

VERMILION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
Thursday, November 16, 2006 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Vermilion County Court House Annex
6 N Vermilion St. 2nd Floor County Board Chambers Danville, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Alexander Jim Anderson Phearn Butler
Christine Cornell Michael Dodge Jeff Fauver Linda Federman
Lisa Fudge Brian Hensgen Amy Hoose Dave Kietzmann
Richard Kochvar Peggy Kunze Edward Michaels Lynn Mollica
Carol Nichols Judy Phillippe Angela Smith Tom Szott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aletha Alexander Tyrie Baltimore Chuck Brooks
Frank Brunacci Dave Coleman Kay Dequimpaul David Elliott
Vicki Haughn Mary Heckler Greg Hilleary Jeanne Housholder
Alice Jacobs Jonathan Jett Gary Ludwig Lisa Masengale-Acton
Mike O'Brien Mike O'Donnell Parsottam Patel Janet Payne
Tricia Richardson Dee Ann Ryan Eloy Salazar Tracy Wahlfeldt

GUEST/PROXIES/STAFF: Vicki Oliver Sara Petsch Muriel Barnes
Crystal Snideker Zee Davis Bill Miller Gary Welge
Alma Brooks Cindy Rokosch Jennifer Sigler Murita Keyes
Lori Brewster

CALL TO ORDER /INTRODUCTION – Peggy Kunze called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Introductions were done.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by John Alexander, seconded by Lisa Fudge. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes were amended to read that “it is estimated nationally that 75% of youths in the Juvenile Justice System may have dyslexia.” Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2006 as amended was made by Lynn Mollica, seconded by Dr. Ed Michaels. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL – Motion to approve the Consent Items as presented: Modification of PY 2005 Reallocation and Integration into PY 2006, Modification of PY 2006 Reallocation Plan, Youth Council Membership/Chair persons, Youth Program RFP, MOA Designation of Local Equal Opportunity (EO) Officers, TAT Grant, Local Branding of the IETC, and Revised Cost Allocation was made by Lisa Fudge, seconded by Carol Nichols. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Brewster reported that included in the meeting packet is a letter of acceptance of LWIA 18 correction action response for a minor finding from IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (ILDCEO) for the programmatic monitoring. A letter of acceptance from IL

DCEO for the acceptance for corrective action on the administration of the WIA grant has not yet been received from IL DCEO.

Brewster reported that \$167,000 was received regionally for the Critical Skills Initiative Manufacturing Training. There was no funding received through the CSSI grant to develop training programs and DACC has not been able to get the Manufacturing Open Entry Open Exit program up and running. DACC is working on getting these programs going, however the only program that is up and running is the Welding Program. Kietzmann added that the Heating and Ventilation is up and running for the Open Entry Open Exit program. Brewster informed that an individual must be WIA eligible to use the funds and currently there are 3 individuals enrolled. Hensgen is working with DACC to get more individuals enrolled. The grant expires June 30, 2007. Hensgen informed in discussion with IL DCEO Gary Eiken the region will be able to ask for an extension to utilize the funds. Kietzmann informed that DACC has developed the Bridge Program, but the problem with the Open Entry Open Exit is that the CSSI grant is for tuition only and you cannot hire personnel. DACC has to take personnel contract and bargain the contract or hire someone with college funds. The other problem is that the manufacturing faculty is extremely busy with the College Express Program with 340 high school juniors and seniors enrolled. Brewster informed the Bridge Program is up and running which is "Introduction to Manufacturing" and the trouble is getting people interested. The Open Entry Open Exit programs are: CAD Manufacturing, Engineer, HVAC and Welding.

Presentation: Center for Children Services Grads GED Program – Muriel Barnes informed that Center for Children Services (CCS) was chosen for the "Outstanding Youth Program" for the State of Illinois out of 24 applicants. Barnes thanked the VCWIB for the nomination of the program and for allowing CCS to attend the conference to accept the award. Barnes distributed a handout and gave a power point presentation of the CCS GRADS/GED Program. CCS served 91 Out-of-School youth, 20 In-School youth for a total of 111 youths. Barnes reviewed the statistics of the youth. There were 125 youths that were not able to get into the program and were referred to DACC Adult Ed, Division of Rehabilitation Services and Works Source. CCS receives \$400,000 in additional In-Kind Cost. Barnes gave an overview of the youth program and recognized program staff. Barnes also mentioned that CCS has met or exceeded the WIA required performance measures, which has brought an additional \$130,000 into the County for Job Training Partnership to use as needed.

Peggy Kunze presented a plaque to CEO, William Boyer in appreciation for his commitment and service to the Vermilion County Workforce Investment Board. Kunze also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Judy Phillippe for her service as the Workforce Development Committee Chair. Kunze informed that Dee Ann Ryan was not present today but also had a Certificate of Appreciation for Ryan's service as the Youth Council Chair.

Accountability Committee – Brewster informed that the Committee did meet and items were approved earlier under the consent items. Chuck Brooks would

be meeting with Brian Hensgen to develop a reporting system for the WIA grants as requested by the State.

Youth Council –Phillippe reported that the Youth Council reviewed and approved the RFP revisions.

Workforce Development – Szott reported that items were approved under the consent items earlier. Szott clarified that the State wants to re-brand the IETC and are allowing the local area's to have their own identity but are requiring being an affiliate of "Illinois WorkNet" the State's new name for the IETC's. Brewster stated that she was unsure how fast the re-branding would be rolled out. The State was in the process of hiring a consultant firm to assist with the re-branding.

Szott reported that the Two Title V Program enrollees will now be trained to work as the receptionist for the IETC and that Jeff Fauver has been elected the new Co-Chair to the Committee.

Board Development-Lisa Fudge reported that the committee did not meet, but included in the meeting packet is the press releases that were sent out. Fudge thanked Carol Nichols with the Commercial News, Danville D102-K-ROCK and Hoopston's WHPO and Just the Facts for their support.

OTHER BUSINESS – Brewster reported that she had attended the IWP Legislative Event in Springfield. Illinois Representative Bill Black was present. The event was well attended by legislators and private sector.

WIB MEMBER REPORT (OPPORTUNITY) - No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 3:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Alexander, seconded by Jim Anderson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.