

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8:00 A.M.

ROYAL COURT RESTAURANT

JULY 13, 2010

PRESENT: A. Pederson, M. Coldren, P. McKee, M. Stamm, B. Myers, C. Haynes

EXCUSED: B. Bantle, J. McPheeters, L. Patz

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pedersen called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 1, 2010, were accepted as written.

COUNTY BUDGET 2011

At the June meeting, Ms. Mattick distributed tentative budget figures for the period July 2010 through June 2011 and those numbers have been firmed up some since that time. She distributed the latest estimates. She noted that in 2009 the County made the WIB's over target request target funding, but that amount was reduced by 6.9 percent in 2010 and by 6.25 percent going into the County's 2011 budget process. At this time she believes it will be possible to work within the County budget guidelines. She stated no funding is including in the budget for summer youth employment because she is not overly optimistic funding will be available next year. Most expenditures are static from year-to-year, but some concessions were made for staff travel and training. If additional cuts are needed it will result in a reduction of staff hours, but doing so will impact services.

Mr. Pedersen asked if there has been any discussion about regionalization as this is something that has been discussed recently at the state level. Ms. Mattick stated that regionalization discussions are taking place more at the federal level, but until WIA is reauthorized states do not have authority to reorganize workforce investment boards without all local Chief Elected Officials agreeing..

Ms. Mattick also noted that moving forward it will be necessary to bring the work currently being conducted by County Youth Service on the 13N grant back into the WIB office to cover expenses. She stated she also believes an over target request will be necessary from the County in 2012.

Mr. Pedersen stated that discussions should be conducted with the County Legislature to inform them of the return on the investment the funding provides which will also provide an additional opportunity to educate the newest legislators. Mr. Haynes asked if there is a reserve fund available. Ms. Mattick stated that there is no additional funding available for the Office of Employment and Training.

BOARD MEETING DEBRIEF – WORKFORCE STRATEGY

Ms. Mattick provided a work plan for goals 1,2, and 3 that were considered by the Board as priorities moving forward on the Workforce Strategy. It was reviewed by the Committee and decided that three groups of Board members will be formed to work on the three priorities. Ms. Mattick and Mr. Coldren will meet to discuss the composition of the workgroups and suggested deliverables to be brought to the Board in September for discussion.

TRADE ACT PETITION

Individuals from Emerson are coming in for assessments and management at Emerson is very engaged in the process. Ms. Mattick will be reaching out to them to see if the closure scheduled for year-end is on target.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Contracts are being finalized with the providers and an update is scheduled for later today at the Youth Employment Council meeting. It is expected that 110 youth will be served this summer.

EDUCATOR IN THE WORKPLACE

The Educator in the Workplace initiative is set to begin on July 19th. Five educators are participating this year. Evaluations for the both the business and teacher are being created. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

LEAP PROGRAM UPDATE

This year the LEAP Program was made possible through partnership with the Cortland County Workforce Investment Board. Two thirds of the costs and participants came from Tompkins County and one-third from Cortland. Cortland has funding concerns and has chosen not to participate beyond June 30, 2010. Discussions are underway with TC3 on options for continuing the project. Ms. Myers stated that the coordinator of the program, Freida Zuckerberg, has been doing a phenomenal job and has been able to engage youth who might not otherwise attend college.

Mr. Haynes stated that the challenge that TC3 is facing is the continuation of funding for one-third of the program. The college just underwent layoffs after a losing one million dollars in the State budget.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 8 a.m. at the Royal Court Restaurant. **The meeting was subsequently canceled.**