

MINUTES
CITY OF ST. LOUIS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2015
SLATE Missouri Career Center – 1520 Market St., Rm 3050

Members Present: Kelley Bernardi, Donny Carroll, Jeff Carnal, Stan Shoun, Pat Coleman, Marion Hayes III, Henry Johnson III, Cheryl Lovell, Theron Morgan, Kevin Schaedler, Kristine Shannon, Len Toenjes, Roderick Nunn.

Michael Holmes, WIB Director and LEO Designee.

Members Apologies Sent: Mick Williams, Robert Wasserman, Hugh McVey, Sheena Hamilton, Lydia Padilla, Lynn Beauchaine, Tom Ahr, Gregory Hill, Kathy Joslin, Frank Lamm Jr., Ed Hamilton, Herman Noah, John Reed, Dale Ruthsatz, Mike Walter, Jeather Smith.

SLATE Staff: Susan Fulton, Kim Neske, Earl Strauther, Tammy Gordon, Svetlana Bostick.

Guests: Jeffrey Taylor, Job Corps, Jim Kolve, AFL-CIO, Sandy Keyser, DMHDD, Dave Kutchback, MERS Goodwill, David Kessel, Employment Connections, Edwilla Massey, Rep. Clay's office.

Pat Coleman called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 August 19, 2015 (Full Board) meeting minutes as written, September 16, 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 provided an updated budget which included how much was left in each grant. SLATE was given a 5 year healthcare grant which wasn't noted on Kim's sheet because we haven't actually received the dollars yet. We did receive the Jobs Plus, Career Pathways and an EO grant for \$50,000.
- Update on Grants: Mr. Holmes discussed 2 new grants that SLATE is a part of. One is a \$3 million apprenticeship grant that SLATE partnered with Milwaukee and Detroit on. The other is an automotive/advanced manufacturing/IT apprenticeship grant for \$5 million that we partnered with Los Angeles, Kansas City, Plymouth, MI and Spring Hill, TN. SLATE is also working on a Rec to Tech grant. A blue paper has been written and there is a foundation in Baltimore that is looking at funding it. Blue 1647, who works with the Clinton Peabody project, will be working on this project as well. Cheryl asked which rec centers was SLATE looking at and said the transition with Blue 1647 has started at Clinton Peabody. The centers that are being looked at are Marquette, 12th & Park, Wohl, Gateway Classic and a location near Wellston. Marvin asked what type of programs would be taught. Hardware, software, applications and certifications will be given at the end of the programs.
- Ferguson Commission Report: Earl presented his findings on the report and how what SLATE is doing is already part of the plan. The report gave 3 signature priorities. SLATE is already working on some of those actions. The commission had 3 tasks-examine the cause, meet with organizations and provide a report with recommendations. The goal was to identify situations and issues. They were broken into 4 working groups- municipal courts, citizens, law enforcement, economic. Len asked who was in charge of making sure the recommendations were followed through on and what is the role of the county WIB? No one is really in charge. Mr. Holmes said he is not sure what the county has done with the report. Sandy asked under the financial planning that was a recommendation, was there a plan to include those on SSI. Donny said he has talked with Sam Jones with WorkNet and Ticket to Work about providing that type of training.

- Sector Strategies: Jim Alexander with the St. Louis Regional Chamber discussed what they were working on in regards to sector strategies. The Chamber wants to make St. Louis a preferred place for people to live, work and invest by capitalizing on the strengths we currently have in our economy. They are focused on 4 economic clusters: financial & information services, health economy, biosciences and multi-modal logistics. They are working with community and business leaders to grow those clusters to make St. Louis more successful and competitive.
- Jobs Plus/Career Pathways: Mr. Holmes said the Career Pathways program was moving into its 2 locations-Prince Hall and Cherokee. Jobs Plus is up and running at the Clinton Peabody development.
- Updates/Performance: No new numbers yet. End of PY14 numbers were provided.
- Other Business: SLATE has been working on job placement in the IT industry. Mr. Holmes also discussed Job Corps has switched contractors and is now being run by a company out of Reno, NV. Mr. Holmes said there may not be a December meeting, but would be discussed next month by the Executive Committee.

The motion to adjourn was made by Henry Johnson, with Donny Carroll seconding the motion. All board members were in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:04 am. Next meeting is December 16, 2015 at 8:00 am.

Signed,



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

..... February 17, 2016

Date