

**Workforce Partnership of Greater RI  
Strategic Development Committee  
September 21, 2012**

**Present: Paul Harden, Carmen Ferguson, Wendy Kagan, Steve Kitchin, Gail Patry**

**Absent: Bob Cooper, James White**

**WPGRI Staff: Kara Aniballi, Kathy Quattrini, Jo-Anne Thibedeau, Diane Vendetti**

**DLT Staff: Mavis McGetrick**

**Welcome**

**Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and requested the Committee review the minutes from April 20, 2012 meeting.**

**VOTE: Wendy Kagan made a motion to pass April 20, 2012 minutes. Gail Patry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Steven Kitchin abstained from the vote.**

**ITA/OJT Performance**

**Acting Executive Director Diane Vendetti presented the ITA OJT performance. Diane stated that currently there are only two ITA's**

being approved per week. The one-stop counselors select individuals who are interested in the program and they are sent to DLT Chief of Employment and Training programs, Marie DeRoche for the final decision. Kathy Quattrini presented the OJT program history from PY09-PY11. The history included how many slots available under Adult and Dislocated Worker and the average cost per OJT.

Chair Harden requested WPGRI staff conduct further research in the number of individuals enrolled in each ITA's, the number of credentials for each training program, number entered employment for each training program, number of related employment, wage per hour for those who entered employment, and finally the cost of the training programs.

### **Policy Decisions**

Diane Vendetti presented three policies that would change the ITA and OJT programs. The first policy presented was to reduce the ITA funding cap to \$3, 500. The second was to implement OJT funding cap of \$7, 500. The third was to put a limit on the number of OJT Contracts per Employer. With much discussion amongst the Committee it was decided to Table all three voting items. It was decided it is not beneficial to constrain what WPGRI can accomplish with these policies.

**Alignment with GWB Initiatives and Funding levels for PACE, WIF, EB**

## **and Others**

**Diane Vendetti requested the Committee vote on aligning with GWB Initiatives with funding level allocations for PACE, WIF, EB and others.**

**The Committee discussed this matter at length and it was decided to table this voting item as the Committee does not want to put constraints on the amount of individuals WPGRI serves or give certain OJT slots to different employers.**

## **New Business**

**There was no new business to discuss**

## **Old Business**

**There was no old business to discuss**

## **Adjournment**

**Chair Harden requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45am**

**Vote: Carmen Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Kitchin seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kara Aniballi**