

# **Workforce Partnership of Greater RI**

## **Board of Directors**

**January 13, 2015**

**Present: Deb Anthes, Kevin Bettencourt ,Vanessa Cooley, Bob Cooper, Joe DeSantis, Thomas Fay, Scott Greco, Kathleen Grygiel, Paul Harden, Karen Jedson ,Steven Kitchin, Roger LaFlamme, Sharon Lee, Mark Mancinho, Paul Ouellette, Dean Patterson, Raymond Pingitore, Jennifer Rossi-Stephens, Scott Seaback, Lauren Slocum, Robin Ann Smith, James White, Paul Wielgus**

**Absent: Bob Cooper, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Thomas Hughes, Dorothy Mattiello, Jason Menard, Gail Patry**

**WPGRI Staff: Maria Carlucci, Brian Gambardella, Sharon Geoffrey, Lauren Moses, Michael Martins, Nancy Olson, Carlos Ribeiro, Diane Vendetti**

**Guests: Joan Andreozzi, Dan Brown, Sue Chomka, Ketty Gil, Director Scott Jensen, Jane Palmer, Bob Ricci, David Tremblay**

### **Welcome/Call to Order**

**Chair Steve Kitchin called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. and requested the Board review the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting.**

**Vote: Lauren Slocum made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Scott Greco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Chairman's Report**

**Chair Kitchin announced that Paul Harden has accepted a new position at NE Tech and would be resigning from the Board. The Chairman thanked Mr. Harden for his service to the WPGRI Board. Chair Kitchin attended the Job Summit on December 16, 2014. He also announced that Gail Patry is the new of chair of Strategic Development and Evaluation Committee. Chair Kitchin introduced the new DLT Director Scott Jensen.**

**Vote: Lauren Slocum made a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Harden. Vanessa Cooley and Robin Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Director Scott Jensen**

**Director Jensen spoke to the Board and said he was looking forward to working together.**

## **Executive Directors Report**

**Executive Director Nancy Olson stated that Kara has resigned and that the office manager position is posted. Nancy states that the position should be filled within 6-8 weeks. Nancy attended a press conference for the H1B Grant hosted by Amica. She stated that they continue to be in the planning stage of the grant and will begin enrollments in April. Nancy stated that the Jobs Driven NEG is ramping up. Nancy shared an OJT success story from Trico.**

## **Budget Update**

**Lauren Slocum reviewed the current budget. Total WPGRI Budget is \$12.6 million.**

**Vote: Paul Ouellette made a motion to accept the Budget Report. Roger LaFlamme seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **November Dashboard**

**Diane Vendetti reviewed the PY14 ITA & OJT Service Levels, the PY14 WIA Services vs. Actual enrollments, PY14 WIA job placements, and the top ITA and OJT trainings from July 2014 through November 2014.**

**She also stated that wage information has been added to the dashboard.**

## **Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act**

**David Tremblay starts conversation with the act 'is known as the "opportunity" act not WIOA - embrace it and move forward with the programs that we have in place.'" He states that they received notice of rule making anticipated for the spring. David states that in the first year SWIO will report back to DOL what is working in RI, and provide proper comments to submit back to them.**

**David states that performance has been radically changed in WIOA. David states that Boards are going to shrink, by law (relaxation of mandatory partners). Core and mandatory partners will remain in place however the Governor still needs to decide which partners remain as core partners. He states that Board still will be business driven and will be called upon to build more specific employer engagement and satisfaction with performance measures. He states that the key role for WPGRI will be to expand to other partners beyond the Core Partners that are beneficial and contributing (resources or money) to the workforce partners. David states that there is a lot of interpretation taking place and we are still a long way off from the final rules being promulgated.**

**David states SWIO will be working in groups to address each of the areas that need to focus on with a Steering Group to bring it all together.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Board Development**

**Chair Paul Ouellette stated he had no further business to discuss.**

#### **Strategic Development and Evaluation Committee**

**Chair Patry was not in attendance. The next meeting will be February 20, 2015**

#### **Finance Committee**

**Chair Lauren Slocum stated she had no further business to discuss.**

### **Youth Council**

**Chair Paul Wielgus stated they met in November. He will be recruiting readers for the Summer Youth Proposals. He stated the next Youth meeting is April 16, 2015.**

### **Adjournment**

**Chair Kitchin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.**

**Vote: Paul Ouelette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanessa Cooley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maria Carlucci and Nancy Olson**