

Workforce Partnership of Greater RI
Strategic Development Committee Meeting

May 29, 2015
RI Dept of Labor and Training
1511 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI
Room73-3

Board members in attendance: Ms. Gail Patry (Chair), Mr. Bob Cooper, Mr. Scott Greco, Mr. Kevin Bettencourt, Ms. Lauren Slocum, Ms. Kat Grygiel

Board members not in attendance: Mr. Roger LaFlamme, Ms. Karen Jedson

Staff members in attendance: Ms. Nancy Olson, Ms. Diane Vendetti, Ms. Denise Asciola, Ms. Lori Bassett

Call to Order

Ms. Patry called the meeting to order at 8:35AM

Minutes from April 17, 2015

Vote

A motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2015 was made by Ms. Slocum; Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan Update was reviewed by Ms. Olson. The accomplishments will be highlighted at the annual meeting.

Vote

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan Update. Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Funding for Company Expansion

Ms. Olson stated that there is a RI company that is interested in expanding. The company will need to train new employees at their headquarters in Maine; they will be utilizing customized training. Request for funding is \$260,000

Vote

Mr. Cooper made a motion to allocate up to \$260,000 for this for company. Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor. This vote will move to Executive Committee and then to the full board.

March Dashboard

Ms. Vendetti gave an overview of the March dashboard.

WIOA Implementation Plan

Ms. Olson gave an update on the WIOA Implementation Plan and identified actions needed. With approval from the full board at the April meeting, the committee will move forward with recommendations

Agenda item #1: Designation of a One-Stop Operator. *No action.*

Agenda item #2: Re-constitution of the local WIB. *By-laws will be amended once board composition is final. There are seven board recommendations.*

Agenda item #3: *Establishment of required WIB Committees. Proposal from Mr. Cooper and Ms. Grygiel was reviewed; through discussion we recommend that Disability Services Committee be reduced to 11 members.*

Agenda item #4: Decision to retain or eliminate the Youth Council. *Recommend Youth Council should become the Youth Committee.*

Agenda item #5: Request for automatic designation as a local workforce development area. *Sent letter to Governor from Chair and Executive Director for local area designation.*

Agenda item #6: Development of the local plan. *No action, awaiting state guidance.*

Agenda item #7: Establishment of the qualification of the WIB Executive Director. *Qualifications for Executive Director presented to committee. This will be brought up at next meeting for recommendation/discussion.*

Agenda item #8: Identification of the One-Stop Partners and development of Memoranda of Understanding with them. *Renewal of existing MOU's in process (Maria Carlucci).*

Recommendations for Workforce Investment Board under WIOA

1. Ken Findley, Department of Corrections
2. RIPTA representative
3. Alberto Deburgo (public housing)
4. CommerceRI person required
5. Sarah Blusiewicz for apprenticeship required
6. Sectors that are chosen for Real Jobs RI
7. Jessica Rutledge (RI Foundation)

Pending Board Appointments

- Wendy Mackie (RIMTA)
- John Houle (public relations)
- John Cardosi, Jr. (manufacturing)

Appointment of a Strategic Development & Evaluation Committee Vice Chair will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 9:58AM Mr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.