

Local Area III Workforce Investment Board Minutes
McCarthy Gallery—Reardon Civic Center
500 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS
Tuesday, February 22, 2005

WIB MEMBERS PRESENT: Ian Bautista, Paul Clay, Billey Davis; Mark Elmore, Sr. Mary Sarah Fasenmyer, Judy Gifford, Brenda Jones, Peggy Kelly, Wade Ladd, K.J. Langlais, Walter Lantzy, Jerry Leonard, Lynn McClure, Don Nelson, Kathy Reilly, Rick Robards, Bill Shipley, James Thompson

WIB MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Christensen, Karen DeOrnellas, LaDora Jackson, Sharon Jobe, Wendell Maddox, Lori Trumbo, Bea Wake-Jasuta

WIB STAFF PRESENT: Scott Anglemeyer

CEOB MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Wood

ONE-STOP OPERATOR STAFF PRESENT: Jeanine Guthrie, Nan Padilla, Dennis Sutter, Erich Ulmer

GUESTS PRESENT: Emily Andrade, SER Corporation; Arthur Diaz, Wyandotte Serves and Works; Rebecca Gillam, Educational Opportunity Center; Lonnie Myklebust, SER Corporation

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, and financial reports

Don Nelson moved the approval of the consent agenda items. Judy Gifford seconded. Motion carried.

Procedural Agenda

Reports from Kansas Workforce Summit attendees

Several members who attended the Kansas Workforce Summit in January spoke about their experiences at the conference. Members all felt that the conference was valuable. Several members praised the Local Area III staff who presented a workshop at the conference.

Sister Mary Fasenmyer advised members to take particular note of the Executive Committee minutes. She mentioned that one of the topics that had been discussed and will be brought before the full board in the future is having David Cleveland of the Kansas 1st Executive Team appointed to the WIB. Some discussion of this issue and of the WIB's relationship with the Department of Commerce followed. Rick Robards suggested sending a politely worded letter to the Department of Commerce requesting a response to the corrective action plan submitted by Local Area III in December.

One-Stop Operator's Report

Jeanie Guthrie told the board that the workforce development centers were beginning to gear up for the summer youth program. She said that the program would be significantly smaller than it was last year, with perhaps half of the participants.

Erich Ulmer said that the U.S. Department of Labor had just finished a week-long monitoring visit. He said that the overall impression from the exit conference was positive. He said that the monitors were pleased with the content of files, and had some comments about the state-local fiscal relationships. In addition, Erich said that Commerce had contracted with the accounting firm of Wipfli/Young to conduct a "health check assessment" of the state's workforce development system, which would include a local review similar to the federal monitoring. Their staff will be in the local area in the week beginning February 28.

Erich discussed the latest performance measures. For the quarter ending December 31, 2004 the local area had improved, with only three areas currently below the performance standard.

Executive Director's report

Scott Anglemeyer introduced Wade Ladd, Transition Specialist for the Blue Valley School District, as the newest member of the Workforce Investment Board.

Scott told the board that the local area's existing five-year plan is scheduled to expire on June 30. The U.S. Department of Labor has issued instructions to states for development of state plans, and Commerce will send us instructions for local plans. We have been told that the new plans will cover a two-year period instead of five years, since WIA has not yet been reauthorized. The plans should be due to the state around May 21. Scott will work closely with the Area Administrative Office staff on development of Area III's plan, and will work with various committees of the board on reviewing and revising drafts of board sections of the plan.

Scott discussed the Department of Labor monitoring. He echoed Erich's assessment that the overall impression was positive. He said that the monitors had some concerns pertaining to the board, particularly the qualifications of private sector members, the lack of activity of the Youth Council, and the generality of the memoranda of understanding with One-Stop partners. He said they also encouraged the board to become more involved in its oversight of the One-Stops.

Scott said that Kansas City Kansas Community College has an acting business development liaison, and Scott may ask him to speak to the board at a future meeting. He also called attention to the launch of AIM-KC's "Dream It-Do It" campaign marketing manufacturing careers. He said that he had been participating in this campaign, and was working to ensure that the workforce development centers play a key role in linking people responding to the campaign with available jobs.

Scott distributed information about the Heartland Conference in April. He also announced that he has completed a first draft of a job description for an assistant, and will have the Executive Committee review it. He briefly touched on the progress of WIA reauthorization and legislative developments on the state level.

Administrative Business Agenda*Bylaws amendment regarding membership qualifications*

Sister Mary Fassenmyer relinquished the chair to Vice Chair K.J. Langlais to present the Governance Committee report and participate in the discussion on this issue.

Judy Gifford moved to adopt the bylaws amendment proposed by the Governance Committee to insert the phrase "Except as otherwise required to comply with the Workforce Investment Act" at the beginning of

Article III, Section 6, Subsection e of the bylaws. Peggy Kelly seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

K.J. Langlais returned the chair to Sister Mary Fasenmyer.

Committee involvement

Scott asked board members to review the committee roster and consider committees on which they would be willing to serve. He said that the board had wanted committees to become more active, but that several vacancies needed to be filled to ensure that these boards would become more active. Sister Mary Fasenmyer said that some members had expressed a desire to have the board meet less frequently, but that would be possible only if committees carried more of the burden.

Adjournment

Don Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. K.J. Langlais seconded. Motion carried.

Brenda C. Jones, Secretary