

**Executive Committee Special Meeting
Conference Call
July 8, 2004**

Members in attendance:

Mike Chanaka
Doug Hubbard (voting for Youth Council)
Tom Macy
Shelley Rose

Guests:

Kitty Gogins
Kate Bates

Summary:

Call commenced at 8:32 AM on July 8, 2004. The call was in regards to a grant proposal that the WIB has been asked to be involved in with the Midway WorkForce Center and the East Metro OIC. This grant is for employment services for English Language Learners, specifically African (East and West) and Hmong refugees. The WIB was asked to serve as consultants and to facilitate and advise the project. \$3,000 would be included in the grant to compensate the WIB for services.

Discussion focused around the positives and negatives of supporting this project.

Positives:

- This is consistent with our strategic priorities of assisting English Language Learners
- This strengthens the link between WorkForce Centers and ELL and reinforces their proactively seeking funds for our community
- This was the only consortium that requested the WIB's participation in their proposal
- Consistent with our desire to seek funds outside of the WIA dollars we receive in order to fill our funding gap (\$3,000 equates to roughly \$50/hour for the year)

Concerns:

- Many high quality organizations in our community (including some represented on our board) are applying for funds from this same pot of money, which may cause some hard feelings. The group discussed that we would be willing to serve in this capacity for other applicants if asked.
- To some, \$3,000 seems low to cover the WIB's involvement
- Many WorkForce Center partners were not involved in the planning of this grant

All members included on the call voted in favor of the WIB's involvement in this grant. Three other members sent in their votes in favor of our involvement. This means that seven members approve the WIB involvement (six needed for quorum) in this grant request. The decision will be affirmed at the July 16th Executive Committee meeting.

Call ended at 8:50 AM.