

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

March 28, 7:31 a.m.

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

Executive Committee Members present: Jeff Serocke, Ray Creely, Len Toenjes.

Executive Committee Members not present and sent apologies: Betsy Miller, Herman Noah, Mike Walter, Ed Hamilton, Lydia Padilla, Donny Carroll.

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi.

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes.

SLATE staff: Sherry Vogel, Kim Neske.

Proposed schedule of dates for the Full and the Executive Committee meetings for 2012-2013 were reviewed. Mr. Holmes reminded Board that those dates could be flexible.

Kim Neske, Fiscal Manager reviewed the fiscal report that was sent to the executive committee via e-mail. Kim reported fiscal did get an additional \$30,000 for this year. Kelley has informed Kim that the State did not get a cut in funding; not sure how this reflects on us; it is hopeful.

- The Audit went fairly well.
- It had been decided in the past that the WIB Executive Committee also be the finance committee.
- Accounting is going in the right direction. State needs to assist in draw downs.

SLATE/WIB did give more dollars to our vendors, MERS/Goodwill and BFL for youth.

- MERS/Goodwill taking on the leadership of the Roosevelt Contract working with a 100+ high school seniors. Making sure they are on the right path.
 - MERS taking the lead on State Park Program for the City of St. Louis; 17 slots at the Joplin House.
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Reports from the different sub-committees had been sent out for review. Kelley said the 501 c 3 still needs to meet with Mayor's office and comptroller. The Chair/Executive Board will nominate the individuals and then the names will be sent up to the Mayor for appointment. Next step would be to get the \$800.00 for the IRS. We will send an interest out to the Board to see who would like to serve on the 501 (c) 3. This will be different than the survey "are you interested in staying on the WIB Board".

We have two issues going on

1. The Whole WIB Board has to be reappointed. The 501 (c) 3 board cannot totally be made up of the WIB Board. We want to get nominees of who we are thinking about appointing.
2. Michael Holmes is meeting with the Comptroller's office to talk about checks and balance. Any grant we get the comptroller's office would be the banker. The 501 (c) 3 will give comptroller's office a certain percentage to keep our books and do audits etc. Michael Holmes will talk to comptrollers to see what the process looks like.

The Executive Committee will have a meeting in April to review the list for WIB recertification. Discussion held on nominations and why are they sent from RCGA to the Mayor for the Workforce Investment Board. We are trying to make our Board more Business. We might have some members migrate to 501 (c) 3.

Michael Holmes reviewed the performance with the Board. There are still issues with adult jobs. (the denominator is how many people in the total population and the numerator is the amount of people who have entered into employment) you have 15,000+ people who came through the door and of that number 6,000+ have found employment we need 65% to enter into employment. We were written up and wrote the State regarding obtaining assistance in finding jobs. Youth has green arrows and have improved vastly. We are revamping activities.

Some of the new services with UI starting April 16th with a new system coming in place are:

- Federal government will pick 52 clients a week that SLATE has to give full service too. If clients don't come in a form has to be filled out to cut their UI benefits.
 - 50+ at SLATE and 100+ at Central West End.
 - Every client starting April 16th will receive the MERIC report with new data that shows information regarding job advertisement in the area. This report will let them know who is hiring. We will obtain this report bi-monthly. It is also on the MERIC WEB site.
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Julie Gibson, Director of DWD, and Lisa Elrod, from the State, will be at the April 18, 2012, WIB meeting. There will be a Q & A set up for the Board to ask Julie Gibson. This way Ms. Gibson knows the Board is involved with the issues at hand. Example; there are a lot of youth questions and a conversation regarding new projects and what is the State's direction. One question the Board is interested in "will the NGCC model continue".

Ms. Gibson believes we are on the right direction. We are doing everything right but will get written up every time because we don't have the jobs. Possible questions for the Board to ask her are:

- What is the long term plan?
- What is the future of Workforce?
- Where are we going as a State?

The City of St. Louis WIB Board is in compliance. The State WIB is not in compliance. We get a letter every time we are out of compliance.

Lisa Elrod, will talk about the new business system *Talify Missouri*. The State is thinking about purchasing this system.

- Would this be good for businesses? Can businesses use this system at their offices?
 - What new services are we going to have for businesses?
 - This system will be for clients too.
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TUR is the Unemployment rate. Nothing has changed on the Key indicators and performance due to dates that the new data is available. Len likes this sent out electronically to be able to review.

Ray spoke to the Executive Committee on the *Innovation Campus Program* through the State. The goal is to increase the number of jobs in high-demand businesses and industries, enable students/trainees to earn bachelors' degrees aligned with these jobs in three years or less. Businesses have to kick in money and in the end they get the product they need.

Jeff made motion to adjourn, Len second. All approved.

Next WIB Meeting is April 18, 2012 at the SLATE Missouri Career Center – Central West End, at 7:30am