

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 4TH 2009, 10:00AM
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, DWD ROOM 301-B
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Present: Kathy Metcalf, Susan Brooks, Leroy Jackson, Jim McClelland, Paul Perkins, John A. (Jac) Price, Derek Redelman, Robert Schaefer, Mark Smith, Dennis Wimer and Mark Goldman (via phone).

Also Present: From the Indiana Department of Workforce Development: Dr. Gina DelSanto, Jackie Dowd, Nate Klinck, Casey Long, and Betty Culley.

Gina introduces Jackie Dowd the new Director of Education and Training Programs at Department of Workforce Development. Jackie joins us from Butler University and will be a great asset to the team.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Perkins at 10:10AM.

Dr. DelSanto begins with performance metrics by handing out drafted resolutions that the full SWIC will need to vote on. There are three main performance levels which include the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, WIA Youth, and WIA Dislocated Workers. The drafted resolution for the SWIC Executive members to review was regarding WIA Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker allotments formula allocations. The next resolution handed out will adopt distribution funds from state to regions. These resolutions were discussed and agreed upon by all executive members to introduce to the SWIC members at the next meeting where they will be voted on.

Next topic on the agenda is the United States Department of Labor (US-DOL) Report. Recently U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) conducted a comprehensive review of the DWD's WIA Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth Formula Grants, Unemployment Insurance and the State Quality Service Plan, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program, Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) and Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services System and Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment. The purpose of this review was to evaluate these grants and programs and to make sure they are operating in compliance with the grant agreements. Dr. DelSanto hands out a worksheet titled 2008 USDOL Review – Responses to SWIC-Related Findings. She explains that the responses from US DOL were more towards the negative side and feels that remediation is achievable. The responses helped us understand areas that needed specific attention and remodeling.

At this time Dr. DelSanto reviews the findings by handing a worksheet that lists them. The first finding states that the State Workforce Innovative Council (SWIC) is not acting as a local Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Reference to the handout titled Duties of Indiana's State Workforce Investment Council and Balance of State-Workforce Investment Board.

This hand out clarifies the dual roles of the SWIC stated in the federal Workforce Investment Act sections 111 and 117. This process will be adopted by the full SWIC at the next meeting on the 14th of this month. Also at this meeting there will be clarification of the roles that the members will be doing regarding the two sections; State Business and Balance of State Workforce Investment Board (BOS-WIB).

Dr. DelSanto refers back to the duties hand out and brings attention specifically to parts 2A and 2B of Section 117. These are areas we are noncompliant with at this time. She hands out a sheet titled SWIC and RWB-RO Contracts. She begins discussion on the Contracting with Regional Operators and states that this handout recommends a separate file for RFP's and other recommendations under the section Regional Administrator's reply.

At this time Dr. DelSanto reviews membership of the SWIC and who are the representatives of business. Attention is directed to the handout titled Membership of Indiana's State Workforce Investment Council and Balance of State-Workforce Investment Board. All business officials are to be nominated by Derek Redelman. There was reference to a handout that lists the SWIC members and at this time there was review on who is current and what position still needs to be filled. Next would be review of the Youth Council. Dr. DelSanto handed out a sheet titled Membership of the Youth Council of Indiana's State Workforce Investment Council-Balance of State Workforce Investment Board. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) requires every local Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to establish a Youth Council. Reference back to the finding's handout discussed Finding #3 that states we are in need of some acting roles in the position of a parent of an eligible youth. There was review of what this council requires and who is current and who is still needed.

At this time Dr. DelSanto introduces Leslie Crist, director of Strategic Initiative and secretary to Youth Council. She will be working along side Bob Schaefer in staffing the Youth Council. She begins by giving a short presentation on the Young Hoosier Conservation Corp (YHCC) program. Leslie states that the YHCC will have its first day of orientation on May 1st and will begin to have young Hoosier's working in Indiana's state parks helping preserve them, reconstruction, and landscaping to keep them beautiful. This is a great program for Department of Workforce Development and Department of Natural Resources to aid in young Hoosier's getting introduced to the workforce. Over 17,000 have applied and after initial screening over half of them were age and wage eligible. There were 4-500 youths hired already and soon to be more. On May 15th the second wave of hiring's will begin and another on June 8th. Our goal is to target youths that are on Unemployment Insurance (UI), enrolled in the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program, and Veterans. Each region will have a Region Coordinator and there will be a DNR supervisor on site maintaining the safety for these young Hoosiers. This experience will not only be a great one for the young adults but it will also be a great way to talk to them about our WorkOne sites which most of them were not aware of.

Dr. DeSanto ends today's meeting with discussion regarding the new State Plan that needs to be introduced to the full SWIC at the next meeting. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next SWIC Executive meeting will be held Tuesday June 2nd at 10am.

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm.

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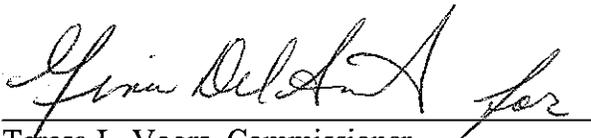


Paul Perkins, Chairman

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Date

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