

**Workforce Partnership of Greater RI  
Strategic Development Committee  
February 17, 2012**

**Present: Bob Cooper, Paul Harden, James White, Thomas Fay**

**Absent: Carmen Ferguson, Wendy Kagan, Betty Pleacher**

**Board Guests: Joseph DiPina, Marie DeRoche, Lauren Slocum,  
Courtney Murphy**

**Staff: Christine Grieco, Kara Aniballi**

**DLT Staff: Paul Genovesi**

**Welcome**

**Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:35am and requested the Committee review minutes from the September 30, 2011 meeting.**

**VOTE: Bob Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes. James White seconded the motion. The motion passed with Thomas Fay abstaining from the vote.**

**Strategic Retreat –Ad Hoc Committees**

**Goal Area 1**

**Ad Hoc Co-Leaders, Lauren Slocum and Courtney Murphy, presented Goal area 1: Business and Employers. The Goal Area Statement for this group is as follows: “We partner with business/employer community to identify and meet current and future workforce needs to create a competitive edge and to stimulate out future economy.” Courtney and Lauren proceeded to explain how this can be accomplished.**

### **Goal Area 2**

**Ad Hoc Leader, Marie DeRoche, presented Goal Area 2: Partnerships. The Goal Area Statement for this group is as follows: “We have a collaborative infrastructure of multiple partnerships that promote and support the economic vitality of Rhode Island.” Marie proceeded to explain how the group’s ideas can be accomplished.**

### **Goal Area 3**

**Ad Hoc Leader, Joseph DiPina, stated he was having difficulties getting his group to meet to discuss Goal Area 3: Current and Future Employees. Executive Director Christine Grieco stated she would e-mail this Committee and remind them of the importance of completing this work. She will also attempt to schedule a time for this Committee to come to the DLT and complete their work.**

### **Funding Levels for ITA’s**

**Chair Harden questioned the Committee on what they thought would be more beneficial; higher paying ITA with fewer participants or lower**

**paying ITA's with more participants. This topic was discussed amongst the Committee. Chair Harden would like to research other states best practices for ITA funding level.**

### **Incumbent Worker Waiver**

**Chair Harden stated WPGRI is researching how to obtain a waiver for Customized Training eligibility. If this waiver is obtained, Incumbent Workers who are earning more than a self-sufficient wage will be eligible for Customized Training.**

### **New Business**

**Bob Cooper spoke to the Committee about an article he read regarding new apprenticeship programs within the DLT.**

### **Old Business**

**There was no old business to be discussed.**

### **Adjournment**

**Chair Harden requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40am.**

**VOTE: Bob Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Fay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kara Aniballi**