

MINUTES
CITY OF ST. LOUIS
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2015
SLATE Missouri Career Center – 1520 Market St., Rm 3050

Members Present: Kelley Bernardi, Lynn Beauchaine, John Reed, Pat Coleman, Dale Ruthsatz, Leonard Toenjes, Kathy Joslin, Greg Hill, Hugh McVey, Donny Carroll, Mike Walter, Herman Noah, Ed Hamilton, Robert Wasserman, Cheryl Lovell and Stan Shoun.

Michael Holmes, WIB Director and LEO Designee.

Members Apologies Sent: Roderick Nunn, Tom Ahr, Jeather Smith, Kevin Schaedler, Sherry Lappe, Jeff Cartnal, Lydia Padilla, Steve Johnson, Mick Williams, Reginald Young.

SLATE Staff: Susan Fulton, Alice Prince, Bonnie Forker, Kim Neske, Joel Reinert

Guests: Jeffrey Taylor, Job Corps, Jim Kolve, AFL-CIO, John Robertson, Employment Connections

Pat Coleman 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: Pat called for questions and/or discussions, additions, changes to the December 17, 2014 (Full Board) meeting minutes as written, January 21, 2015 Executive Committee highlights included. **With no opposition voiced, a motion was made by Len Toenjes to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Stan Shoun. Motion carried.**
- Budget Report: Kim Neske reported things are going well. There are about 5 months left and new grants continue to come in. In July we are transferring to WIOA so there will be a transition period. Mr. Holmes said we get a budget summary to the Board.
- WIOA: Mr. Holmes said we will have new people on the board to be ready for the transfer in July. Youth will have to be ready as well. The program will switch to out of school youth. SLATE will close out the in school program by summer. As a WIB, we are opting to keep the Youth Council. We have until July 2016 to really have everything together, but need to start planning July 2015. The Core Partners are now: Vocational Rehabilitation, AEL, Title 1 Wagner Peyser and Apprenticeships. A RFP will be going out in March for staffing and youth services. The new law requires certain standing committees. Mr. Holmes asked for a vote to change the business services committee to the business engagement committee. Lynn made a motion, seconded by Kathy, no opposition, motion carried. There will be 2 task forces added as well. We will be working with RGA for the sector strategies task force so we can better identify the sectors for our area. Pat ask if we could have special sessions that dive deep into WIOA and its expectations. Mr. Holmes agreed. Len asked how the new law will affect the customers. Mr. Holmes said the idea to have services in one spot to better connect the customer to services available to be competitive. Rob asked about outreaching to populations. Mr. Holmes said we are working with the Bosnian and Hispanic chambers.
- Committee Updates: Business Engagement-Bonnie said there is additional funding for OJT and internships. She also said there are funds for Work Ready Missouri-can use those funds if you have a hard to fill position, you can “try out” a person for 240 hours. The person can’t have experience in the area though. Bonnie said she is also working with Julie Monken with Boy Scouts on a program that goes into impoverished schools to educate students on careers. She encouraged the Board to sign up. Disabilities Committee-Jeff Taylor said they have met a few times. Until the regulations come through, they have focused on talking about services available for businesses to accommodate individuals. Youthbuild-Stan said

the second round of RFPs went out and the case management contract was awarded to MERS. There have been 2 training sessions for staff and 1 group of students have started with MERS. He said where the headquarters will be for the program is still under discussion.

- Youth Program Updates: Alice provided updates on the youth grants. The 2nd Chance Act has 32 youth through the Department of Youth Services enrolled and will progress them to training and careers. The 2nd Chance Act Tech grant focuses on automotive, IT and construction and maintenance. The Face Forward grant is at 95% capacity in its first year of the grant (122/128 youth enrolled). Legal Mentoring is also being offered where an attorney comes in and provides resources. There is also a Financial Empowerment grant that will focus on building centers that will work with the youth and their families with financial issues. The Governor's Summer Jobs program will start with a press conference and roundtable tomorrow at Ranken. There is also an upcoming African American Male Internship Program and a program for 15-18 year olds with no income requirements. SPYC will continue too.
- Performance: SLATE is on target to make its goals. Under WIOA, youth measures will duplicate Adult/DW/Wagner Peyser.
- Other Business: none

The motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Joslin, with Lynn Beauchaine seconding the motion. All board members were in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:23 am. Next meeting is April 15, 2015 at 8:00 am.

Signed,



.... Donny J. Carroll, WIB Secretary

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Date