State Human Resource Investment Council

January 17, 2006 10:00AM
Indiana Government Center Conference Rm. B
Indianapolis, Indiana

Present: Eric Brown, Brian Burton, Fred Davis, Gina Del Santo, Harold Force, Nancy Guyott, Jim Heck, William Hunt, Leroy Jackson, Peter Kissinger, Cathy Metcalf, Andy Miller, Paul Perkins, Jac Price, Robert Schaefer, Bill Stephan, Ron Stiver, David Wulf

Present via conference call: Al Huntington, Dan Peterson, Mark Smith

Absent: Glynn Barber, Cameron Carter, Senator Jeff Drozda, Nate Feltman, Representative Craig Fry, Davie Holt, Senator Glenn Howard, Vic Lechtenberg, Carl Lienhoop, Jim McClelland, Paula Parker-Sawyers, Mitch Roob, Jim Simpson, Noah Sodrel, David Terrell, Scott Whitlock

Also present: DWD; Teresa Melton, General Counsel, DWD; June Monroe, Administrative Assistant, DWD

Welcome and Opening Business – William Hunt, Chairperson
Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. A quorum was not present.
Mr. Hunt welcomed the group and asked that those present with business or comments for the board be held after each agenda item and business or comments would be taken at that time.

Status of Indiana Two-Year Strategic Plan – Presentation by Bill Miller, DWD
Mr. Miller handed a summary of progress to the council and gave an overview of each region's implementation status.

Review of Senate Bill 370 – Presented by Commissioner Ron Stiver, DWD.

- Senate Bill 370 (SB370) authored by Senator Dennis Kruse will codify the changes approved by this council and the U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Stiver read an excerpt from the approval letter issued by Emily D'Rocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor. The letter from Assistant Secretary D'Rocco to Governor Daniels and stated "the U.S. Department of Labor supports Indiana's efforts to streamline the government's structure in order to improve efficiency and ensure greater accountability." The changes approved by the council and the U.S. Department of Labor are providing more flexibility and empowerment to the regions and forcing competition for service delivery. SB370 also grants the Indiana Economic Development Corporation the ability to designate economic growth regions. This assists in keeping the economic and workforce regions aligned.
- SB370 will; decrease the amount of money spent on administration and increase the amount for training our Hoosier workforce for the global economy; better integrate workforce development programs into one cohesive system that's better organized to serve our customers and establish Indiana's regional workforce development system ensuring greater competition, accountability and regional flexibility.
- SB370 recommends changing the name from State Human Resource Investment Council (SHRIC) to State Workforce Innovation Council.

Public comment from Rob Moore questioned the council; why is there not a Department of Education (DOE) representative on the SHRIC council?
Mr. Stiver responded that these funds are focused more on adult and post-secondary training rather than K-12.

Fred Davis, council member from Region 6 stated that he sent an e-mail after the last meeting with a letter attached from Bob Quadrozzi, Executive Director of Jay County Economic Development Corporation. The letter questioned why someone from the state Economic Development Commission is not on this council to represent economic development which is directly tied to everything we are doing on this board? Fred stated he hoped this would be put into the minutes and hoped to receive an answer. Mr. Stiver responded that an answer is forthcoming. Mr. Stiver stated the letter was sent to Representative Davis, Nate Feltman, Vice President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and is on the council.

Mr. Stiver added that DWD has received several calls from other states inquiring into Indiana's plan reform. DWD has received numerous calls on our Strategic Skills Initiative (SSI) and Workplace Literacy (WL) initiative as well.

Strategic Skills Initiative and Workplace Literacy Initiative
Mr. Andrew Penca, Deputy Commissioner, DWD provided handouts and reported on the Strategic Skills Initiative and Workplace Literacy Initiative. The primary goal is to identify shortages both in occupations and skills. The initiative requires regions to identify shortages that exist, why they exist and develop solutions. Various discussions took place from council members and it was suggested to invite the Construction Roundtable, (Ben Ramsey) to the next meeting to present data on the construction industry.

A motion was made to add a finance committee to the list of committees. Reasons for adding a finance committee along with details will be sent to Brooke Huntington; then we will circulate it via e-mail to the council before the next meeting. Chairman Hunt stated everyone will be e-mailed a report of committee assignments, 4 of the 5 chairs have been asked and accepted. The council is under represented in terms of earlier response on committees everyone would like to be on. Brooke will send out an e-mail regarding the finance committee and include the list of committees.

A request was made to start meetings on time, this meeting started late and as professionals we should all be able to start on time. Mr. Hunt stated we delayed starting on time in hopes that a quorum would develop.

DWD was commended for having a consultant work with the local WIBs to help give guidance. It might be an asset to this group as the committees' form that we give this some consideration.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Construction presentation
- Update on the State Economic Development Plan – specifically the talent portion; there are 3 prongs to this 1) innovations 2) investment 3) talent

- Follow-up on SSI and Workforce Literacy – general properties

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM. The next meeting is scheduled to be held March 16, 2006 at 10:00 AM at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B.

STATE HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL

V. William Hunt, Chairman

March 16, 2006
Date

ATTEST:

Ronald L. Stiver, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Workforce Development