

MINUTES
CITY OF ST. LOUIS
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2013
SLATE Missouri Career Center – Central West End

Members Present: Patrick Bannister, Kelley Bernardi, Donny Carroll, Cheryl Lovell, Pat Coleman, Lynn Beauchaine, Russell Illy, Gregory Hill, Kevin Schaedler, Len Toenjes, Steve Johnson, Katherine Joslin, Timothy Murrell, Jerry Sagona, David Wright, John Beatty, Jane Kerlagon, Frank Lamm Jr., Jeff Cartnal, Rhonda Garrett, Cindy Hess, David Walker Jr., Robert Wasserman, Mick Williams and Michael Walter.

Michael Holmes, WIB Director and LEO Designee.

Members Apologies Sent: Ed Hamilton, Herman Noah, Jeather Smith, Darryl Chatman, Michelle Darden, Eddie Davis, Ed Hamilton, Sherry Lappe, Lydia Padilla and John Reed.

Not Present: Reginald Young

SLATE Staff: Kim Neske, Bonnie Mireles, Sherry Vogel and Susan Fulton.

Guests: Jeff Taylor, Business Community Leader, Job Corps; Jim Kolve, AFL-CIO; Carolyn Seward, Family & Workforce Ctrs of America; Paula Saravino, St. Louis Community College-Meramec; and David Kessel, Employment Connections.

Len Toenjes called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the SLATE Missouri Career Center-Central West End, 4811 Delmar.

- WIB Introductions: Board did self introductions and new WIB member Robert Wasserman, Senior Vice President for Tax Credit Investments, US Bank, was introduced.
- Consent Agenda: Len called for questions and/or discussions, additions, changes to the February 20, 2013 (Full Board) meeting minutes as written, March 20, 2013, Executive Committee highlights included. **With no opposition voiced, a motion was made by Pat Coleman to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Frank Lamm Jr. Motion carried.**
- Overview of Sequestration and Budget: Michael Holmes discussed the changes in funding. Each federal department was allowed a choice of April 1st or July 1st for sequestering. The Department of Labor opted for July 1. Not only will there be sequestering, but a cut in funding will be received as well. What this means for SLATE is a total cut of 29% between the funding cut and sequestering. The cut is broken into 3 pots: Adult, \$300,000 cut equal to 18%; Dislocated Worker, \$747,000 cut equal to 56%; Youth, \$336,000 cut equal to 18%. Len Toenjes noted that on a national level Missouri had the second highest cut with Utah being first. Michael Holmes said if Senate Bill 339 passes, unemployment claimants will only have to come in 1 time instead of the every 4 weeks that is required now. So numbers will decrease. Len noted that with youth and adult funds the cut was based on the last 2 years allocation. There is a limit on how much funds can be cut and with dislocated there is no limit. Mr. Holmes also stated that St. Louis City, St. Louis County and Kansas City received the largest cuts in Dislocated Worker funds.

What does all of this mean for SLATE? Mr. Holmes said he has proposed to the State to close the 4811 Delmar office and consolidate with the Downtown location. Services are being duplicated at both centers so as of June 30th, he would like to close the location and move everyone downtown. He expects the State to let him know in 2-3 weeks. Two things can happen: Mr. Holmes works with the State until they are able to move some other agency in. That can be done if we are allowed to keep our rollover funds. If we don't get to keep the rollover funds, all City staff will be moved out of the Delmar office 6/30/13.

- Business Services Presentation: Bonnie Mireles, SLATE Business Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on what business services can do for the Board's organizations and businesses in general. Essentially

business services acts as HR support for businesses. The staff does on-site recruitment events, job fairs, pre-screening of applicants and post job openings on jobs.mo.gov. Another piece to business services is On the Job Training (OJT). Since 2009, 61 local companies have participated in OJT. That resulted in 148 new hires and the companies saving \$663,000. OJT is made up of 5 "buckets" of monies: bio-science, dislocated worker, adult, NEG (individuals who have been on unemployment 17 weeks or longer) and Graduate St. Louis. There is also a veteran piece, Show Me Heroes. In order for a veteran to qualify, s/he has to meet very limited criteria.

- Closed Session: At this point the meeting went to a closed session to discuss matters of the RFPs, other than the two that will be voted on today. Members of the board who entered a RFP bid were asked to step out, along with the guests. Steve Johnson made the motion to go into closed session, seconded by Kevin Schaedler, motion carried.

Motion made by Donny Carroll to resume the WIB meeting. Greg Hill second. Motion carried.

- Local Plan Approved: Kelley Bernardi announced that the local plan is now approved. There is a finalized copy on SLATE's website, stlworks.com.
- Vote on RFPs: Kelley said today two RFPs would be voted on: IT services and Construction Liaison Program. She stated all companies will receive comments on their bids. In regards to the IT services RFP, 3 companies scored high enough to vote on: Darrick Dodson, RJIS, 22nd Centuries. Under SLATE's procurement manual, they awarded Darrick Dodson an additional 10 points. He has been with SLATE for at least 10 years and knows both offices. Combining those offices in the new fiscal year will be a daunting task. Kelley said SLATE was putting forth the recommendation to award the contract to Darrick Dodson. Pat Coleman made a motion to award the IT services contract to Darrick Dodson, 2nd by John Beatty. All board members were in favor, motion carried.

In regards to the Construction Liaison Program RFP, only 1 individual bid-Armand Paulet dba St. Louis Construction Orientation Intake Center. Armand has been with the program for at least 10 years and knows the industry. Kelley said SLATE was putting forth the recommendation to award the contract to Armand (St. Louis Construction Orientation Intake Center). Motion was made to award the contract to Armand by Mike Walters and 2nd by Mick Williams. All board members were in favor, motion carried.

- Data Reports: Michael Holmes discussed the data reports sent out to the board. He said in regards to Keytrain/NCRC/Prep, everyone who comes in the career center is given the assessment. When working with a national company, if it is against their policy to give the NCRC, we will not require that individual to complete the assessment. With veterans, a lot of outreach is being done especially in our area at Jefferson Barracks and Fort Leonard Wood. The vet reps are working to help those who are transitioning out of the military back to civilian life. We are also working with Webster University and the Heroes at Home program.
- WIB Sub-Committees: Len announced that at this point the subcommittees will hold off on meeting. He suggested waiting to see what happens over the next few months. He said if an individual would like to switch to a different committee, now is the time.

The motion to adjourn the WIB meeting was made by Cindy Hess, with Frank Lamm Jr. seconding the motion. All board members were in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:26 am. Next meeting is June 19, 2013 at 8:00 am.

Signed,

Donny J. Carroll

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

.....June 19, 2013

Date