

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

May 15, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

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

Executive Committee Members present: Len Toenjes, Ed Hamilton, Pat Coleman, Lydia Padilla, Herman Noah, Katherine Joslin, Donny Carroll, Darryl Chatman, Kevin Schaedler and Jeff Taylor Ex Officio.

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi.

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes.

SLATE staff: Kim Neske, Sherry Vogel, Susan Fulton.

Len Toenjes called the meeting to order. The budget report was provided prior to meeting for review. Kim stated she was meeting with her accounting department today to find out and project what monies are needed to carry into the new year. The appropriations are broken down. 10% admin is for fiscal, Director, Deputy Director and anything else that's not program related. Fiscal is projecting the max that can be carried in and hoping if there is more, the State will allow that to be carried in. The report shows what's available for 2014 by taking in house salary/benefits of City staff and then take out the rest of what's needed. Report shows in Adult funds \$191,000 and Dislocated Worker is in the red. Mr. Holmes stated with Board bill 75 anything that is City oriented, services provided will have to be paid for. A budget is being worked on for that project. He said he is also meeting with MSD to find out about adding staff to their project. He will also be meeting with the State to find out exactly how much can be rolled over due to a TEGE sent out by the Department of Labor asking states to be flexible. The 501c3 would also be a good addition. He also stated the Hostess NEG came through. He also met with Senator McCaskill about the budget. She said she was going to check into the situation and find out what happened with the appropriations since Missouri did well performance wise. Mr. Holmes said he is still working with the State to consolidate with the Central West End office and the county is looking to consolidate their offices as well.

Results of RFP vote: MERS/Goodwill and St. Louis Community College were awarded the contracts. Twenty-three board members voted and all voted yes. MERS/Goodwill will be handling NGCC. St. Louis Community College will be handling business services, youth and MWA. SLATE is currently in negotiations to figure out how much staff is needed.

Update of Action Item Report:

- The task of developing board guidelines for committees and who nominates and when was pushed back to June for Kelley and the nominating committee.
- A Brief explanation of the different committees has been pushed to June.
- Language written for the composition of the Executive Committee is currently in progress with Kelley.
- Show Me Heroes: Len wants a tabulation of who is signed up (Action Item). At the next Board meeting would like to see who is signed up and show those who aren't, how easy it is to sign up.
- Mr. Holmes provided talking points for Workforce Investment Act. Those are to be distributed to the whole board. Mr. Holmes said he has also requested letters from companies who have worked with SLATE stating the level of service received. It was suggested to then post those letters on our social media outlets (Action Item).

Review of SLATE update Recipient list: Just the Board members were provided. Mr. Holmes said he sends to state reps, senators, not for profit CEOs. For the July meeting, Len would like to see the entire list (Action Item).

Updates:

- 501c3: Darryl is currently in stand-by mode and would like to meet with Mr. Holmes. Herman thinks he has a company that would be willing to provide the monies needed to submit the application. Darryl said he would have to change the registration since the board composition has changed. Darryl and Herman will work on the federal application. Lydia suggested reminding those who signed up to assist, that we are moving forward with the application.
 - EUC: Mr. Holmes stated that sequestering has effected EUC. There will be 3 separate weeks over the next 3 months where claimants will not receive checks. Lydia requested any information that we have been sent to the board and she also asked how many in St. Louis effected by the cut. Len also asked that Bonnie send to her employers and to put on the website. Mr. Holmes said we can look into doing a press release to our news contacts.
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Reports:

- Performance: Mr. Holmes said he isn't sure where Senate Bill 339 is going; it's currently not getting a lot of action. Mr. Holmes said nothing major has changed with performance. He said we will be negotiating our performance for the new year.
 - Key Indicators: Len stated the number of employers contacted is up as well as the number of job orders. Mr. Holmes said NCRC numbers are up. Len noticed that numbers have dropped in regards to PO84s. Donny said it will over time as people realize if they don't come in for their appointment it will effect their benefits. Mr. Holmes said he will be doing a congressional briefing on Veteran services in June/July.
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Next Board Meeting Agenda Items:

- Pat would like to have a recap of the Action Items and 501c3.
 - Lydia would like an update from Mr. Holmes on what he finds out in Jefferson City.
 - Mr. Holmes will give an update on Special Projects: board bills, tiffs, how much they are worth, number of jobs. He will also send out to the Board information on the St. Louis Youth Jobs so they know how to take part.
 - Kevin would like to have the new rep for Show Me Heroes speak. Donny will contact him, Jon Barry.
 - Darryl said he would provide an update on the registration for the 501c3.
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Other Business:

Len asked the Executive Committee what they are seeing as far as trends. He said in construction March was the lowest number of work hours. He said they are working on a transportation bill that would be a 1% tax for infrastructure. Pat said that social work clinicians are steady, but could lose qualified people to other states since Missouri didn't take part in the Medicaid expansion. Lydia said her company has figured with the Affordable Care Act will cost \$3/hr per contractor that will be billed back to the customers. Kathy said their turnover has been below the national norms. They have given over \$11 million in charity care. Herman said unsure of what will happen with youth as there aren't enough jobs for them. Kevin said the construction/building materials side was about 10-15% lower compared to the prior year. He said there has been an increase in planning for multi-family and residential care starts. Darryl said things are well. He said he might have someone at the firm that can come in and talk about the Affordable Care Act. Len said that might be good for the businesses Bonnie works with. Jeff said they found out they will be able to have 475 students at the center. Funding could increase if enrollment goes up, but could decrease if there is a decline. Said students in the medical, transportation, communication fields are doing well. Hospitality and construction grads are finding it more difficult to find work. Ed said the hospitality industry is down due to the economy.

Kathy Joslin made a motion to adjourn. Donny Carroll seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

Next WIB meeting June 19, 2013, 8:00 am at CWE.

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