

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

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

PRESENT: B. Bantle, B. Blanchard, R. Bohman, D. Bradac, M. Coldren, L. Dillon, P. Gardner, T. Grippen, C. Haynes, D. Herath, C. Haynes, D. Herath, J. McPheeters, B. Myers, L. Patz, A. Pedersen, N. Zahler

EXCUSED: D. Chadwick, L. Holmes, D. Huston, P. McKee, M. Opperman, E. O'Donnell, M. Stamm, M. Talarski, M. Turnbull, J. Wesche

ABSENT: D. Marsh, B. Pass,

GUESTS: S. Tabor, Ithca City Youth Bureau; C. Valentine, C. Berman, Tompkins Community Action; J. Bellis, Office of Employment and Training; T. Doherty, M. Hughes, NYSDOL; J. Mareane, Tompkins County Administration

STAFF: J. Mattick, Jennifer Luu

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pedersen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2009-2010 CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pedersen announced the following members of the Executive Committee for 2009-2010:

Alan Pedersen
Brenda Myers
Michael Stamm
Jean McPheeters
Bob Bantle
Mark Coldren
Patrick Mckee
Lisa Patz
Carl Haynes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Herath announced the 30th anniversary of the Women's Opportunity Center. A celebration will be held September 24, 2009 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at The Women's Community Building.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Ms. Mattick stated the draft Strategy has been distributed via email and comments are requested by Monday, September 28, 2009. It is anticipated that the Board will be asked to accept the report at a special meeting on October 20, 2009. It is also expected that the regularly scheduled meeting in November will be cancelled.

EMERSON UPDATE

Meetings are underway with officials at Emerson and the planning process has begun to provide rapid response sessions to employees.. The first round of layoffs is expected for December 2009. A Trade Act petition is being submitted and if this is successful, the training funds that will be available for affected employees will dramatically increase.

BORG WARNER UPDATE

The Trade Act petition was approved for laid off employees and there are a substantial number of employees utilizing training. Ms. Mattick that Borg Warner has called some employees back but she does not have a firm number on how many.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was Moved by Ms. McPheeters, seconded by Mr. Coldren and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of June 9, 2009 as submitted.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

It was Moved by Ms. McPheeters, seconded by Mr. Haynes and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to confirm the following Executive Committee actions:

APPROVAL OF TOMPKINS COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATION FOR PRIOR PROGRAM YEAR 2009-2010

New York State has requested an amendment to the WIB's three-year plan. The amendment extends our local plan through Program 2009-2010 and addresses incorporating state and federal priorities into our local plan and implementation of ARRA guidelines.

Plan approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE POLICY

With increased ARRA funds we have increased the number of customers with Individual Training Accounts. Providing supportive services for customers in training has proven to be an effective method of ensuring successful outcomes. Mileage reimbursement is set at \$.25 per mile up to a maximum of \$25.00 per day for customer travel to training programs. Customers may also be provided bus passes.

Policy approved as presented.

It was Moved by Ms. McPheeters, seconded by Mr. Haynes and adopted by voice vote of members present with one abstention (Ms. Zahler) to confirm the following Executive Committee actions:

APPROVAL OF WIA YOUTH PROGRAM CONTRACT – OCTOBER 1, 2009- SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

The YEC has concluded their review of the proposals submitted in response to the WIA Title 1 Youth RFP. The Committee recommends the following award for the period covering October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2011, with an additional one-year extension option, dependent on funding levels and the performance of the contractor. The Committee further recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate contracts on behalf of the WIB with the contractor, pursuant to the parameters outlined in the RFP, County policies, and federal and state laws, rules, regulations and policies.

Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training - \$290,000

AIR SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Pedersen provided the air services update. He stated that Ithaca has been very fortunate over the years in obtaining and maintaining excellent air service. Continental Airlines was added just over a year ago

and the volumes are in excess of 80% load capacity. There has also been an upgrade with Northwest with two regional jets to Detroit daily. In addition USAir will be picking up swaps to Washington National being the first quarter of 2010; however, this might result in a reduction of swaps to LaGuardia. Ithaca is also seeing market attraction resulting in a competitive impact with fares and this is good for the community and businesses.

JUMPSTART JOBS SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Representatives from the Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training, the city of Ithaca Youth Bureau, and Tompkins Community Action were on hand to provide an overview and presentation of the JumpStart Jobs Summer Youth Employment Program. Their presentation can be accessed at <http://www.tompkinsworkforceny.org/jsjsummer09.pdf>. Ms. Myers stated that the summer initiative made a significant difference in young peoples lives and the Program is a model for the community on how people can work together. Ms. Zahler noted that in other communities providers compete for resources and these program providers coordinated their services to ensure that young people are getting served. There was tremendous community effort to serve youth and an additional 300 youth were served through other programs, including the Municipal Jobs Program, resulting in 677 youth gaining employment this summer. She noted a reduction of \$45,000 in Municipal Jobs Program funding is being recommended in the County's 2010 budget and this will greatly impact services in the coming years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m. The next WIB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Borg Warner Room at the Tompkins County Public Library.