

JUNE 7, 2011

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.

ROYAL COURT RESTAURANT

PRESENT: B. Bantle, P. McKee, J. McPheeters, L. Patz

EXCUSED: C. Haynes, M. Coldren, A. Pedersen, M. Stamm

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McPheeters called the meeting to order in Mr. Coldren's absence and the minutes were deferred until the July meeting.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Program is moving forward and the program guidance was received yesterday. There are no substantial changes to the program from last year. Overall it is expected that 117 youth will be served between the Office of Employment and Training and the Youth Employment Service. Ms. Mattick stated there was an opportunity for additional State funding, but the offer was declined due to the short turnaround time and procurement guidelines that must be followed. The funding was being made available to areas with highest need and Tompkins County was not high on the list.

2011-2012 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT ALLOCATIONS

The proposed WIA allocations have been made available and the worst-case scenario will result in a two percent reduction and best case the allocations will remain static from last year. Ms. Mattick noted the way the legislation is written the cuts will be made in the first quarter; this could substantially affect some WIAs. That will not be the case here because of our affiliation with the County. Ms. Mattick will bring the 2011-2012 proposed budgets to the July Committee meeting.

WORKGROUP UPDATES AND PARTICIPATION

Older Worker Update

Mr. Bantle stated his group has been discussion building out what a possible program would look like. Lisa Holmes from the Office for the Aging will be presenting at the next meeting and statistics of the boomer group will be reviewed to see what other groups should be involved in the process. The group is also discussing what materials can be included on the website.

Retention and Attraction Update

Ms. Patz reported the survey has been closed and Martha Armstrong is conducting her analysis. Ms. Patz will be speaking to the United Way's young professionals group on June 15th and she will present some of the data at that meeting. The group will be hosting several career counselors from the local colleges at their next meeting.

WIB DIRECTOR MEETING UPDATE

Ms. Mattick stated the WIB directors spent a lot of time discussing the Economic Development Councils that are being formed and the rumors that the Governor is having attorneys looking for loopholes in the legislation that will permit the restructuring of WIAs into 10 for the state. She noted that there is language in the law that this cannot be done without complete agreement from the Chief Elected Official along with WIA reauthorization. She suggested sending a letter to the Governor that the goal for Tompkins County is to remain a single workforce investment area. The group asked Ms. Mattick to draft the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2011 at 8 a.m. at the Royal Court Restaurant.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu.