

Local Area III Workforce Investment Board Minutes
McCarthy Gallery—Reardon Civic Center
500 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS
Tuesday, January 25, 2005

WIB MEMBERS PRESENT: Ian Bautista, Steve Christensen, Billey Davis; Paul Clay, Mark Elmore, Sr. Mary Sarah Fasenmyer, Judy Gifford, Brenda Jones, Peggy Kelly, K.J. Langlais, Don Nelson, Kathy Reilly, Rick Robards, Bill Shipley.

WIB MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen DeOrnellas, LaDora Jackson, Sharon Jobe, Walter Lantzy, Jerry Leonard, Wendell Maddox, Lynn McClure, James Thompson, Lori Trumbo, Bea Wake-Jasuta

WIB STAFF PRESENT: Scott Anglemeyer

CEOB MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Navinsky, Doug Wood

ONE-STOP OPERATOR STAFF PRESENT: John Casner, Jeanine Guthrie, Nan Padilla, Teresa Slater, Dennis Sutter, Erich Ulmer, Lavera Wood

GUESTS PRESENT: Emily Andrade, SER Corporation; Regina Casares, Economic Opportunity Foundation; Sheila Jones, Economic Opportunity Foundation; Charles Knapp, Kansas City Kansas ATS; Wade Ladd, Olathe Human Relations Commission; Lonnie Myklebust, SER Corporation; Margaret Turner, El Centro.

Call to Order

Sr. Mary Fasenmyer called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Public Agenda

Sister Mary Fasenmyer asked the guests to introduce themselves. There were no additional comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

Approval of WIB minutes, Executive Committee minutes, Executive Committee/CEOB minutes, and financial reports

Don Nelson moved the approval of the consent agenda items. Paul Clay seconded. Motion carried.

Procedural Agenda

Executive Director's report

Scott Anglemeyer mentioned that a team of three people from the U.S. Department of Labor will be conducting a monitoring of Local Area III during the week of February 14. Erich Ulmer added that this will focus mostly on fiscal, purchasing, and operations, but the monitors will have some questions about the board.

Scott noted that he is participating in the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce's Shawnee Tomorrow leadership program. One of the program's sessions will coincide with the board's March meeting.

Scott said that six board members would be attending the Kansas Workforce Summit in Topeka beginning on January 26, and six board members have agreed to attend the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum 2005 in Washington, DC in March.

Scott updated the board on developments in the workforce development center since Al's retirement. He said that the Department of Commerce accepted applications for the area supervisor position through the end of December, and would be interviewing applicants during the first week of February. Commerce is combining the area supervisor position with the new regional supervisor positions that they had created. They envision the area supervisor duties to be about 25% of the responsibilities of the new position.

Scott said that he had not had as much of an opportunity to work on the kickoff event and the community assessment committee as he would like to have had, but he did have a schedule for the community assessment committee's meetings almost completed.

Administrative Business Agenda

Representation of SER Corporation on Workforce Investment Board

Scott briefly reviewed the issues regarding SER's representation, and asked the board to decide how it would like to resolve the situation. Board members asked Ms. Myklebust several questions about SER, its program, and how it delivers services. There was also discussion about the nature of the labor market, and whether it made sense to change the board's bylaws to allow representatives from throughout the labor market, rather than just the three counties in Local Area III.

Ian Bautista moved to have the Governance Committee draft a bylaws change to satisfy the federal requirements for WIB representation. Rick Robards seconded. Motion carried.

Selection process for private sector members

Scott summarized the need to change the process for selecting private sector members to the board. Doug Wood added that it would be important for the board to identify areas of need in the labor market, and have organizations nominate members to ensure that these areas are represented on the board. Ian Bautista moved to develop a list of organizations to nominate private sector members. K.J. Langlais seconded. Motion carried.

Performance measure recommendations from AAO staff

Nan Padilla presented the following five recommendations from the AAO staff, and explained the reasoning behind each:

1. Require all potential WIA clients to undergo a mandatory orientation session prior to WIA registration.
2. Limit initial Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for Adults and Dislocated Workers to one year, which may be extended to a second year with adequate justification.
3. Decrease the maximum training allowance from \$6,000 per client to \$4,000.
4. Apply Pell Grants to training costs before utilizing WIA funding.
5. Apply the priority registration policy as outlined in the existing plan.

Several board complimented the staff, but asked questions about specific recommendations. Doug Wood asked questions about each of the recommendations, but said that he felt that #3 should be a guideline instead of a requirement. Don Navinsky said that he liked making WIA participants more accountable. Rick Robards and K.J. Langlais also said they shared Commissioner Wood's concern. Rick Robards asked about when the recommendations would be implemented. Nan replied that the requirements would apply only to new participants, but for all practical purposes, they wouldn't have much effect until July.

Don Nelson moved that the board approve recommendations 1, 2, 4, and 5. Ian Bautista seconded. Motion carried.

A brief discussion about the Department of Commerce's response to Local Area III's request for state set-aside funds followed. Board members did not object to transferring funds as outlined in Commerce's response letter.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Brenda C. Jones, Secretary