

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Strategic Development Committee

February 19, 2010

Present: Paul Harden, Allen Durand, Bob Cooper, Everett Amaral, Fred Ricci, Joe Oakes, Susan O'Donnell and Wendy Kagan

Staff Present: Christine Grieco, Jen Buck, Gail DuPont, Kathy Tobin-Henry, Mavis McGetrick and Shirley Winslow

Absent: Allen Durand, Betty Pleacher and Nancy Roderick

With a quorum present, Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Mr. Harden asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting of December 11, 2009.

VOTE: Motion to table the minutes until the next meeting with the noted corrections to New Business in reference to WPGRI and WSPC working with RIDE was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Oakes. The motion passed unanimously.

WIA PY 2009 Plan Modification 2: Ms. Grieco proceeded to explain the extra funds of Harkins money. The money was added to Mod 2 and is for dislocated worker trainings. With this funding 46 more

dislocated workers can be trained.

**VOTE: Motion to approve by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. O'Donnell.
The motion passed unanimously.**

OJT: Ms. Buck reported there were 2 contracts in PY08 and 11 contracts so far in PY09. Last year's contracts ended in a very positive way. Ms. Grieco stated a new person was hired to start on March 1, 2010 to help with the OJT contracting service.

ISDI: Development update on industry skills. My Turn – Marine Trade Industries contract last year ended in a very positive way. They met all their goals for the year. Their new contract started February 1, 2010.

New Business: WPGRI and WSPC have been working with RIDE on a new Contextualized Learning RFP for 1.5 million dollars. These funds, Workforce Investment Act and/or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act state Set-Aside Funds, will be used to help fill a gap that is in the ETPL; training for individuals who test at a 4th through 8th grade educational level. This RFP will allow prospective bidders to create a curriculum if one is not in place. This is different than spending formula WIA dollars which does not allow for costs associated with curriculum development. Prospective bidders will need to have partnerships with employers to provide services such as curriculum development, internships, hiring agreements, tours,

etc. Proposals will be due April 5, 2010.

Old Business: Newport One Stop is open one day a week. Wakefield One Stop is moving forward to opening day.

VOTE: Mr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Winslow