of Minutes

There is no quorum for present meeting therefore Minutes for September 16th, 2014 meeting have not been approved.

II. Executive Committee Report

On Thursday, November 20th the Governor's Work Council and ECO 15 are having a joint meeting. The Board recognizes that there is a lot of overlap in the groups and are excited to say we are working towards a common goal. It is expected that this will be the start of a good relationship and partnership. This board will be kept informed as look for guidance and leadership in how we can best utilize that partnership moving forward.

As an update, there will also be a town hall meeting on Monday, November 24th at the Columbus Learning Center and Ivy Tech campus to discuss the new workforce law that will be implemented soon for all who want to attend. Chair Yount introduced Nina Babich with the DWD Workforce Development who will be hosting the town hall meeting in order to collect questions and concerns. Nina Babich also stated that

she has asked Chair Yount to serve on a WIOA Steering Committee for the new federal legislation, which Chair Yount has accepted the offer to serve. There will be more information provided to the board as we move forward with implementation.

The Youth Council which meets every other month in between board meetings, has announced that during the last meeting a ruling was made in regards to a JAG competition. Over the last month the Youth Council came up with criteria to select a JAG student to participate and we now have the opportunity to send one of our JAG students to Washington D.C. as part of the JAG National Tour. This is a very exciting opportunity and success for both the participating JAG student and the individuals who have been working so hard in the JAG program.

III. DWD Update

Nina Babich stated there is a new DWD Commissioner, Steve Braun who will be starting this coming Monday. Nina will be doing a series of town hall meetings in prep for the upcoming implementation of WIOA and there will be a WIOA webpage located on the DWD webpage so updated information is accessible as it becomes available. In addition there will also be a state person and a local level person assigned for the implementation of WIOA to aid in the process going as smoothly as possible.

Leslie Crist from the DWD presented Region 9 with the distinguished honor of the JAG 5 of 5 National Recognition. This award is based on metrics from the previous year which are in five categories as follows: 90% graduation rate of JAG students, 80% placement in employment, 60% jobs for America's graduates' placement, 80% of employment placement is fulltime and 60% of jobs for America's graduations placement is full time.

The award plaque will be on tour display in the WorkOne offices of Region 9.

IV. Executive Staff Report

Website & Social Media Update

As of November 17th, 2014 the WorkOne Social Media sites have been launched and we are very excited to share events and success stories in a new way to the public. We anticipate a lot of enthusiasm and encourage partners and board members to inform us of exciting news, events or information to add to the social media sites.

Clearinghouse Update

Kurt Kegerreis stated Dennis Wimer wants to move forward with IOT inspecting the site. The board is very optimistic that we will get the authorization soon to move forward and will be updated of information and progress in this matter.

Seymour Office

The lease agreement is due and there is a suggested 12% increase which we have negotiated the price down. Carla Crowe and the Executive board have discussed and stated that in comparison to the other offices, this price point puts the Seymour office in the middle of the other price points. It is recommended to approve the new lease agreement at the current location.

Due to lack of quorum at present meeting, an email will be sent out to the full board with more information and a vote.

Microsoft Training Initiative

The DWD and Department of Education have invested in a partnership with Microsoft to provide Microsoft Office Specialist certificate training to WorkOne clients and Department of Education for free. Region 9 will receive training curriculum at full service locations. WorkOne will be able to offer free of charge at least up to 500 certificate tests. The Board is still waiting on more details and will share as more information is provided.

WIA Incentive Grant

The WIA Incentive Grant will be coming out soon, this is offering work experience to JAG students and Adult Education students. There will be more information on the details provided to the board as it becomes available.

V. Service Provider Report

Margo Olsen updated that in lieu of the Microsoft Certification program coming out the information technology director is working with Kurt Kegerreis and Richard Sewell to ensure that the status of the WorkOne equipment can support that program. As a side note, River Valley Resources has implemented safety and first aid training available to all staff and WorkOne representatives.

VI. Financial Report

Carla Crowe presented the October financial report. There were no changes in funding since the last report, however Denis Wimer had been consulted as to the

status of the additional DWD Business Consultant funds, who stated there is intent to fund but not sure on funding. She will continue to follow up with the DWD and provide any updates on the status. There was also a shift in funds from National Able Network to RVR. National Able Network was not going to fill one of the business consultant positions, these dollars (\$60,000) will be transferred to RVR where they will be utilized by current employees instead of WIA.

Overall no concerns, spending is strong especially in NEG funds. The Executive Board had discussed making "as needed" funds available, and it is recommended to preapprove these as needed funds from unobligated WIA funds to Adult Direct Client Services, any unused portion of those funds will be rolled back into the origination pool at the end of year. An additional email will be sent out to all board members for a vote due to lack of quorum in present meeting.

VII. Disability Employment Initiative Presentation – Stephanie Frondorf

The Office of Disability Employment Policy jointly funds and administers the Disability Employment Initiative with Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. The Disability Employment Initiative aims to improve education, training and employment opportunities and outcomes for youth and adults with disabilities who are unemployed, under employed and/or receiving Social Security disability benefits. Among other great partnerships, a partnership with Centerstone and Community Mental health awarded \$250,120 through a sub-grant of the Disability Employment Initiative. Indiana has a three year performance period from October 1, 2012 until September 30, 2015, and has chosen 4 strategic approaches of; partnerships and collaboration, Integrated Resource Teams, Braiding and Blending of Resources and Funds and Asset Development. We have a great opportunity to make this a successful initiative, information and progress will be provided to the board as it becomes available.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Yount