

# **Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

**Executive committee**

**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

**Present: Steve Kitchin, Pat Talin, Paul Ouellette, Joe DiPina, and Cynthia Farrell**

**Staff present: Chris Grieco, Shirley Winslow, Pam Blais and Sherri Carello**

**Absent: Paul Harden and Michael Cassidy**

**Chair Steve Kitchin called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm and asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting of April 6, 2010.**

**VOTE: Mr. DiPina made a motion to accept the minutes of April 6, 2010. Ms. Talin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Chairman's Report: Mr. Kitchin reported he and Ms. Grieco had visited the Providence Career and Technical Academy. He noted it was well worth the time and recommended others take the opportunity to visit.**

**Ms. Grieco and Mr. Kitchin will be attending the NAWDP Conference in Albuquerque, NM on May 2nd – May 5th, 2010.**

**Executive Director's Report: Ms. Grieco reports on the Fed's new policy for both WIB's to share and will be overseen by SWIO. This draft is for Local Area Workforce Investment Notice: PY09-07 titled "Priority of Service under Limited Funding". The purpose of this issuance is to prepare for the event that funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities under WIA section 134(d) (2) (E), paragraph (2) (A) or (3) of section 133 (b) are limited, priority shall be given to recipients of public assistance and other low income individuals for intensive services and training services. Ms. Grieco is asking for a vote on the draft version at this time.**

**VOTE: Ms. Talin moves to recommend this draft version. Mr. Ouellette seconded. The vote carried unanimously**

**Ms. Grieco discussed the changes in the staff:**

- John O'Hare – Acting Executive Director, Governor's Workforce Board**
- Sue Chomka – Acting Assistant Director, Workforce Development Services**

**Ms. Grieco noted Sue Chomka has sent her letter of resignation from the Board of Directors to Mr. Ouellette, Board Development Committee. Ms. Grieco is asking for**

**a vote to accept Ms. Chomka's resignation.**

**Ms. Talin motioned to accept the letter of resignation from Sue Chomka with regret. Mr. DiPina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Contextualized Program: Ms. Buck will discuss at the Board of Directors meeting.**

**Weatherization Program: Ms. Buck will discuss at the Board of Directors meeting.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Board Development: Mr. Ouellette noted the meeting scheduled for April 23, 2010 was cancelled. Mr. Ouellette spoke about the Annual Board meeting and stated the opening remarks will be delivered by Director Powell. One award for each of the following categories: Excellence in Leadership, Excellence in Service, Creative Partnership, Employer Recognition and requested a Citation for Mike Cassidy from the Governor's office.**

**Strategic Development: Mr. Harden reported that Sue Chomka gave an update on the netWORKri centers.**

**Youth Council: Ms. Farrell noted the Youth Council has identified a youth and a parent to be on the Council. The next Youth Council**

**meeting will be May 20, 2010.**

**There is no up date with summer programs. We have only \$683,000.00 for the pilot programs. Mr. Ribeiro and Mr. Gambardella met with the Voch Tech schools.**

**Quality Assurance:**

**No meeting.**

**Old Business: Ms. Grieco reports the TANF Plan has been modified and resubmitted. There is no money at this time.**

**New Business: Ms. Grieco discussed a phone call regarding a Connecticut Tri- State Grant.**

**The next full Board of Directors meeting: May 11, 2010**

**VOTE: Mr. DiPina motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Talin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Shirley Winslow**