

Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board
Communication, Advocacy and Oversight Committee

January 13, 2006
Minutes

WIB Members Present

Patricia Brady
Gary Christensen
Nancy Hendrickson
Greg Lambert
Jackie Mlynarczyk
Paul Nelson
Phil Saari

Members Absent

Tom Macy EA
Tom Klas
Deborah Montgomery
Willie Nesbit

Staff/Guests Present

Mary Jo Gardner, WIB CEO
Kate Bates, WIB Staff
Wayne Young, Workforce
Solutions

Call to Order

Greg Lambert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Phil Saari with second by Paul Nelson to approve the minutes from November 9 as written.

Motion passed

Approve Recommendation on WorkForce Center Location

There is not a recommendation yet from the evaluation committee for a location for the new center. Three proposals came in and after reviewing them, the team has follow-up questions that need to be answered before they can make a recommendation. They will meet again on January 19th, and WIB staff should know that day whether or not they have a recommendation. The committee was asked if they would be comfortable with voting electronically on this issue, in order to expedite the process- all agreed with the option of having a conference call. WIB staff will contact members when more information is available.

Update on Membership

The WIB currently has ten openings and two members submitted to the County for approval. They are from Colder Products and Hareaus Vadnais, which are both advanced manufacturing companies. Mary Jo is also in contact with one other manufacturer, a long-term care facility and two construction companies.

Update on WIB Orientation

With new members anticipated soon, WIB staff would like to look at the current orientation materials and make changes if necessary. Jackie Mlynarczyk, Patricia Brady and Nancy Hendrickson volunteered to assist with this process.

Update on Annual Report

The Marketing and Advocacy committee has reviewed last year's Annual Report and are not recommending any format changes as of yet. The key is to balance simplicity with good information. Information has been requested from partners already, and it is anticipated that a final draft will be brought to this committee for approval in March.

Discuss Dislocated Worker Fund Allocation

The Job Skills Partnership Board decides the allocations to each WSA for the dislocated worker funding. Recently, changes to the formula used to allocate these funds have been proposed. The formulas presented so far show a decrease in funding for Ramsey County. The MWCA is working on a variation on the formula presented by the state. As discussions continue, the committee will be kept informed.

Open Forum

Gary Christensen asked about the corporate contributions and suggested that WIB staff contact companies that pledged a contribution soon.

Adjourn

Motion made by Gary Christensen with second by Patricia Brady to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting- Friday, March 10, Midway WorkForce Center