

Local Area III Workforce Investment Board Minutes
Reardon Civic Center – McCarthy Gallery Room
500 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS
Tuesday, September 26, 2006

WIB MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Abbott, Steve Christensen, Paul Clay, Karen DeOrnellas, Matt Dority, Kent Eckles, Judy Gifford, David Huston, Brenda Jones, Lin Knudson, K.J. Langlais, Jerry Leonard, Lynn McClure, Gina McCullough, Ed McInnis, Lonnie Myklebust, Barbara Shilling, and William Shipley.

WIB MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ahner, Karen Griffin, Steve Hougland, LaDora Jackson, Michael Keenan, Walter Lantzy, Wendell Maddox, Wayne Maichel, Don Nelson, Kathy Shackelford, James Thompson, Lori Trumbo and Juan Yanez.

WIB STAFF PRESENT: Scott Anglemyer, Brenda Wilson

CEOB MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Barnes, Don Navinsky, Joe Reardon, and Doug Wood

ONE-STOP OPERATOR STAFF PRESENT: John Casner, Mary Sue Kelly, Dennis Sutter and Erich Ulmer.

GUESTS PRESENT: Rich Ayers, WYCO Unified Government; Kerrie Bacon, Kansas Department of Commerce; Jennifer Filley, SER Corporation; John Meneses, SER Corporation; and Carla Tillmon, Job Readiness Training.

Call to Order

David Huston called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Procedural Agenda

Comments from the public

Dave asked if there were any guests from the public that would like to introduce themselves. Scott introduced Barbara Shilling as a new board member. Barbara replaced Johnny Stevenson, who retired at the end of the school year as Director of KCKATS.

Approval of WP Board minutes, Executive Committee minutes

Dave asked if there were any changes or corrections to any of the minutes presented for review. There were no changes or corrections. Financial reports were also reviewed. Scott stated that the new reporting format was not yet available. He hopes to have it in place by the November Board meeting. Karen DeOrnellas moved that the consent agenda items be accepted as presented. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Eligible Training Provider Report

Erich Ulmer gave the board a brief report and a hand out of the providers who were up for renewal or approval. Those providers were: American Truck Training Academy – Tractor –Trailer Driving; KCKCC – several programs; Massage Therapy Training Institute – Massage Therapy; and St. Luke’s College – Nursing (BSN). Ed McInnis asked if the truck driving academy was the same or affiliated with the one that had been in the news in recent months regarding terrorist training. Erich stated that he was confident that this institute was not the same nor affiliated with that which was in the news, but would check to be certain. Massage Therapy was disapproved due to their job placement rate, which fell 6% below the State’s minimum standard. Gina motioned to accept the recommendations of the committee, if it is determined that American Truck Training Academy is not the school mentioned in the news reports. Karen DeOrnellas seconded. Motion carried.

One-Stop Operator

Erich gave a report on the recent activity. He stated that all three service centers have received their diskettes to install WorkKeys. Steve Jack, with the Department of Commerce, will be here on Friday to start training on WorkKeys. Erich announced to the board that enrollment in WIA Programs have more than doubled in the first 2 ½ months of the fiscal year. Erich stated that out placement meetings with Colgate are going well. Feedback has been positive. Colgate is scheduled to close at the end of the year. Erich also informed the Board about the recent audit with WIFLI. The report was pretty good. Their only potential finding was regarding expenditure rate, but there are no questioned costs.

Executive Directors Report

Scott noted that in the last Executive Committee meeting, Golden Gate Senior Care Management; who bought Beverly Enterprises, has been approved by the committee to enter into an Incumbent Worker Training contract. Scott stated that they would like to do incumbent training for their existing workers. They will be able to do this under the policy change. Scott feels that this has promise; however they will be training individuals at wages slightly lower that what we need for compliance. The workforce centers will need to send individuals to other training at a higher wage to balance these numbers. Golden Gate has facilities in six locations throughout Kansas. Those facilities are located in Spring Hill, Edwardsville, Tonganoxie, and Lansing. Their contract takes affect October 1, 2006.

Scott recalled in the last Board meeting minutes, Philip Moreland with the U.S. Department of Labor, was here for monitoring. The written report is now available. There isn’t anything in the report that is too shocking. The report comments on performance measures and One-Stop composition. Once Scott completes his review of the report, he will make copies available for the board.

Scott sent e-mails to board members who were not currently serving on a committee, a list of the standing committees and a brief description of what they do. Committee opportunities are open to everyone. He would also like to see more committee involvement. Scott feels that there should also be an ad hoc committee formed that

would create performance measures and monitor the overall performance of the board. Scott stated that Matt Dority would head the task force.

Scott stated that earlier in September, the OneKC Regional Workforce Council held their second meeting of the year. There was representation from all LWIB's, Industry Representatives and Board Chairs. The Council discussed funds which were set aside for the public workforce system. It was stated that these funds would flow through the local boards on an as needed basis. They are planning on making allocations for boards to provide additional training vouchers and service needs. The group wants to get a better idea on what the 18 county needs are. The council plans to start meeting on a regular basis.

Scott stated that all WIB's in Missouri are using WorkKeys. We want to be able to make our system as comparable as Missouri's. WorkKeys is being used in other areas – the Manhattan Workforce Center; KCATS and JCCC to name a few. Commerce has plans to use WorkKeys statewide to be delivered through the public workforce system.

New Business

Kathy Shackelford has decided to resign her position as secretary on the Executive Committee. Kathy will remain an active Board member. Scott relayed this information to the Nominating Committee, who in turn, by unanimous decision, nominated Brenda Jones to the position of Board Secretary. Brenda stated that she would be willing to serve as Secretary. Lonnie motioned that Brenda Jones be named board secretary. K.J. seconded. Motion carried.

RFP Update

Scott gave an update on the RFP activities that have taken place since the last Board meeting. Scott stated that the procurement procedures specify any answers to questions or clarifications that any possible proposer receives must be provided to all others who have received the RFP, and since potential proposers were present, he has to be careful about the information he shares in the presentation. Scott also handed out detailed information which coincided with his slide-show presentation.

Scott explained the four steps in the RFP development. He also gave a brief description of those roles and their functions which were all included in the hand-out provided. Scott also discussed the time-line in which the RFP process takes place. Dates were given as to when the RFQ was posted on the Workforce Partnership web site; when the RFP was released; when the pre-bid conference took place; when the RFQ is due; when proposals are due; time-line for review of proposals; interviews with finalists; and final selection by the Board. Scott stated that the recommendation to the full Board will take place at the November WIB meeting.

Scott also gave the Board an update on what has happened to date with the RFP process. At the close of Scott's presentation, he thanked everyone who helped make the writing and research of the RFP possible. He then opened the floor to questions.

Before the close of the meeting, Doug Wood said a word of thanks to Scott for his presentation this morning. Doug stated that the RFP process alone is very heartening.

He stated that it is very gratifying to see change taking place. This change is not only good for the board, but for the community that we serve. This puts us in a position that will enable us to get unemployment numbers down and employment numbers up.

Scott asked all Board members to read the findings of the Legislative Post Audit Report. He stated that it will answer a lot of questions regarding the progress that we've made regarding audit issues.

Karen DeOrnellas moved to adjourn the meeting. K.J. seconded.

Meeting adjourned.