

to Work Programs to the consortium of the Department of Labor and the Office of Employment and Training. The Department of Labor and Office of Employment and Training Managers will continue to serve as the co-managers of the Center; however, each shall have specific areas of responsibilities that will be outlined in the One-Stop Operator Agreement.

APPROVAL OF THE QUALITY AND ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT

It was Moved by Mr. Stamm on behalf of the Quality and Assessment Committee and unanimously seconded to approve the Performance Measures as submitted. Mr. Stamm indicated that the Committee continues to review data that can be collected and additional updates will be provided as they become available. Ms. Giordano indicates that goals have not yet been established and only baseline data has been collected. She stated that priorities continue to shift based on the state of the economy.

Mr. Mastro stated that he is currently a member of the State's Subcommittee on System Integration and noted that local workforce areas that are ahead in collecting the data can help shape the system.

Ms. Giordano reported that LaTourelle graciously donated two gift certificates for overnight stays at the Inn during the third quarter of 2002. One certificate was presented to a customer who had completed a customer satisfaction survey during that period and the second was presented to Greg Gizewski a member of the Office of Employment and Training staff. Ms. Giordano and the Board thanked Ms. Leonard for her contribution.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

It was Moved by Mr. Czerwonka, seconded by Ms. Blanchard and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the nominations of Robert Pass from NYSEG and Robert Kreuter from Kelly Services to the Board.

APPROVAL OF WELFARE TO WORK CONTRACT

On Motion of the Executive Committee and unanimously seconded the Welfare to Work contract with Challenge Industries in the amount of \$115,000 was approved. The contract will cover the period of April 1, 2003 – September 30, 2003, with an option for automatic extension up to an additional 12 months if an additional \$100,000 match is secured. This match will result in an additional federal allocation of up to \$200,000. The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate a contract that represents the intent of the proposal.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Pedersen stated that as budget times tighten, it is important to keep

awareness high about how to bring additional money into the community and asked that any funding opportunities Board members hear of be brought to the attention of the Board for follow-up.

Mr. Mastro stated that the State's Subcommittee on System Integration is taking a collaborative approach to local boards and he believes the Committee will have a positive impact on the State Workforce Investment Board. The System Integration Subcommittee is new and they are working to develop a framework to assist local boards in measuring what they do. They will be taking the lead on gathering information from around the State and this will be very useful for benchmarking purposes.

PARTNER TABLE UPDATE

Ms. Giordano stated the Partner's Table has been working diligently and they have made a lot of progress. They have come to an agreement to look at three phases to reduce costs:

1. Review cost of system and reduce costs by \$25,000
2. Each partner will contribute greater in-kind services to reduce costs.
3. Each partner will be negotiating in good-faith in relation to resource sharing

The group is looking ahead to MOU4 and will continue to look at ways to reduce costs.

ONE STOP OPERATOR REPORT

Mr. Rossi and Ms. Sowards provided brief reports regarding Center operations. Performance measures were included in the Director's written report.

THE FUTURE OF WORKFORCE BOARDS AND ONE-STOP SYSTEMS

Mr. Pedersen introduced John Twomey, President of the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) and 2003 President of the National Workforce Association.

Mr. Twomey provided a brief overview of the Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization stating the original law was signed in 1998 and is currently in the process of being reauthorized. The reauthorization process is partisan in Congress and should Congress does not come to an agreement by September 2003 funding is at risk of being lost because the federal budget deficits keep getting larger.

There are currently five important proposed changes in the House Bill:

1. Change in the makeup of the Local WIBS
 - a. Strengthen private sector representation
 - b. Focus on strategic planning

- c. Eliminate mandatory partners as WIB members
 - d. Require Partner's tables
 - e. Business majority with key stakeholders being
 - i. Business
 - ii. School superintendents
 - iii. Community colleges
 - iv. Worker advocates
 - v. Faith-based
2. Funding for One-Stop Infrastructure/More strings attached at State level
 - a. Off-the top federal funding, passed through states to local boards by formula
 - b. More money for training
 3. More training/More incumbent worker training (10% plus self-sufficiency definition)
 4. Youth Changes
 - a. 70/30 percent out of school, new formula to local areas
 - b. Youth Employment Councils no longer mandatory
 - c. Formula would change funding and send more money to cities
 5. Personal Reemployment Accounts
 - a. Up to \$3,000 for job search related activities
 - b. Core services free/intensive services fee based

Mr. Twomey stated that customer satisfaction performance is being eliminated, it is proposed to block grant the dislocated and adult money including Wagner Peyser funds. He stated that reauthorization is moving swiftly through Congress and will be in the full House April 7, 2003. He stated it is his belief that the reauthorization will occur in September or October 2003.

Mr. Twomey stated that Tompkins County faces challenges because of its size and the level of funding that is received. The labor market in Tompkins County is unique because many workers are imported to the area. He stated that in order for the WIB to survive, short term funding must be sought. It may be necessary for the Board to merge with another Workforce Area. He wished the Board luck as it moves forward.

Mr. Pedersen, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Twomey for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. in the Borg Warner Room at the Tompkins County Public Library.

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