

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 24, 2013 10:30AM.  
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Also Present:** From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development: Commissioner Scott Sanders; Michelle Marshel, Deputy Commissioner Communications; Brenda Summers, Director Government Affairs; Jeff Gill, Legal Council; Dennis Wimer, Deputy Commissioner Field Operations; Connie Berry, Director of Policy; Jackie Dowd, Center for Education & Career Innovation

**Call to Order and Roll:**

State Workforce Innovation Council Chair, Paul Perkins, called the meeting to order at 10:35am and recognized a quorum was present.

**Committee Business:**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Perkins motioned for approval of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes; motion approved.

- **Ready to Work Update**

Mr. Goldman spoke about Ready to Work and they are having their first conversation with ACT today, via conference call. It seem though, that Ready to Work is closer to ACT than we thought previously. Some of the talking points were; there is no accurate data available for under 25 years of age, can we include the NCRC as part of the certificate, the length of the certificate should be 3 years and where will the funds come from. Mr. Goldman told us that the next step would be to decide if we are going to go forward with Ready to Work or not.

- **Department of Workforce Development Update**

\*Deputy Commissioner Wimer told us that 570 people will have to physically visit a WorkOne office when they have collected 4 weeks of unemployment benefits. Even if they have a back to work date, they will still need to come in to continue to collect benefits.

\*Commissioner Sanders update was very brief due to the lack of data because of the Federal Government shutdown. He did tell us that the recent visit from the Department of Labor reported 32 items that need to be improved upon. Some of those items included the fact that the SWIC Executive Committee does not have enough members. Another item was that only veterans can help other veterans. Commissioner Sanders also told the committee that he recently attended the National JAG Conference and that Indiana has the number one program in the Nation.

\*Connie Berry talked a little about soft skills and the Work Ethic Certification Program in High School and a re-launch via JAG. We really want this to go out to all High School students, not just JAG students. We would like this to be independent of JAG but would like to coordinate with the Department of Education.

\*Cory Mahon gave us a brief update on Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). TASC is now the sole assessment that will be used in Indiana to determine a testing candidate's achievement of high school equivalency. There was some discussion about changing the verbiage on the certificate to say High School Equivalency Diploma instead of High School Equivalency Credential. The biggest challenge is going to be changing people's perception of the TASC verses the GED.

- **Adjournment**

Mr. Perkins adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

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