

Highlights from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee Meeting
September 19, 2012, 8:05 a.m.
1520 Market St., Courthouse Conference Room, St. Louis, MO 63103

Executive Committee Members present: Herman Noah, Ed Hamilton, Donny Carroll, Len Toenjes
Executive Committee Members not present and sent apologies: Mike Walter, Lydia Padilla, Darryl Chatman.
Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi.
WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes.
SLATE staff: Frank Alaniz, Kim Neske.

Next WIB Meeting, will have two new Board members. Roger Hill, General Manager, Ruth's Chris Steak House; Jerry Sagona, Human Resources Business Partner, ABB Inc.; coming on Board. Also we will be starting a bank of candidates at this time we have two bankers Robert Wasserman, US Bank and Darrell Scott, Centruie bank in the pool. Mr. Holmes asked the Executive Committee to recommend good businesses for the pool of candidates so vacancies can be filled in a timely manner.

UPDATE Budget: Mr Holmes stated the Federal Gov requires that we spent 80-85% of our dollars every single year no matter what. Sometimes that becomes a problem because of the fact that we just don't give contracts to agencies or hire staff just to be hiring. This year because we are hiring some new staff most part-time and some will be working with our EUC (we had extra money other than our appropriations). We are upping some of our contracts.

SLATE is looking at a 10% rescission (callback). We are going to be accountable for our dollars. We are banking it in marketing for the rescission. Kim reported she recently heard it could be 8.5% this is an educated guess. It could be 10% (it could be even higher). Questions, comments, discussion were entertained on the budget.

The first quarter is not a good picture of how the spending is going, the 2nd quarter a much better picture. By December if people are not at the spending level we are going to have a serious discussion. (percent spent is also included on Key indicators).

In January 2013 it will be time to send out a RFP (Request for Proposal) for staffing. This was the first time SLATE had done a staffing contract and has learned from the experience what we need to include in the RFP.

Reports

GM (General Motors) round 2 lottery 4,762 people in two weeks (August 20, through August 31, 2012) were seen at the SLATE and CWE and all 4,700+ put through the NGCC model. Staff still needed to serve the regular clients. Most jobs will be assembly jobs.

The first GM lottery (December 2011) 90 people got in for interview etc. We met with Nick Robertson, UAW, to find out what the needs are for those that did not make it through the process. UAW is going to ask them to come here to SLATE in a workshop or training to find out what happened. Finding out why they didn't make can help when are going out for contracts for DW training.

Ed commented some of the people they hired were not from the automotive industry but from the construction industry. There will also be jobs on the supplier side. We are working with UAW on being a resource for those jobs.

EDC(Employment Development Council) 501(c)3 Interest, Participation, and Nomination Form will be sent out to all Board members to determine what members wants to be on the EDC Board? Who wants to be officers? Have to be on both Boards. Bring back to the October Meeting. The next Exec Comm will pick the membership. Len asked what the vision between the two Boards is.

It is going to have to be totally separate no overlap. Have that separate Board by name and we will have the WIB Board and have crossed some of our members from this board to that board. It will be a partnership. Some people may not be able to be on both boards if they don't understand the two missions. Financial records are separate and minutes are separate. Smooth transition exists. Exec Committee will choose the officers for the EDC Board.

The Nominating committee is being chaired by Ed Hamilton for the election of WIB Officers for this term; 2012 – 2014. Ed reported that the nominating committee met. It has been decided they will meet again following a written procedure being developed. Discussion was held.

Update on reports.

Performance information was from August 13, 2012. By the October 16, 2012 meeting we will have updated reports on performance. Our ratings are pretty similar to Kansas City almost no difference. Most of the jobs are in the county more companies there than the city has. We have a lot of people from the county coming to the city for services.

EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) report of the PO84 sent to Jefferson City. This report reflects people that have to come in for services and missed their appointment if on extended UI benefits. Snapshot of what that looks like.

Included is State numbers as a whole on EUC numbers.

Discussion held on distributing to Board members especially businesses a list of SLATE department heads and contact information. If you are business and you have job leads to refer to us these are the people you call. Board should not refer clients or call about a client. Your purpose is to help with job openings. Some Board members are calling because their company is willing to post their jobs.

Examples:

- Call Bonnie for jobs to post,
- Youth Grant's call Alice.

Other business: Discussion for the October 16th meeting agenda includes talking about those committees established.

- Example for 501 C 3's committee will put the application together for Federal ID and how to get those dollars to move to the next level.
- Deciding what committees new members will be on.

Len has reviewed information MSD put together.

A motion to adjourn made by Herman Noah. Len seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.
Next WIB meeting October 16, 2012.