

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
JANUARY 23, 2001 8:00 A.M. TCTC BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: Joyce Maglione, Lisa Patz, Rich Bohman, Irene Stein, Jack Little, Jean McPheeters, Milt Goldstein, Alan Pedersen, Michael Stamm, Steve White, Doug McDonald, Doug Czerwonka, Nathan Carlisle, Kevin Rhodes, Carl Haynes, Bob Fortier, Nancy Zahler, Denny Mastro, and Lee Dillon

ABSENT: Ivy Allen, Mark Babbage, Melissa Brous, Nathan Carlisle, Tom Colbert, Lee Dillon, Bob Fortier, Paul Gardner, Mary Gould, Joyce Maglione, Doug McDonald, Jean McPheeters, Cindy Hoose, Nancy Zahler

GUESTS: Jim Greenman, Beth Fuller, Sara Wokan, Carol Usafara and WFD staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alan Pedersen called meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb announced that Steve Whicher has been appointed TC Administrator. Deb has every reason to believe that Steve will be as supportive of Workforce Development as Rick Erb and Bill have been. Bill Benjamin is on permanent disability.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Jean McPheeters, second, Milt Goldstein. Unanimous.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

ADDITION TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

None

CHAIR'S REPORT

Alan reviewed the 2001 Strategic Planning Session that was the overview of the Board Retreats held in November and December 2000 (mailed to board members who were not present). He also summarized the 2001 Roles and Responsibilities (mailed) and the Executive Committee Recommendation (mailed). Alan started conversations regarding the frequency of the WD Board meetings. Suggestions of six times a year or every other month were made. Jack Little suggested every other month. Irene Stein suggested that everyone keep Board meetings on their schedules for the 4th Friday of every month then if a meeting is needed time will be blocked but meet every other month. Alan wants to make sure that all of the partner's interests are represented. Carl Haynes suggested a strong private representation

on the Executive Committee. Alan stated that the Executive Committee would be the working committee. Also, if a Board meeting is required on the off month, two weeks notice will be necessary for board members. Deb stated that the February meeting would be in the TCTC Board room and to look forward to an abbreviated format. Meeting time begins at 8 a.m. It was suggested that the Board have a rotating location for board meetings. We plan for 40 people per meeting. Members with boardrooms that could accommodate this number of people, please let us know.

DIRECTOR AND CENTER MANAGER REPORT

(Handout/mailed to absent members) Deb, Beth Fuller and Denise Sanderson applied for the High Tech Worker Grant (\$486,823) on behalf of local employers. Deb, Beth and Denise created a survey of training needs that employers completed. In addition to local economic data, this information was collected and used to prepare the grant. An InVest Job Start application (\$1.4 million) has been submitted to the State. This grant will allow the creation of training programs targeted to the unemployed and low-wage underemployed. We have received the Community Assessment Initiative (\$25,000) for the LWDB to develop strategies for the use of the workforce resources in our area.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Denny Mastro reported that they have been working on the separation agreement. They have also been meeting with officials at the County and compiling a packet with the overall recommendations, flow chart, MOU with the County Administrator, and the job specifications for the new program administrator. The package will be ready for the February Executive Committee meeting.

QUALITY & ASSESSMENT

Jack Little reported the November meeting continued to work on the employer survey. The January meeting focused on the role of the committee and this was discussed at the Executive meeting. Alan thanked Jack for the information that was sorted out during the Q&A meeting.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Jean McPheeters reported that the Youth Board is struggling right now with trying to determine whom they are trying to serve - the entire population or to target children with family/education problems or the ones in the middle. The board is made up of several educators and business people; the views are very diverse. The federal money is not keeping with the tasks that need to be addressed. The summer program money is here for two more years. They are going back to the Feds and saying that some of the program's reporting criteria just doesn't make sense.

WORKFORCE SERVICES

Milt Goldstein reported that the self-sufficiency definition is being reworked for the menu of services. This is not the livable wage issue.

MARKETING & OUTREACH

No Report

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan thanked Bud, Bernie, Linda and Deb for all of their work this year. Jean McPheeters shared that she and Denny had attended an Albany meeting and heard a lot of observations about other LWIB's. She said we are very fortunate for the working group that we have. Congratulations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03am

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