

**Workforce Partnership of Greater RI**  
***Strategic Development & Evaluation Committee Meeting***

August 21, 2015  
RI Dept of Labor and Training  
1511 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI  
Room73-3

**Board members in attendance:** Gail Patry (Chair), Kevin Bettencourt, Bob Cooper, Roger LaFlamme, Lauren Slocum

**Board members not in attendance:** Scott Greco, Kat Grygiel

**Staff members in attendance:** Nancy Olson, Diane Vendetti, Maria Carlucci, Sharon Geoffrey

**Call to Order**

Ms. Patry called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM

**Minutes from July 15, 2015**

**Vote**

A motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2015 was made by Mr. Cooper; Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**June Dashboard**

Ms. Patry reviewed the June Dashboard.

Ms. Patry noted that there were 11 more OJTs from last month. Job placements were at 172 with core and intensive services and wages are consistent. Manufacturing continues to lead in OJTs.

**Quarter 3 PY14 WIOA Performance**

Ms. Patry stated that Adult and Dislocated Worker programs are exceeding expectations. Youth Programs – The credential rate is 39% and goal is 41%.

**Proposed Changes to Bylaws**

Mr. Cooper discussed changes and referred to WIA being changed to WIOA.

**WIOA Implementation**

Ms. Patry discussed policy considerations; OJT reimbursement rate can increase to 75%. Ms. Olson is going to ask federal representative if a retention bonus can be given to companies who retain OJT employee for six months. There is priority of service in place for low income and skills deficient. Ms. Vendetti stated that how priority of service is determined needs to be defined.

Training Priority – Committee and Board can decide what training is priority. WPGRI is working on training outcomes, which may be ready for next meeting and can help in setting priority.

### **Board Membership Update Review**

Reorganization of board – Ms. Olson discussed the WIOA requirement that two or more members must be representatives of Small Business as defined by the SBA. The Board must also include two or more representatives of labor. Ms. Olson suggested to bring the recommendation of 35 Board members to executive and have the full board.

### **Update & Next Step for Disability Committee**

At a previous meeting, it was suggested by Ms. Grygel that PC & WPGRI merge their disability committees. Mr. Cooper stated that there have been positive responses to this suggestion. It was also suggested that the Business Leadership Network should be a group that the committee looks at for consideration of membership. Mr. Cooper will have discussion with Monica on committee structure and joint committee. Ms. Olson will check on joint committee with Workforce Solutions of Providence Cranston

### **Vice Chair Appointment**

#### **Vote**

A motion was made by Ms. Slocum to accept Roger LaFlamme as Vice Chair  
Mr. Cooper and Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.

### **Adjournment**

#### **Vote**

Ms. Patry accepted a motion to adjourn from Mr. Cooper at 9:52AM;  
Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.