

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL  
EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

September 16, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South  
Conference Room 12  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

**Present:** Leroy Jackson, Theresa Lubbers, Derek Redelman, and Debra Seman

**Absent:** Carol D'Amico and Jim Dunn

**Also Present:** From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Jackie Dowd, Brenda Johnson, Marie Mackintosh and Donna Lovelady

The meeting was called to order by Derek Redelman, at 8:40 a.m.

**SWIC State Business**

Review and approval of June 28, 2010 minutes delayed, pending a quorum.

Update on Certification Research

The committee discussed the difference between certificates and certification.

Certificates indicate attainment of basic workplace skills, (such as Microsoft training), or completion of a program.

Derek Redelman reported on what other some other states are doing regarding certificates/certification: Kentucky is issuing a certificate for six credits, but these are not stackable; Tennessee is issuing stackable credits in the technical college system.

Derek Redelman reports that Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of ?, will release information on certifications in the summer of 2011. Certification indicates specialized skills training and translates into employment or increase in pay for the individual. (Certification would attach to a résumé, as would a degree/diploma.)

The Committee discussed Brian Bosworth's paper; counting one-year certificates (not certification), i.e. four-year degree, two-year degree and one-year certificate. Going forward, Higher Education will track one-year certificates.

Teresa Lubbers raised the question of distinguishing between workforce goals and academic goals.

Other comments/questions:

- Marie Mackintosh reiterated Gina DelSanto's support of objective, competency-based assessment for certification
- certification needs to have national workplace portability
- certificates and certification should produce workforce statistics—does it lead to a job?

Minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### Update on Adult Education Effort

Jackie Dowd reported that the Memorandum of Understanding, which has been rescinded, is still problematic for Office of Vocational and Adult Education. The departments of Education and Workforce Development are continuing to work with the United States Department of Education on finalization.

At this time, the Indiana Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development are providing dual-agency oversight for Adult Education in Indiana. Jackie Dowd is now the Director of Adult Education for Indiana, reporting to Gina DelSanto, of Workforce Development, and Stacey Hughes, at the Department of Education.

The issue of funding stems from the restrictions set by the two sources. Indiana state law requires state dollars to go to K-12 systems. Federal monies can go to K-12 and other providers.

During the discussion of Adult Education, the topic of drop-out numbers was mentioned. Refer to Indiana Chamber of Commerce Website for more information: (Venn Diagram is on page v.) <http://www.indianachamber.com/media/pdf/INAdultEdWorkforceReport2-08.pdf>

#### Training Provider Policy Implementation

The training provider Website pilot program should begin in October. The providers will be WGU, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University. The full roll-out of the Website is scheduled for December.

### **SWIC BOS-WIB Business**

#### Review of IPIC Training Programs for Approval/Denial

Brenda Johnson presented statistics on approved training programs from June 24 through September 2, 2010. (See attachment.)

Providers which are denied may appeal to this Committee.

All Title IV (credit-bearing) providers will be automatically included for the first year, regardless of completion rates. After the first year, these providers must meet requirements in order to receive WIA funding.

It is anticipated that future approval/denial for a provider in one region will apply to all regions.

The approvals and denials between June 24 and September 2 were reviewed and discussed. "The fifteen denials did not meet the minimum approval criteria of providing occupational training for entrance into an occupation." Brenda Johnson pointed out that we are not saying these programs do not have value. They simply do not provide occupational training that is required for Workforce Investment Act clients. (A handout was provided with a program synopsis and justification for each denial.)

The Educational Review Committee fixed its approval of and support for the actions and decisions taken by the Department of Workforce Development regarding the denial of eligibility for providers.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

#### **EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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Carol D'Amico, Chairman

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Date

#### **ATTEST:**

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Jaclyn P. Dowd, Director of Educational and Training Programs  
Indiana Department of Workforce Development

(Attachment)

**Statistics on approved training programs  
June 24 through September 2, 2010**

**The regions and Indianapolis Private Industry Council submitted 129 approved programs to the State for final approval.**

114 Programs Approved (88% of the total submitted)	
85	Programs were at Title IV schools (75%)
	77 programs were automatically eligible while eight were not. These eight programs were for occupational training with various credentials and/or some college credit.
11	Programs approved by Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education (4 schools/occupational training/various credentials) (9.6%)
2	Programs were at a college approved by USDOE (degrees) (1.7%)
9	Programs were at schools approved by COPE and USDOE (Degrees/Occupational Training w/credentials.) (7.8%)
2	Programs were approved by the Indiana Department of Health (COPE does not certify these.) <sup>1</sup> (1.7%)
1	Program at school certified by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (North American Lineman Training Center/Certification) <sup>1</sup> (.8%)
3	Programs at one school approved by the Wisconsin Educational Approval Board (Associated Training Services/various heavy equipment operator licenses, crane operator license) <sup>1</sup> (2.6%)
1	Program at school certified by the Federal Aviation Administration that will result in an FAA certificate. (Kentucky/Aircraft Dispatcher) <sup>2</sup> (.8%)

<sup>1</sup> Due to cutbacks, the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education (COPE) will not certify out-of-state training providers; recommended utilizing "sister" agency in home state.

<sup>2</sup> The Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education will not certify this provider since its program is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**Marion County Workforce Investment Board (Indiana Private Industry Council – IPIC)**

41 Programs Approved (of the 42 submitted/98% approved)	
37	Programs were at Title IV schools (90%) (35 at Western Governor's University)
4	Programs at providers approved by Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education (2 schools/occupational training/various credentials) (10%)