

Local Area III Workforce Investment Board Minutes
Reardon Civic Center – Delaware Room
500 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS
Tuesday, January 24, 2006

WIB MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Ahner, Karen DeOrnellas, Judy Gifford, Karen Griffin, Steve Houglan, Brenda Jones, Michael Keenan, K.J. Langlais, Walter Lantzy, Jerry Leonard, Ed McInnis, Lonnie Myklebust, Donald Nelson, Kathy Shackelford, Johnny Stevenson, James Thompson, Lori Trumbo, and Juan Yanez

WIB MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Abbott, Steve Christensen, Paul Clay, Matt Dority, David Huston, LaDora Jackson, Lin Knudson, Wendell Maddox, Wayne Maichel, Lynn McClure, Gina McCullough, and William Shipley

WIB STAFF PRESENT: Scott Anglemeyer, Brenda Wilson

CEOB MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Wood

ONE-STOP OPERATOR STAFF PRESENT: Kent Eckles, Nanette Padilla, Erich Ulmer, Teresa Slater and John Casner, KCK Workforce Center; Mary Sue Kelly, Overland Park Workforce Center; Dennis Sutter, Leavenworth Workforce Center

GUESTS PRESENT: Rose Day, Unemployment Insurance; Margaret Turner, El Centro; Dan Fletcher, Older Kansans Employment Program; Billey Davis, Johnson County Department of Corrections, and John Meneses, SER Corporation.

Call to Order

Karen DeOrnellas called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Procedural Agenda

Comments from the public

Karen asked the guests to introduce themselves. Scott Anglemeyer introduced the newly appointed board members. Lonnie Myklebust introduced John Meneses from SER Corporation. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of WP Board minutes, Executive Committee minutes

Karen asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the November 22nd Board meeting and Executive Committee meetings from December 13, 2005, and January 11, 2006. Erich Ulmer noted that in the One-Stop Operators report (WIB Meeting 11/22/05), that Kent Eckles actually gave this report. Karen Griffin noted that she was counted both absent and present at this meeting. She was in fact absent. All changes were duly noted. Jim Thompson moved that the consent agenda items be approved with the noted changes. K.J. Langlais seconded. Motion carried.

Eligible Training Provider Committee

Erich Ulmer spoke on behalf of this committee. He provided the Board with a list of Eligible Training Providers that were up for renewal along with additions to the programs and a listing of programs offered by each provider. His report also contained percentage rates for Minimum Performance Standards for the State of Kansas and what those performance rates are. Michael Keenan motioned to approve the proposal to renew all Eligible Training Provider Programs that are up for renewal. Walter Lantzy seconded. Motion carried. Lori Trumbo abstained from voting.

Summit Planning Committee

Scott Anglemyer spoke on behalf of this committee. He discussed the theme of the Summit which would be a bridge. Scott stated that the Summit would serve as a bridge between the businesses and the workforce development system. Scott also presented the board with the Workforce Summit "Straw Man". This document explained the goals for the Summit, date, time and location, order of business and sample questions. At the next Summit Meeting, Scott would like the Marketing Committee to attend so that they can start "marketing" the Summit. Kent Eckels stated that it would be a good idea to bring in representatives from the Trade Association, Industry Groups and the Healthcare industry, since these are the areas of economic growth. Doug Wood stated that we would need about 6 people to head discussion groups for the break out sessions. Doug also stated that we would need everyone's input in terms of who we invite. Scott stated that we would be working with the different chambers to get the word out. We would definitely target the high growth industries.

Community Assessment Committee

Karen DeOrnellas updated the board on this committee. She stated that the committee anticipates that the Summit will provide topics for it to act on, but during the time before the Summit, it has decided to focus on gathering information on individuals using workforce services. The committee discussed the issue of the assessment of individuals. The committee strongly agreed that the local area should develop a means of assessing individuals' hard and soft skills. The committee decided that addressing the issue of individual assessment was consistent with the committee's function, and it will continue to pursue the issue of how individuals' skills can be assessed. They asked Scott to find out more about the current efforts to gather information from workforce center customers and report back to the committee.

