

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

May 21, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

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

Executive Committee Members present: Donny Carroll, Pat Coleman, Ed Hamilton (via conference call), Michael Walter, Lydia Padilla and Jeff Taylor Ex Officio.

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes

SLATE staff: Susan Fulton

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Pat Coleman called the meeting to order. Roll call was completed. The budget report was provided by Mr. Holmes. He said Kim and her team are still working through finances. We do know we received a cut of \$150,000 in youth funds. Due to that, SLATE is looking to drop a vendor. The decision will be based on performance, while the vendor did decent, they are still struggling. The contract is worth \$75,000 so there will be additional cuts. Kelley and Alice are working together on that. Pat asked where the cuts came from and Mr. Holmes said they were federal cuts. Lydia asked if the vendor would be cut in the middle of a contract year. Mr. Holmes said the cut would come at the end of the contract year. Lydia also asked how many youth would be effected. Kelley said around 14. Mr. Holmes and Kelley both agreed that those individuals would either be worked with in house or dispersed to the other vendors. Mr. Holmes also said that before the next meeting, the board would get next year's budget.

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Update of Action Item Report:

- Brief explanation of sub-committees: Mr. Holmes said the most active committees now are Business Services and the Nominating Committee. Pat asked about the 501c3 committee. Mr. Holmes said he and Darryl had been meeting. He is not certain, but an ordinance may be needed to bring a new 501c3 into the City
  - Show-Me Heroes: There's no change in the number signed up from last count. The program is changing some of its outreach materials. Lydia suggested sending information on how to sign up when recertification forms are sent.
  - Letters of recommendation: Mr. Holmes said he will request new/updated letters in the new year.
  - Recertification process: Susan sent out interest forms, but still waiting to hear back from some. Some current board members are unable to continue so looking at their recommendations.
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Nominating Committee Update:

- Ed Hamilton said they have chosen to nominate Pat Coleman for Chair and Len Toenjes for Vice-Chair. At this point the Secretary position is open. Ed made a motion to nominate Pat for Chair and Len for Vice-Chair. Mike Walters seconded.
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Reports:

- Performance/Key Indicators: Mr. Holmes said Youth is doing an outstanding job. There have now been 804 people hired at Ballpark Village due to our partnering efforts. Hopefully they will boost our earnings numbers.
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Open Discussion-Next Board Meeting Agenda Items:

- Budget
- Vote on officers
- Special acknowledgement for those transitioning off the board
- Outreach-highlight City parks-SPYC
- Performance

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Other Business:

- Mr. Holmes briefly discussed the SPYC program. This year is a pilot program to include the city parks. There will be 110 youth enrolled in that program and 300 in the year round program.
- Mr. Holmes said SLATE has been doing a lot with the Unions and Diversity. We will be running a data system geared specifically toward construction employment. The State is also looking to fund a position that works solely with the Unions.
- Jeff asked about a 6 week pre-apprenticeship program. Mr. Holmes said it is called B.U.D-Building Union Diversity. MSD will do the RFP for it, SLATE will apply. Six unions have already agreed to be in the pilot program. Mike asked if IBEW Local 1 was part of it. Mr. Holmes said he didn't think so, but does have a meeting scheduled. Mike also discussed a previous partnership the career centers and Ameren had. It was a 6 week workshop and about 25% of the participants completed and were able to test with Ameren. Ameren usually has an 18-25% success rate on their applications. The rate went up to 80% just by having individuals take the 6 week class. He suggested talking to the utilities and bringing the workshop back.

Donny Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Jeffrey Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 am.

Next WIB meeting June 18, 2014, 8:00 am.

Next WIB Executive Committee meeting July 16, 2014.