

MINUTES
CITY OF ST. LOUIS
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2014
SLATE Missouri Career Center – 1520 Market St., Rm 3050

Members Present: Kelley Bernardi, Donny Carroll, Kevin Schaedler, Katherine Joslin, Rhonda Garrett, Michael Walter, Lydia Padilla, Ed Hamilton, Robert Wasserman, Lynn Beauchaine, Darryl Chatman, Russell Illy, Jerry Sagona, Mick Williams and James Skain.

Michael Holmes, WIB Director and LEO Designee.

Members Apologies Sent: Herman Noah, Sherry Lappe, Frank Lamm Jr., David Walker Jr., Jeather Smith, Leonard Toenjes, Cindy Hess, Gregory Hill, Steve Johnson, Jane Kerlagon, Cheryl Lovell, Timothy Murrell, John Beatty, Jeff Cartnal, Pat Coleman, Michelle Darden, Eddie Davis and John Reed.

Not Present: Reginald Young

SLATE Staff: Susan Fulton, Kim Neske, Frank Alaniz, Bonnie Forker, Aki Causevic, Joel Reinert, Alice Prince, Rochelle Hall, Svetlana Bostick and Martin Payne.

Guests: Jeffrey Taylor, Job Corps, David Kessel, Employment Connections.

Donny Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the SLATE Missouri Career Center-1520 Market Street, 3rd Floor.

- WIB Introductions: Roll call completed.
- Consent Agenda: Donny called for questions and/or discussions, additions, changes to the August 21, 2013 and October 16, 2013 (Full Board) meeting minutes as written, September 18, 2013, November 19, 2013 and January 29, 2014 Executive Committee highlights included. **With no opposition voiced, a motion was made by Ed Hamilton to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Kevin Schaedler. Motion carried.**
- Special Projects Update: Mr. Holmes announced that the Central West End location has officially closed as of December. SLATE has several special projects going on. We have opened an entrepreneurship center with the Small Business Enterprise and Eastern Missouri Legal Services for individuals that want to open their own business. As of January, SLATE is responsible for housing the first source list for MSD and those companies hiring and recruiting individuals for construction jobs. Ballpark Village's open day is April 4th. They have hired about 700 people. Father's Support Center is getting assistance from SLATE with case management services. We are also working with the court system to help prevent individuals from going to jail because they are unable to pay child support.

Kim Neske discussed the budget. She said she and her staff have been looking at WIA funding and what Mr. Holmes has brought in to find a balance. She said we may actually do okay this year. Lydia asked if there was anything SLATE was doing that they weren't getting paid for. Mr. Holmes said yes. He explained we aren't getting the total cost. Some costs are shared, staffing, rent, computers, but we have started asking for those to not be shared.
- Show Me Heroes Sign-up: It was explained that to sign up there is no cost. Martin Payne provided an overview of how to sign up. He also explained that after you have signed-up and then hire your first veteran, your company will receive a Flag of Freedom.
- Board Recertification: We will be working on recertifying the Board between April and May so we will be ready by July 1st.
- Youth Programs: Alice Prince provided a presentation on the youth programs at SLATE. The youth program currently has 420 youth in the in-school youth program. The vendors who provide case management services are

MERS/Goodwill, FWCA (Family Workforce Centers of America) and AO/JESS. The youth program also has an out-of-school program. There are currently 162 youth between 18-21 years old enrolled. The vendors for the program are Employment Connections and MERS/Goodwill. The youth program recently started a new program, YOLO (You Only Live Once) StL Diversion Program with the Family Courts System. The goal is enroll 102 youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. The agencies who are part of the program are: Better Family Life, MERS/Goodwill, Employment Connections, Family Courts, Preferred Family Health and Job Corps. There is also a program that is connected to the Diversion program called YOLO StL Re-entry Program. This program will be working with youth while they are in a therapeutic residential facility. Better Family Life is contracted to work this pilot program which will enroll 34 youth. Other agencies involved: DYS, Preferred Family Health, Job Corps and the program also has a researcher involved, Dr. Brett Garland with Missouri State University. Other grants the youth program is aiming for are YouthBuild, a new social media mentoring grant, Second Chance Act (partnering with Ranken) and Points of Light. Ed Hamilton asked if there was an age restriction for the re-entry grant. Alice explained it would work with 16-17 year olds.

- Updates: No areas of concern with performance. Mr. Holmes did mention that the construction program at SLATE will be working with SLU's Dr. Tim Kane. He will be doing a special program with his MBA class and SLATE. The class will be looking at and reporting to us the top minority construction companies.

Business Service and Training Committees didn't meet due to time constraint. The motion to adjourn the WIB meeting was made by Katherine Joslin, with Rhonda Garrett seconding the motion. All board members were in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:25 am. Next meeting is April 16, 2014 at 8:00 am.

Signed,



..... Donny J. Carroll, WIB Secretary

..... April 16, 2014

Date