

WSI Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2010

111 SW 5th Ave., Suite 100 Training Room
Portland, OR

Attendees: James Paulson – Chair, Don Jensen – Vice Chair, Elizabeth King, Carl Moyer, Travis Stovall, Bob Tackett, Commissioner Roy Rogers

Staff: Andrew McGough, Pat Malone, Jenny Weller

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. Quorum was announced.

Consent Agenda:

Don Jensen moved to accept the August 2010 meeting minutes. Bob Tackett seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting Schedule Change,

A survey was sent out to the WSI Board a couple months ago looking at meeting time options. It was agreed that the Board would meet the first Wednesday of the month from 11:30 – 1:00 through the end of the year to determine if this proposed meeting time works. A light lunch will be provided. Jenny will send out a reminder to everyone.

OWP White Paper

Andrew McGough reviewed the Oregon Workforce Partnership (OWP) White Paper – *“Putting Oregon Back to Work: Bold Ideas for Difficult Times.”* OWP prepared this paper in response to the anticipated changes at the State level due to the gubernatorial race. The paper will be sent to candidates and other interested parties.

There are three areas of focus: grow jobs; align workforce and education programs to create a comprehensive, articulated skill development system; and assure that investments into skill building align with the needs of industry by expanding the role of Local Workforce Investment Boards for greater efficiency and maximum return. Agnes, Balass, Executive Director of OWP, will make a presentation at the October WIB meeting.

McGough reviewed the “Oregon Public Workforce System” model. The model is about alignment not integration. Laurie Warner and Cam Preus have bought into this model. This model allows us to shift our investment into talent/skill development and occupational training. OED is primarily responsible for the Welcome process and for Business & Employer Services, including job placement. This is a critical function of the system and will be the focus of a lot of our work during the coming year.

Annual Meeting

The Annual WIB meeting will be on October 8, 2010. Officers will be elected at that meeting.

Performance Reports

Pat Malone reviewed the performance reports. A performance summary report has been added to the packet in addition to the detailed reports. Malone reminded the board that some funds carry over into the next program year, which accounts for some funds not being 100% spent out. The funds will all be 100% spent out as the year progresses.

Malone reviewed the DOL, State and Local measures. While we are meeting or exceeding most goals, there are some that are difficult to meet to the current economy and some unrealistic expectations. We have exceeded goals of all youth measures and were the only region in the state able to do this. We are not meeting the State Review & Training goals. We have not been provided with enough funding to meet this goal, however, our percentage is on-target with previous years. The demographics have shifted from previous years. The average age of participants has lowered, the number of employed at registration has increase which is probably due to under-employment and the number of participants on public assistance has increased. 75% of adult participants are deficient in math and reading.

Office Relocation

Malone informed the board that we loss the opportunity to lease the space at the building on 6th Ave. Our agent has developed another list and we will be looking at some other spaces. We will need to move quickly if we find a space so that we can be moved prior to when we start our procurement process. The Board may be asked to vote prior to the next meeting.

Other

The audit is underway. The report and any findings will probably be presented at the November meeting.

Bob Tackett invited the Board to the NOLC BBQ at Oaks Park on Labor day.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.