One-Stop Operator Report

Kent Eckles gave this report. He stated that Business Service training is getting ready to happen in the Workforce Centers. On January 10, he and Scott attended a training session in Topeka which was facilitated by Sharon Parry. The state has a contract with her to do business services training. She has developed business model plans based upon the workforce centers and sees service partners as a key piece. Kent also spoke about the KCK Workforce Center RFP. He stated that the Governor has directed the State agencies to come together and look for a new facility. So far we have received two proposals. The first proposal was to for new construction of a new building near the existing facility at 5th and State. The second is the former Indian Springs Mall, which is now being called Park West. Both bids came in fairly high for this RFP. Kent stated that Commerce is looking to receive revisions to the proposals from the two bidders by February 1st. Kent also said that once this process winds down, Commerce is looking at doing the same thing in Johnson County. Kent was asked why there was the need to relocate from the present facility. Kent stated that the present facility has the old government look. Parking is also an issue at this facility. Kent stated that he would keep the board updated on the progress.

Executive Directors Report

Scott wanted to thank the two new board members who were present at the meeting; Juan Yanez from SER Corp. and Ed McInnis from The Dream Works. Scott discussed board composition and the changes that took place last month. Scott stated that we had several non-business board members who resigned to make the board compliant. All left on good terms and the knowledge that they could be brought back with the appointment of business sector board members.

Scott gave an update on the on the One-KC Wired grant application. Scott stated that being a recipient of this grant would be a tremendous opportunity for the bi-state area. The Department of Labor said that they

would announce the winners in early February. He suggested that any advocacy that members wanted to do on behalf of our grant application should be done before February 1.

Scott gave a progress report on the status of MOU's. He's still working on them; however he does not feel that he will make the State's deadline of February 1st. The MOU's will cover the remainder of the year which does meet requirements. He stated that we would need a comprehensive One-Stop in place by July 1st.

Scott and Karen have discussed which services to keep in house which to contract out. Commerce still wants to assist in writing the RFP. This could pose a potential conflict of interest. We were told that the staff that works on the RFP would not have anything to do with Commerce's RFP for services. We will continue to work on the RFP and work with CEO's to select a fiscal agent.

Internal/External Business Agenda

In the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 11th, there was mention of a meeting Scott and Kent Eckels attended in Topeka. This meeting was regarding a proposal from Beverly Enterprises. They would like to work with the WIB through an apprenticeship program in the training of long term care in a home or health care facility. They have training facilities in Lansing, Edwardsville and Spring Hill. We may be asked to approve Beverly as an Eligible Training Provider. Approving them could help with performance measures. Scott will continue to update the board on the progress of their proposal.

On Thursday, the last day of the Workforce Summit in Topeka, there will be a hearing on Commerce's oversight of workforce development. Sister Mary was contacted to testify and discuss her experience. Scott will attend to monitor.

In late November, the WIB sent out 11 copies of an RFP for Older workers services. We received 2 applications in response to the RFP. One was from The Older Kansans Employment program. The other was a joint application from SER Corporation and El Centro. Both applications were reviewed and scored. The Executive Committee approved the application from The Older Kansans Employment Program. Don Nelson moved that OKEP be approved as the contract recipient. Chuck Ahner seconded. Juan Yanez and Lonnie Myklebust abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Margaret Turner stated that last week, El Centro presented the results of a survey they did in the Latino community. El Centro does this survey every year, which is based on the immigrant population only. They received some really good data from their survey, which showed that the main language of this community is not English. Margaret stated that anyone interested in the information can go to the El Centro web site and she will provide them with a link or she could e-mail you the information.

Adjournment

Don Nelson motioned to adjourn. Kathy Shackelford seconded. Motion carried.