

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

January 20, 2015
10am – 12pm

WIB Members Present: Patti Yount, Mark Cash, Gary Norman, Nancy Monroe, Mike Busch, Chris Lowery, Dennis Wimer, Kent Fuller, Scott Hubbard, Amy Gosney, Robin Hilber, Carla Enzinger.

Other Attendees: Shelley McClintock, Karen McKinley, Margo Olsen, Ashley Stewart, Richard Sewell, Kurt Kegerreis, Melanie Douglas, Leslie Crist, Michael Ames, Sue Zaring, Kristen Cullotta, Grace Powers, Peggy Dickson, Lissa Griffin

Call to Order:

Chair Yount called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for both September and November board meeting was made by Mark Cash. Scott Hubbard seconded the motion.

II. Budget & Financial Update

There are two grants to announce that have been received. A \$38,000 Disability Employment Initiative Grant was received for transportation assistance and \$104,000 WIA Incentive Grant was also received in December. Robin Hilber made a suggestion of taking a portion or percentage of any new grants received to set aside for communication and outreach usage.

The Executive Committee discussed at length that since we are in transition with the new federal act and there is no guarantee of what that transition will look like until it is complete it is their recommendation to the board that the WIA Adult Dislocated Worker, Able Regional Operator and WIA Youth contracts be extended another year. Chris Lowery made a motion to approve, Carla Enzinger seconded this motion to approve contracts being extended additional year.

An Outreach budget was proposed to cover the next six months through to the end of June in an amount of \$6500. The intention is to have a full budget proposal for PY15or outreach and communication expenses such as job fairs and events. Executive Committee recommends to the Board to add \$6500 as a line item for Outreach in the budget to be taken from unobligated funds. Scott Hubbard made a motion to approve, Mike Busch seconded, and motion was approved.

The Greensburg and Columbus lease agreements are up for renewal. Both landlords have offered the same contracts and no rate increase. It is the recommendation for continuance with small term adjustments to end leases in June for accounting and tracking purposes. Robin Hilber made a motion to approve, Amy Gosney seconded, and motion was approved.

Overall no changes in the budget aside from new grant funds received and no concerns. Kent Fuller made a motion to approve budget and Scott Hubbard seconded. Motion was approved.

III. Executive Committee Report- Joint Meetings

The Works Council and Eco15 are joining forces with the WIB among other partners because of overlapping interest on various issues. In November there was the initial meeting and the leadership groups have agreed to continue to meet, the intent is to solidify an agreement to be in partnership together and work our solutions to issues and problems with in the region. It was proposed that a Memorandum of Understanding of this partnership should be drafted to hold the partnership accountable to working together. As the meetings become more frequent and more information is available the Board will be informed.

IV. Social Media Presentation- Kristen Cullotta, VP of Marketing & Development

Kristen Cullotta from National Able gave a presentation on the social media launch and the various impact that this exciting advancement can have on programs and event attendance. A lot of focus was concentrated on the success of the Region 9 social sites since the launch in November and how that success is directly impacting WorkOne locations and the clients that are served.

V. DWD Update- WIOA Transition

Dennis Wimer announced the creation of work groups to help with the new WIOA transitioning. These committees are comprised of Board members, DWD, WIB and other program representatives to gather information on how to proceed forward with the new federal regulations. Currently very pleased with the work that Nina Babich is putting into getting these groups together. Any new information and updates will be provided as these groups start having regular meetings.

The new DWD Commissioner has plans to be at the next Full Board meeting in March, everyone is encouraged to attend and ask questions. The new Commissioner has conveyed his excitement to start working and making improvements. A more formal invite will be extended to partner programs closer to the meeting date in March.

VI. Eco15 Update

Robin Hilber gave a brief update on Eco15, overall programs are moving in a positive direction and looking forward to working with JAG and other partnerships trying to connect students and adults with more job opportunities.

VII. Executive Staff Report

Kurt Kegerreis reported on the Clearinghouse, which is systematically working through the smaller details in the moving process. There is no solid time line currently but still moving forward.

Kurt is also in the midst of doing local elected officials meetings with county commissioners and mayors in Region 9, as an update those are going very well and being positively received.

The Youth Council Leadership was able to attend a Foundation for Youth meeting in Columbus where they are learning about alternative programs that are sponsored which could yield positive results at a low cost, such as high school students who mentor middle school students.

Mr. Kegerreis highlighted the importance of wanting more focus pushed towards performance evaluations and discussion in meetings. Overall programs are exceeding the numbers and expectations of previous years however, performance needs to be a priority topic.

VIII. Service Provider Report

Lissa Griffin from River Valley Resources reported that the numbers are on target over all and shared success stories through out the programs at RVR.

IX. Adjourn