

WIA Board Meeting - January 27, 2010

Present: Gary Bauer, Larry Silcox, Mike Adelman, Harry Brady, Dirk Hiler, Rob Wilkerson, Duane Woods, Donna Slack, Charlotte Wagner, Bob Talcott, Jerry Shoemaker, Eric Ebinger, Teresa Alt, Trista Piccola, Becky Fair, Chris Robertson

Excused: John Clark, Alex Beres, Larry Corn, George Mays, Sue Lesch, Bob Utter, Colene Horning, Kitty Smith, Ellen Heinz

The meeting was called to order by Bob Talcott.

Bob Talcott questioned if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. There were none. Jerry Shoemaker made a motion to approve the minutes. Charlotte Wagner seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Bob Talcott requested the Financial Report. Becky Fair provided the financial report as follows:

	PY 2009	FY 2010	Stimulus	SFY 09	Totals
Adult Program	46,799.10	222,820.20	151,131.60	20,897.04	441,647.94
Adult Admin	1,508.59	24,757.80	15,110.83	--	41,377.22
Dislocated Program	83,955.55	242,061.30	388,562.62	9,443.18	724,022.65
Dislocated Admin	--	26,895.70	--	--	26,895.70
Youth Program	292,972.50	--	450,225.23	92,210.06	835,407.79
Youth Admin	9,444.07	--	3,538.86	--	12,982.93

Becky stated the special allocations need to be spent as quickly as possible as the contract ends June 30, 2010.

The Agency is working with Richland County on Training Workers to Advance. Alex, Ellen and Teresa met last week and are sending three IWT proposals to Richland County. Agency will have spent all IWT funds for first fiscal year. Richland County is paying invoices directly.

\$40,000 was received for the NEG grant.

Chris's staff contacted over 70 individuals that are in training to see if their needs are being met. It was discovered that some can get Pell Grants etc. Others have needs and are on the verge of losing their homes or vehicles. Because of the budget, some supportive services had been discontinued such as gas cards. Due to the needs, funds will be directed towards supportive services such as books, gas cards, uniforms, utilities, rent payments, etc. Others have finished training, but are not yet working. There seems to be a significant need during transitions. Staff will continually monitor the needs to determine the most beneficial help.

Bob Talcott requested a motion to accept the Financial Report. Harry Brady made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Eric Ebinger seconded the motion. The motion to accept the Financial Report passed unanimously.

Teresa stated that Ottawa County had extra youth stimulus funds they would not be able to spend. They could do a friendly transfer of \$70,000 to use by March 31, 2010. Youth could continue their employment.

Bob Talcott requested a motion to accept the friendly transfer of \$70,000 from Ottawa County for youth stimulus. Jerry Shoemaker made a motion to accept the friendly transfer of \$70,000 from Ottawa County for youth stimulus. Shawn Tappel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris reported that there were 1,727 visits in the Job Store for December. Huron County continues to remain the highest in the five counties. The Job Store had been averaging 100 per day for the last six months. December went down to just under 100 per day.

Chris reported there are 8 to 15 people per day that visit the Willard Southern Connection. He stated workshops classes will be starting at the Southern Connection on Wednesdays. He stated Directions Credit Union will speak about banking, finances and credit. Chris stated workshops for interviewing, resume writing and basic computer skills will be held. He stated every week will be different workshop for the first couple months.

Chris gave an update of the survey results. He stated out of 643 individuals identified and attempted contact by phone or e-mail, 74 responses were received. Over half of respondents stated their household income was not enough to pay their bills every month. It was found that 75% were still seeking employment. Chris stated respondents stated there is a shortage of jobs in their field, some stated they were sending resumes, but not getting interviews. Chris stated they are working to get more in depth information.

Rapid Response was discussed for CVG. The average age is 54. It was stated they may have different needs than other mass layoffs.

Teresa stated there are free tax clinics offered through the Ohio Benefit Bank. One is located at the Job Store and the other is at the Willard Southern Connection. They are scheduled for the last two Saturdays of January, February and March.

Teresa stated she was researching a trade grant application. She stated the application is due April 20, 2010 so a decision will need to be made. A regional approach would be best. Economic Development professionals have met to discuss whether to apply.

Bob Talcott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Tappel seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted
Connie Ott