

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL
EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
APRIL 14, 2010, 2:00 PM
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ERNIE PYLE ROOM
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Present: Carol D'Amico, Jim Dunn and Derek Redelman

Conference Calling: Leroy Jackson

Absent: Harold Force and Debra Seman

Also Present: From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Jackie Dowd, Chris Guidry, Marie Mackintosh and Brenda Johnson. From the Indiana Chamber of Commerce: Kris Deckard, Executive Director of Ready Indiana

The meeting was called to order by Carol D'Amico at 2:06 PM.

The minutes from January 26 and March 15, 2010 committee meetings were approved without objection.

SWIC state business is being conducted.

The proposed approval criteria were distributed, and the floor was opened for discussion. The following points were discussed:

- Commission on Proprietary Education (COPE) – COPE ensures that the training provider is a legitimate school with the capacity to provide the training. COPE does not evaluate outputs. The US Department of Education is more rigorous and regulates accrediting bodies.
- Non-title IV programs (those that are not credit bearing or Pell eligible) will go through a more rigorous review. Ivy Tech Community College's non-credit programs for example would fall into this category.
- Occupational skills training only – this excludes skills upgrading, technical expertise, job readiness, test preparation and other training determined by the SWIC that does not meet the definition of occupational skills training.
- Certificates – Mr. Derek Redelman asked if “industry recognized” should be added to the criteria for a certificate and said that “everyone can issue a certificate.” Mr. Redelman questioned whether certificate was too vague and voiced concern about “industry recognized” missing from the certificate. Ms. Marie Mackintosh clarified the difference between industry-recognized credentials and certificate programs. She explained that certificates would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and that no “certificates of completion” would be accepted. As a result of this conversation, the different types of certificates issued by Ivy Tech Community College were also reviewed.
- Program length was removed from the approval criteria.

- Program accreditation was deleted from the approval criteria.
- The initial approval criteria for completion will be 20% for the first year and will increase to 35% for the second year.
- The subsequent eligibility approval criteria for completion will be 35% for the first year and jump to 50% for the second year.
- The unemployment scale will not be utilized to establish minimum performance standards for the employment rate. Discussion ensued on placing individuals into employment that is training related and the barriers in collecting this information. The committee decided that they would collect employment and wage information but would not set minimums at this time.
- The Committee will review pre and post wages (wage gain) on completers and will establish minimum criteria in the future.
- Termination for compliance was added to the criteria.
- Public Comment: Some workforce development is for credit at Ivy Tech Community College. The 15-credit career development certificate and the 23- credit technical certificate are very valuable and can lead to a degree.

Mr. Derek Redelman made a motion to approve the criteria as discussed and amended. Ms. Carol D'Amico seconded, and all approved without objection.

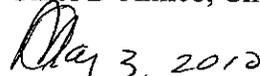
Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, May 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM. The committee will also meet on May 13, 2010 at 9:30 AM to vote on the policy.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

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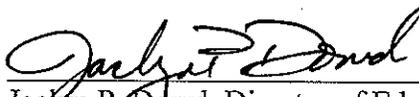


Carol D'Amico, Chairman



Date

ATTEST:



Jaelyn P. Dowd, Director of Educational and Training Programs
Indiana Department of Workforce Development