

Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board
Communication, Advocacy and Oversight Committee

November 13, 2009
Minutes

WIB Members Present

Trixie Golberg
Butch Howard
Paul Nelson
Jim Schultz

Members Absent

Patricia Brady EA
Bob de la Vega
Kathy Engesser EA
Lee Helgen
Barb Mednick EA

Staff/Guests Present

Mary Jo Gardner, WIB CEO
Carli Stark, WIB Staff
Joan Truhler, Workforce Solutions
Wayne Young, Workforce Solutions

Call to Order

Butch Howard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Paul Nelson with second by Butch Howard to approve the September minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Update

Wayne Young, Workforce Solutions, gave a presentation on the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Outcomes for 2008. The goals were either met or surpassed in almost all areas. The Department of Labor has been raising the performance measures every year, which makes it more difficult to meet certain goals.

The numbers from the report are from April 2007 through July 2008, before the recession started to take the most effect. The outcomes for next year are expected to be lower except in the area of job retention.

Committee members requested that a report on outcome trends for the last five years be presented at a future meeting. A request was also made to see a comparison with other counties in the US to have a frame of reference for the information provided.

MFIP Biennial Service Agreement

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Service agreement is updated every two years and 2009 is an update year. Joan Truhler, Workforce Solutions, gave a presentation on MFIP.

A major focus of the program for the next two years is the disparity in services for the African American and Native American Populations. The two populations need community based organizations that have a presence in the community to provide specialized services. Ramsey County hopes to collaborate with new organizations to provide more culturally diverse and effective services.

The CAO Committee members would like Workforce Solutions to present this information at one of the next full WIB meetings, and have the report to be sent out to all WIB members.

Partnership Agreement Update

Language is being finalized regarding public and private funding. The current agreement ends on December 31, 2009.

Fund Development

The WIB has been receiving donations from board members in response to the donation request sent out in October.

WIB Membership

The WIB is in the process of adding an ABE representative on the board due to a new state requirement. In order to retain the voice of higher education and not change the WIB's membership structure, the WIB will be removing one economic development position to accommodate the higher education representative. The ABE member will need to be approved and on the board by December 31, 2009.

Legislative Agenda

The WIB is in need of an ad hoc to compose the legislative agenda for 2010. Two issues discussed by the committee to be considered in the agenda are the WIA Reauthorization, and legislation that impacts job creation.

The Minnesota Workforce Council Association has not completed its legislative priorities, so the Committee members decided to wait until those have been released to work on the WIB's legislative agenda.

Committee Merge Update

Staff sent out an e-mail to the Workforce Committee about merging with the CAO Committee, but there was minimal response. A meeting will take place before the December 3 WIB meeting to discuss the merge.

Adjourn

Motion made by Paul Nelson with second by Trixie Golberg to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Next Meeting- TBD