

## Highlights from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee Meeting

January 29, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

1520 Market St., Courthouse Conference Room, St. Louis, MO 63103

Executive Committee Members present: Herman Noah, Kevin Schaedler, Kathy Joslin, Darryl Chatman, Donny Carroll, Len Toenjes and Jeff Taylor Ex Officio.

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi.

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes.

SLATE staff: Susan Fulton, Kim Neske.

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Len Toenjes called the meeting to order. Roll call was completed. The budget report was provided by Kim Neske. She stated that there was good news. According to the state we are looking fairly well, but still running in a conservative mode. Mr. Holmes said he would give an update of special projects at the next Board meeting, but with the different contracts that have come in, SLATE has been able to bring on additional employees: MSD-3, Ballpark Village-1, SLDC-2, Father's Support-1 part-time staff and there are 2 contracts with the Youth program. Len asked for an update on the 501c3. Mr. Holmes said it was still at the controller's office. They think it could be a charter issue. SLATE has partnered with the Small Business Administration and Legal Services of Missouri through their 501c3 for an Entrepreneurship Center. Len also asked about the effect on the budget, if any, with Delmar closing. Kim said there really hasn't been an effect due to the closure.

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### Update of Action Item Report:

- Brief explanation of the different sub-committees: Mr. Holmes said right now the most important committees are Business Services and Training. Committees will meet at February WIB meeting.
  - Show Me Heroes: Kathy asked if the sign up form could be sent out before the next meeting. Will look at having Martin Payne, vet rep, on hand to help with signing up those members who have not yet signed up. Also will find out if the next Flag of Freedom award will be at City Hall or at the WIB meeting. 10 companies are being presented the award.
  - Work Ready Communities: remove from report. Not really being done in the urban areas.
  - Letters of Recommendation: bring up again at the Board meeting.
  - Items to add: Recertification process. Mr. Holmes said if the committee knows of any business interested in being on the board to contact Kelley. Len said the committee needs to look at the current board, the industry clusters that are growing and see what, if any, gaps need to be filled.
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### Reports:

- Performance/Key Indicators: Len noted that there was no "red" for the City's performance. Mr. Holmes said the youth program is exploding. Len would like to see the next newsletter be about youth and how they are exceeding their measures. Len and Mr. Holmes would like to have the youth program manager, Alice Prince, come to discuss all that is happening in the program. Len noted on the key indicators the unemployment numbers. He asked if it would be possible to add the percentage of individuals who have stopped looking for work to the report. Donny and Susan will look into finding that information.
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### Open Discussion-Next Board Meeting Agenda Items:

- Update on Special Projects
  - Show Me Heroes
  - Recertification
  - Business Services and Training Committees meet
  - Alice Prince give presentation on Youth programs
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### Other Business:

- Mr. Holmes discussed meeting the new Secretary of Labor last week in Washington D.C. Felt it was a good conversation as the Secretary comes from the workforce system. Mr. Holmes also noted that SLATE's name will be changing to SLATE an Affiliate of America's Job Center. Also, the nominating committee will be meeting on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Updates from members: Jeff-Job Corps is full, but struggling. Darryl-salaries are down for new lawyers. Herman-not as many opportunities for the youth. Kevin-big box retail is down, commercial is doing better, St. Louis has been a slower market for them. Kathy-everything is pretty much status quo. Len-as far as construction, the work performed in 2013 was 1.3% lower than 2012. Due to low work, the apprenticeship programs haven't had a desire to open positions.

Kathy Joslin made a motion to adjourn. Herman Noah seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Next WIB meeting February 19, 2014, 8:00 am.

Next WIB Executive Committee meeting March 19, 2014.