

**Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

**Strategic Development committee**

**Friday, January 28, 2011**

**Present: Allen Durand, Betty Pleacher, Bob Cooper, Carmen Ferguson, Fred Ricci, James White, Paul Harden, Wendy Kagan**

**Absent: Susan O'Donnell**

**Staff: Diane Vendetti, Erin Brouillette, Jen Buck, Shirley Winslow**

**Guests: Cheryl DeCosta, Kathie Shields, Jillian Salerno, Helder Videira, Jo-Anne Thibedeau**

**With a quorum present, Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:40 am. Mr. Harden asked everyone to review the minutes of May 21, 2010.**

**VOTE: Mr. Cooper motioned to approve the minutes from May 21, 2010. Mr. White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Tech Collective Presentation: Mr. Harden introduced the guest speakers Cheryl DeCosta and Kathie Shields from Tech Collective. Ms. DeCosta and Ms. Shields discussed Tech Collective (ISDI IT and Biosciences) and the impact it had on the people served in the**

**following areas: Training and Development, One-Stop Presence and Youth Activities.**

**Executive Director's Report: Diane Vendetti gave the updated Policy # PY09-07 report. After much discussion it was suggested the three priority service levels be increased to four with the Veteran's priority in sink with the others. There should be a higher priority given to returning Veterans. Offer the amendment to the Executive Committee.**

**VOTE: Mr. Harden motioned to approve Policy # PY09-07. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Re-Allocation of Funds/Group RFP Alternative: Ms. Vendetti discussed the reallocation of funds. Four hundred thousand dollars were set aside for an RPD concerning the green industries. Two proposals were received, neither one was accepted. It was suggested of the four hundred thousand two hundred thousand be transferred to OJT's. This suggestion will be taken up at the next Executive Committee.**

**Vice Chair/Strategic Development Committee: Mr. Harden asked the Strategic Committee if anyone was interested in the Vice Chair to contact him.**

**New Business: Ms. Brouillette discussed the updated Policies and**

**Procedures Manual.**

**Old Business:** There was no old business to come before the Strategic committee.

**VOTE:** Mr. Harden motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

**The next Strategic committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2011**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Winslow**