

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
May 15, 2014 10:30AM.  
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Paul Perkins, Jac Padgett, Dan Clark, Mark Goldman, Randy Holmes, Bill Stanczykiewicz

**Also Present:** From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development: Commissioner Scott Sanders; Michelle Marshel, Deputy Commissioner; Dennis Wimer, Deputy Commissioner of Field Operations; Brenda Summers, Director of Government Affairs; Connie Berry, Director of Policy; Randy Gillespie, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Gill, Legal Council; Jackie Dowd, Special Assistant to the Governor for Career Innovation

**Call to Order and Roll:**

State Workforce Innovation Council Chairman, Paul Perkins, called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

**Committee Business:**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Perkins motioned for approval of the April 17th minutes; motion approved.

- **Commissioner's Update**

\* Regarding Jobs for Hoosiers, 25% to 30% of those unemployed and collecting benefits, have failed to show up for their four (4) week interview at their local WorkOne office. Indiana's unemployment rate continues to decline as well. Initial claims are the lowest since the Fall of 2000.

\* Nate Klink has put together a great one pager for strategic plans for each Region. They are due on July 1, 2014. (See handout)

\*The national Governors Association sent out its State – Federal Brief summary. The focus was on the States' use of Workforce Investment Act set-aside funding for statewide activities. Governors support maintaining 15% set-aside funding for statewide activities. The WIA set-aside for statewide activities has a significant and vital impact. Some of the categories include; attracting and retaining businesses and creating jobs; Regional and industry specific initiative; Up-skilling low skilled and low-wage workers; Career readiness; Programs for disadvantage youth and JAG. (See handout)

\*The Workforce Innovation Fund has \$53 million in grants available now that we can apply for.

- **Department of Workforce Development Update**

\*WIA allocations have added 2.1 million dollars in the Governor's discretionary spending. Every Region is getting a bump up. We will present this funding distribution to the Full SWIC Committee Meeting in June. Mr. Goldman would like the Full SWIC members to be able to share their ideas on

how to allocate these funds. A lengthy discussion followed regarding allocations and each Region's input.

\*Connie Berry updated the members on the status of the local plans. They are due to her by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 and she will get them out to the members by week ending June 6.

\*Regarding the Work Ethic Certification; Region 1 and Region 10 will be initial pilot sites. It will be implemented for the start of the fall school year. The only issue right now is whether a GPA should be part of the criteria? Some say no because they are already being measured on their grades.

- **Adjournment**

Mr. Perkins adjourned the meeting at 2:00PM.

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