

**Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

**Strategic Development Committee**

**April 15, 2011**

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

**Absent: Allen Durand, Bob Cooper, Susan O'Donnell**

**Staff: Gail DuPont, Jen Buck, Shirley Winslow, Erin Brouillette**

**Guests: Paul Genovesi, Sarah Griffin, Kristin Lehoullier**

**With a quorum present Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Mr. Harden asked everyone to review the minutes of February 25, 2011.**

**VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2011. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Guests Speakers: Mr. Harden introduced the guest speakers, Sarah Griffin and Kristin Lehoullier from R.I.S.E.S. (Relevant Integrated Skills and Education Strategy).**

**Strategy summary:**

**„« It is important that the State’s Career Pathways System is accessible by and able to serve low literacy and low skilled adults.**

**„« The R.I.S.E.S. model is a workforce development and adult education strategy/framework designed to:**

- 1. Align with the Governor’s Workforce Board Strategic Plan**
- 2. Help residents, particularly adults with low literacy levels, develop skills in demand by local employers and to get jobs.**
- 3. Connect workforce development, education, economic development and social service systems in a way that is responsive to prevailing employment trends.**
- 4. Create a pipeline of talent.**

**How does R.I.S.E.S. accomplish this?**

**„« Create a system of integrated, contextualized skills training and adult basic education services around specific ‘career pathways’ that are:**

- 1. Rooted in employer needs**
- 2. Result in industry recognized credentials**
- 3. Linked to internships, employment, apprenticeships and on-going training**

**„« Provides a centralized point of access to work and housing supports that have a proven impact on long-term job retention and asset accumulation.**

**„« Helps residents transition or ‘on-ramp’ into a career pathway through intensive work readiness and career exploration services**

**Executive Director's Report: Ms. Buck explained the One Stop agreement Modification #2 draft.**

**„« MODIFICATION INTENT:**

**This modification is intended to:**

**1. Increase the WIA Dislocated Worker funding allocation by \$1,100,000 to meet increased customer demand for WIA Dislocated Worker Services in the netWORKri One-Stop Career Centers.**

**„« SPECIFIC MODIFICATIONS:**

**Specific modifications included to:**

**1. Adding \$1,100,000 in WIA Dislocated Worker funding to the current WIA Services Agreement for the delivery of additional Core and Intensive Services in the netWORKri One-Stop Centers.**

**2. Increase WIA Dislocated Worker Core and Intensive Services by 30%.**

**3. Increase Adult and Dislocated Worker referrals of the On-the-Job training by 47%.**

**Ms. Buck asked for a vote to recommend to the Executive Committee the One Stop Agreement Modification #2 draft.**

**VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to recommend to the Executive Committee the One Stop Agreement Modification #2 draft. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Ms. Buck explained the PY10 WIA Plan Modification #2 draft. This Modification #2 to the One-Year Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Plan for the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (WPGRI) has**

been prepared in accordance with instructions provided by the Rhode Island State Workforce Investment Office (SWIO) in Workforce Invest Notice (WIN) #10-?. The purpose of this Modification is to:

1. Present revisions to Program Year 2010 (PY10: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) allocated funding and projected service levels for WIA Dislocated Workers throughout the thirty-seven communities that comprise the Greater Rhode Island Workforce Investment Area; and
2. Present changes to the local Board for PY10

Ms. Buck asked for a vote to recommend to the Executive Committee PY10 WIA Plan Modification #2 draft.

VOTE: Ms. Kagan made a motion to recommend to the Executive Committee PY10 WIA Plan Modification #2 draft. Ms. Pleacher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update: Mr. Harden stated he was still looking for someone to volunteer as the Vice Chair of the Strategic Development Committee.

New Business: Mr. Harden stated he was working on the Strategic Retreat slated for September 15, 2011, 11:30 AM;V 5:00 PM with a working lunch. Mr. Harden noted he was looking for a facilitator to coordinate the meeting.

Old Business: Mr. Harden stated he and Mr. Ouellette were looking at the By Laws and making changes.

**VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to adjourn the Strategic Development committee meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM. The next meeting will be Friday, May 20, 2011.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Winslow**