

Highlights from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee Meeting
November 19, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
1520 Market St., Forest Park Conference Room, St. Louis, MO 63103

Executive Committee Members present: Donny Carroll, Ed Hamilton, Kevin Schaedler, Katherine Joslin, Leonard Toenjes and Darryl Chatman.

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes

SLATE staff: Susan Fulton, Kim Neske

Len Toenjes called the meeting to order. Roll call was completed. The budget report was provided by Kim Neske. Things are going very well. We just got an extension for SPYC contract that takes us through February. Good news – we may not be audited this year because there were no findings last year. Auditors may have to perform a certain percentage of audit, rather than full audit.

Update of Action Item Report:

- Brief explanation of sub-committees: Definitions were sent out to the Board and they were encouraged to sign up for one of the committees. Mr. Holmes proposed to the Board that meeting in December be totally Committee meetings.
 - Show-Me Heroes: Mr. Holmes said we are still getting the word out about Show-Me Heroes. He will have Frank come in at a future meeting to discuss his workshops. Martin has been out promoting to companies as well.
 - Letters of recommendation: Mr. Holmes said SLATE is still getting letters. A reminder e-mail will be sent to the board.
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Missouri Employer Committee (MEC):

Lynn Beauchaine presented information on MEC and looking into getting it started back up. It stopped meeting in 2013. MEC put on seminars for employers. At one time, it had 82 employers show at an unemployment seminar run by James Skain. MEC typically held breakfast meetings charging \$25.00 for expenses with unpaid guest speakers. Chambers have been contacted requesting participation, support, assistance marketing. Minority business council will be asked to assist. Communicate through SLATE business partners. Outreach through Veterans group. Tie in to current workshops in Business Services area. Solicit Board Members to volunteer. Potential Committee Members: Ed Bryant, Hispanic Chamber. Explore sponsorships for breakfasts to cover costs, payment for breakfast up-front. Mr. Holmes to speak with former State Steering Committee Members.

Executive Committee Membership:

Kathy and Kevin are co-chairs of the Business Services Committee. John has been serving as a spokesperson. The former chair of the Executive Committee will serve a year after term ends and then transition off.

Special Projects Update:

- Ballpark Village: Recruiting is ongoing. Starting January-February will be rehiring for the next year. Ended with around 800 people being hired with turnover of 50%.
- MSD: Did get contract. MSD will be entering contract \$150k per year for three years.
- BUD: Will do a BUD program with MSD.
- Father's Support: New grant and will be running a father support center out of SLATE.
- YouthBuild: Up and going.

- NEG Outreach: Working with the state now. \$5 million proposal going into DOL to work with 16-30 year olds.
 - RFP Bounce Back & Second Chance Tech: RFP with Bounce Back and Second Chance Tech, also with YouthBuild. Second Chance Tech is only one moving forward at this time. Bounce Back is for training individuals in IT industry. Part of grant through state, the small IT grant. Some people out of work 2-3 years. Resume needs to be redone. SLATE will bring program in house and let Frank do it. The big IT grant did not come through, would have prepared people for next set of workshops. Second Chance Tech grant is for kids that have been involved with judicial system, working with youth in IT arena. CCC and Rankin Tech are partnered in program. Good response for second chance. Not as good response for youthbuild. The programs are a lot of work to manage and the scope of program is intimidating to people. One proposal submitted, limited experience, we will not go with that proposal. Will put RFP back out to public, will solicit feedback from people who did not submit proposal following conference. Also, we put in for a grant for SNAP, state budget is \$5million involving food stamps, OJT and comes from state. Youth jobs, we heard governor talk about \$5 million grant divided by city and county among 1,000 kids for summer program. This is working with sectors in earn and learn program. Kids will be paid for 8 hours a day 30-35 hours per week while training on the job. Parks program runs Summer 2014 through February 2015.
 - IKEA: Starting in February they are hiring. They are hiring for managers now. Information fair sometime February 2015. Looking to hire 300 people.
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Reports:

- Performance/Key Indicators: Got a great letter from State of Missouri. Hit all performance goals. Mr. Holmes attributed it to a good team of employees and great partnerships. Will share the letter with the Board.
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Open Discussion-Next Board Meeting Agenda Items:

- Approval of minutes
 - Break out into Committees
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Other Business:

- Discussed golf tournament as charity to promote WIB and SLATE. To occur late Spring 2015.
- Need more updated report on OJT and Work Ready Missouri.
- Once we find out what new WIOA law is going to be, that will be the official law that we will go by. Regional planning as to Illinois, St. Louis County, St. Charles will be in the new act. We are already doing that, so we need to figure out what that means from Federal perspective. Steady updates to be provided to Executive Committee.
- In regards to the 501c3 - we have asked for a meeting with the controller and are waiting for a response. It would be preferred to have response prior to the golf tournament. Monthly follow-up continues with the controller in order to move process forward.

Kevin Schaedler made a motion to adjourn. Donny Carroll seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Next WIB meeting December 17, 2014, 8:00 am.

Next WIB Executive Committee meeting January 21, 2015