

# **Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 10, 2012**

**Present: Michael Black, Gip Cabral, Vanessa Cooley, Bob Cooper, Marie DeRoche, Joseph DiPina, Thomas Fay, Carmen Ferguson, Raymond Filippone, Paul Harden, Karen Jedson, Wendy Kagan, Steven Kitchin, Sharon Lee, Joseph Oakes, Paul Ouellette, Raymond Pingitore, Lauren Slocum, Robin Ann Smith, James White, Paul Wielgus**

**Absent: Diane Cook, Joseph DeSantis, Alexis Devine, Cynthia Farrell, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Kathleen Grygiel, Peter Koch, Courtney Murphy, Betty Pleacher, Scott Seaback, Andrew Tyska, Darrell Waldron**

**Staff: Christine Grieco, Diane Vendetti, Sharon Geoffrey, Kathy Tobin-Henry, Kathy Quattrini, Gail DuPont, Brian Gambardella, Carlos Ribeiro, Judy DiGiorgio**

**DLT Staff: Susan Chomka, Matthew Weldon, Rick Brooks, David Tremblay, Hector Rivera, Connie Parks, Dan Brown, Maureen Palumbo, Jo-Anne Thibedeau**

## **Welcome**

**Chair Steven Kitchin requested the Board review the minutes of**

**November 8, 2011.**

**Bob Cooper noted when a member abstains from a voting item that member's name must then be reflected in the meetings minutes.**

**VOTE: Bob Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes as amended with the inclusion of the Board member's name. Raymond Filippone seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed.**

### **Pawtucket netWORKri**

**In Director Charles Fogarty's absence Chair Kitchin introduced Assistant Director Sue Chomka and Acting Assistant Director of Planning and Program Development Matthew Weldon to discuss the closing of the Pawtucket netWORKri office.**

**With regret Assistant Director Chomka informed the Board that the Pawtucket netWORKri office will be closing as of April 30, 2012. Pawtucket netWORKri's lease agreement will expire at that time and the department is unable to renew this lease due to lack of funding.**

**Sue also informed the Committee that the Pawtucket netWORKri staff will be re-assigned to different netWORKri offices. West Warwick netWORKri will become a comprehensive center. In an effort to ensure a smooth transaction, Sue has met with Pawtucket public library to discuss netWORKri staff maintaining a presence in Pawtucket. This will be accomplished by running workshops and**

**providing job search assistance at the Pawtucket Library.**

### **Executive Director's Report**

**Chair Kitchin welcomed Michael Black to his first Board meeting. He also welcomed Thomas Fay to his first Board meeting as a member.**

### **Youth RFP**

**Chair of the Youth Council, Gip Cabral, stated the Council voted not to conduct an RFP for PY 2012 and instead extend existing contracts with allocated funding.**

**The Council also voted on putting a priority of service to the Youth Centers based on the feasibility of operating a Youth Center. If there should be any remaining funding it will be provided to Stand-Alone Contracts.**

**Carlos Ribeiro presented the two voting items which were then referred back to the Youth Council for further discussion. Once this occurs the two voting items will be presented to the Board of Directors for a vote.**

### **Board Candidates**

**Chair of the Board Development Committee, Paul Ouellette, stated the**

**Board Development Committee met in December and voted on recommending Gail Patry to the Board of Directors. The recommendation will then be forwarded to the Governor for his consideration.**

**VOTE: Paul Ouellette made a motion to send Gail Patry's resume to the Governor for appointment. Gip Cabral seconded the motion. The motion passed with Chair Kitchin and Marie DeRoche recusing themselves from the vote.**

**Paul stated he is currently working to fill the other two vacant seats. The seats represent a mandated union representative and a hospitality representative.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Quality Assurance**

**Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, Joseph Oakes, stated there was no new business to report and he would be meeting with Executive Director Christine Grieco to discuss the annual monitoring of the One-Stops that the this Committee conducts.**

#### **Finance Committee**

**Chair of the Finance Committee, Joseph DiPina, stated his Committee will be meeting Friday January 13, 2012**

#### **Strategic Development Committee**

**Chair of the Strategic Development Committee, Paul Harden, stated his Committee will be meeting on January 20, 2012. During this meeting the Ad-Hoc Committee leaders will be present to discuss their reports on the Strategic Retreat.**

### **Board Development**

**Paul Ouellette stated there was no new business to report.**

### **Youth Council**

**Gip Cabral voiced his concerns regarding the educational system and the possibility of having “the money follow the youth” if the youth drops out of school and utilizes a Youth Center.**

### **Old Business/New Business**

**Chair Kitchin opened the floor to any Old or New Business the Board may want to discuss.**

**There being no Old or New Business Chair Kitchin entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTE: Joseph DiPina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35am. Paul Harden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kara Aniballi**