

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

JUNE 22, 2010

8:30 A.M. BORG WARNER ROOM – TC PUBLIC LIBRARY

**PRESENT:** B. Bantle R. Bohman, D. Bradac, C. Chock, M. Coldren, T. Grippen, L. Holmes, D. Huston, P. McKee, J. McPheeters, E.O'Donnell, L. Patz, A. Pedersen, M. Stazi, M. Turnbull

**EXCUSED:** B. Blanchard, D. Chadwick, L. Dillon, C. Haynes, D. Herath, L. Leonard, J. Little, B. Myers, M. Opperman, B. Pass, M. Stamm, M. Talarski, N. Zahler

**ABSENT:** P. Carey, P. Gardner, D. Marsh

**STAFF:** J. Mattick, Jennifer Luu

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pedersen called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

### SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Mattick stated that the budget extender in the State budget includes funding for the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program, but the amount is substantially less than was received previously. Tompkins County is expected to receive \$181,000 of which DSS can retain 8.5 percent. This will mean that there will be approximately \$165,000 available this year to serve youth where last year there was \$370,000 available.

She stated she has been meeting with City of Ithaca Youth Employment Service and Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training to discuss the funding and the number of participants to be served. She stated she believes there will be waiting lists for this year's program and 100-110 will actually be served.

Ms. Mattick stated no decisions have been made at the federal level for summer jobs, but she is hearing that if funds are approved they can be used to serve youth this summer and next; however, she is not overly optimistic that funds will be approved.

### REVIEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OCCURRING AND WORKFORCE STRATEGY GOALS

Ms. Mattick provided an overview of current activities and programs that support the workforce strategy. The Board discussed each of the goals that were previously identified and then prioritized them. It was decided that **Goal 1- Increase the Number of Work-Ready, Basic-Skilled Workers, Goal 2 – Retain and Attract More Young Adults, and Goal 3 – Prepare for the Wave of Baby Boomer Retirements** should be the areas of focus for the WIB over the next year. There was discussion about the need to expand the area of internships, the bundling of resources within the community, formalizing a trailing spouse program, and the creation of a community website that provides job and internship opportunities along with other community information. The Executive Committee was tasked with continuing the discussion and deciding the best way to move forward.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tompkins County Public Library.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu.