

Workforce Partnership of Greater RI
Strategic Development & Evaluation Committee Meeting

July 15, 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. Kevin Bettencourt, Ms. Lauren Slocum, Ms. Kat Grygiel

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

Staff members in attendance: Ms. Nancy Olson, Ms. Diane Vendetti, Mr. Carlos Ribeiro, Ms. Lori Bassett

Call to Order

Ms. Patry called the meeting to order at 8:37AM

Minutes from May 29, 2015

Vote

A motion to approve the minutes from May 29, 2015 was made by Ms. Slocum; Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.

May Dashboard

Ms. Patry reviewed the May Dashboard.

Ms. Patry asked if there is a way to compare previous year's numbers with this year end. Ms. Olson said that this can be accomplished once the year closes out.

WIOA Implementation

Mr. Ribeiro did the board membership update/review. Board vacancies and how to fill them were discussed at length. It was decided that the best approach is to decide upon a number and then back-fill. Three candidates are currently pending, waiting for approval by the Governor.

Discussion took place on the next steps for the Employment for Individuals with Disabilities Committee. Mr. Cooper will chair this committee; Ms. Grygiel will be vice-chair. It was suggested that meetings take place on a quarterly basis. By-laws will need to be amended. Mr. Cooper and Ms. Grygiel will reach out to potential candidates; those interested will be sent a formal letter from the Board Chair inviting them to join the committee.

The Executive Director job description was reviewed as required by WIOA. Since no comments have been received regarding this document, it will be moved to the Executive Committee and then on to the Board.

Ms. Vendetti suggested the following for next steps in regards to WIOA:

- Eligible training provider application is due 7/22/2015 (existing vendors are grandfathered in until the end of December 2015). After December there could be different criteria.
- Establish eligibility for new vendors.
- Establish a report card for customers to see what job placement rates are.
- Consideration to raise reimbursement rate for OJT to 75%.
- Strategies on how to engage employers.
- Priority of services policy needs to be developed.

Ms. Grygiel suggested that DLT, WPGRI and Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston align the OJT process to avoid confusion within the business community.

Vice Chair Appointment

Vote

The vice chair appointment was discussed; a vote was not taken but an email will be sent to the committee so members can consider the position.

Adjournment

Vote

Ms. Patry accepted a motion to adjourn from Mr. Cooper at 9:49AM; Mr. Bettencourt seconded the motion, all were in favor.