

Minutes
Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board

8:30 a.m. CDT, June 27, 2014
Vincennes University, Ft. Branch, IN

Members Present:

Bob Stemple	Lori Williams	Frank Yuda	Sue Habig
Jim Heck	Michelle Schaefer	Glenn Weil	Bob Rothermel
Ron Hagy	Marilyn Pitzulo	Liz Witte	Mary Ann Sellars

Local Elected Officials: Richard Mourdock, IN State Treasurer, Scott Sanders, Commissioner, DWD

Others Present:

Kirk Kuhn, CLEC	Kim Stevenson, DWD	Peg Boardman, DWD
Lydia Johnson, CCSWI	Tracy Buck, DWD	Michelle Marshel, DWD
Melena Swing, DWD	Joe Frank, DWD	

WIB Staff:

Sara Huelsman	Linda Jones	Kay Johnson	Mary Hamilton
Pam Martin	Sherrie LaGrone	Angie Sheppard	

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Stemple at 8:35 a.m. Central Time.

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Speakers:

Richard Mourdock – IN State Treasurer presented information on the College 529 Plan (College Choice Program). The program has 260,000 Hoosiers currently in the plan. The plan allows a 20% tax credit on the dollars invested in the plan. The College Choice board is piloting an Indiana Promise Program in Wabash County where businesses help students start an account and by allowing employees to contribute to their plan by automatic payroll deductions. The program will be offered to five other counties in 2015. For a community to apply they must identify a convener. The College 529 Plan can be used for all types of education including certifications.

Scott Sanders, Commissioner, DWD updated the Board on the 2013/2014 initiatives including; JOBS for Hoosiers, Adult Basic Education, WorkINdiana, Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG), and Unemployment Insurance Enforcement Efforts. The JOBS for Hoosiers program is re-engaging the unemployed by requiring them to visit a WorkOne office to utilize the services. Region 11 JAG has received 5 of 5 performance awards for program year 2013. Commissioner Sanders also mentioned the WIOA bill, where there have been a few changes based on key legislator comments. Commissioner Sanders’ main concern is the youth funds. 75% of the youth funds must be spent on out-of-school youth, which could impact the in-school JAG programs. Other State developments are a mobile ap for Indiana Career Connect and a pilot program between DWD and DOE to develop a Microsoft Academy.

Consent Agenda

Due to no quorum the following items were reviewed and discussed, but not approved.

WIB Meeting Minutes:

The Board reviewed the WIB Meeting minutes from May 23, 2014.

Executive Committee:

Sue Habig gave a brief overview of the Executive Committee meeting where they discussed the State Plan, HSC Memorandum Agreement and the Service Provider proposals.

Finance Committee:

Lori Williams gave an overview of the financials. As of May 2014, 72% has been spent with some expenses with computers and security to carry-over to PY14. A waiver has been submitted for the additional carry-in amount. The PY14 budget is similar to PY13 with the addition of a 3% salary increase to staff, IT service agreement and security agreement. The Committee also discussed the financial portion of the service provider proposals.

Operations Committee:

Glenn Weil gave an overview of the Operations Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed the monthly report and reviewed the State plan. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the Service Provider proposals.

Business Services Committee:

Sue Habig gave an overview of the Business Services Committee meeting. The Committee is revising the mission and re-defining the metrics to help serve businesses. The Committee also discussed the US 41 Transportation initiative and a WorkOne survey to determine business needs.

WIB Staff Report:

Jim Heck highlighted the following on the WIB Staff report; US 41 Transportation initiative, legislative roundtable discussion on the workforce pipeline, and the grand re-opening of the Jasper WorkOne office. The staff is currently working to find a new location for the Princeton WorkOne office.

Old Business**State Plan Review:**

The State Plan had to be submitted quickly, but the committees reviewed the plan and had only minor changes. Commissioner Sanders mentioned they are looking at multi-year plans moving forward.

Service Provide:

Glenn Weil gave an overview of the service provider proposals discussion and scoring. The demonstrated experience portion was where the committee felt JobWorks had the most experience of what is needed in this region. ResCare was more innovative, but the committees felt that was not a priority for the region. Lori Williams explained the financial portion, where both proposals had all the necessary policies and procedures. ResCare uses an indirect cost rate and has had some disallowed costs, whereas JobWorks has a cost allocation plan with clean audits.

New Business**HSC Memorandum of Agreement:**

Jim Heck explained the Homeless Services Council (HSC) agreement. HSC is asking the Board to make an appointment to their council to help serve the homeless. There is no financial commitment. The partnership would be for communication and to provide services through the WorkOne system.

October 24 WIB Meeting:

The WIB has been asked to have their October 24, 2014 meeting at the Vincennes University – Vincennes Campus and incorporate a tour of the new robotics lab after the meeting. The Board decided to meet at Vincennes University, but will poll the members to determine if a new start time is needed due to extra travel.

Public Comment:

Kirk Kuhn, CLEC thanked the Board for allowing CLEC to be the service provider for PY13 and acknowledged they will help with the transition to the new provider.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:51am CT


Frank Yuda, Secretary


Date