

**HURON COUNTY  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT  
BOARD MEETING**

December 15, 2010

- Approval of Minutes (Handout)
- Approval of Financial Report (Handout)
- Workforce Report (Handout)

WIA Board Meeting – December 15, 2010

Present: Gary Bauer, Larry Silcox, Mike Adelman, Teresa Alt, Jerry Shoemaker, Bob Talcott, Charlotte Wagner, Shawn Tappel, Sue Lesch, Ellen Heinz, Eric Ebinger, Larry Corn, John Clark, Trista Piccola, Becky Fair, Amy Leibold

Excused: Colene Horning, Harry Brady, Dirk Hiler, Duane Woods, Viki Kaszonyi, Donna Fairfax, Kitty Smith, Janet Cok, Rob Wilkerson, Bob Utter, Ricky Branham

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. Eric Ebinger seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Bob Talcott requested the Financial Report. Amy Leibold provided the financial report as follows:

Allocations for July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

	<u>CarryForward</u>	<u>PY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Adult Program	155,061.20	41,535.26	201,391.63	397,988.09
Adult Admin	-	-	-	-
Dislocated Program	259,693.92	78,811.69	213,141.60	551,647.21
Dislocated Admin	-	-	-	-
Youth Program	119,775.05	260,041.76		379,816.81
Youth Admin	-	-		-

Amy stated the Board approved to have all Administration dollars transferred into Program. It was budgeted into supportive services under each category. She stated Adult has spent 13.20%, Dislocated 18.20% and Youth 16.65%.

Amy reported on the Special Allocations. She stated for Project Hire \$156,606.74 has been obligated and \$109,871.90 expended. The NEG, which is CVG only, \$100,000 has been obligated and \$31,500.00 expended. Amy reported for the One Stop Enhancement \$69,974.87 is obligated and \$63,228.97 expended, leaving \$25.13.

Bob Talcott asked about NEG. Teresa stated she is still trying to clarify if the NEG is for CVG only or if funds can be used for other Trade. She stated she will contact Theo Friday.

Becky Fair stated there is \$500.00 each person for CVG. They are still doing group intake for CVG only, but the groups are small. Teresa stated the NEG expires March 31, 2011.

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

Bob Talcott asked for the Workforce Report. Becky stated Youth information has been added to the Case Load Summary for the WIA Board. She stated participants have been referred to the Youth Connection program by the Agency, schools or the courts. EHOVE gathered the initial information and determined eligibility. Each received assessments and individual service strategies to identify their needs and set goals. Becky stated they worked with the younger youth to make sure they graduated or received their GED. The older youth receive occupational skills training, adult mentoring, support services, work experience, etc. Twelve youth are placed with employers for paid work readiness and twenty two are awaiting placement.

Becky stated more employers are needed that are willing to help participants with their skills. The participants receive a stipend from the Agency.

Youth participants will receive continued follow up assistance for one year after exit to ensure their successful transition to employment or education.

Becky stated the Job Store Traffic numbers include October and November. The Job Store was closed for the November holidays and carpet installation so traffic is lower.

Trista stated since September there has been a 23% increase in WIA participation and an increase for cash mandated customers of about 18%. The Agency is helping participants meet their short term and long term goals.

Trista stated the funds for the One Stop Enhancement have been expended. There is new carpet in the main area, computers in Willard and Norwalk. Swipe-It is installed. Printers, copiers and desks have been added. She stated it is still being put back together, but please stop in the Job Store and see the updates. She stated Workforce staff have attended different training workshops with Enhancement funds.

Trista stated in January of 2011 there will be implementation of a new set of workshops along with some already established. Outreach with employers has started. Job Fit is coming. This is a new assessment tool for adults and youth. This will be helpful to the employers in making the right matches for employees.

Teresa stated she received initial approval by e-mail that the Rapid Response request has been approved. She is waiting to get the final approval. These Rapid Response funds will pay for the Willard Job Store, some computer classes in Norwalk and Willard. There is also funding for 30 people who participated in "Teach to Grade 14" for training accounts. Teresa will follow up next week with Rapid Response staff.

Teresa stated Area 7 decided to show counties their appreciation and create an incentive system. Everyone was given a helmet and a list of 15 criteria to be met. Huron County has met 12 of the 15 at this point so 12 buckeyes were placed on the helmet.

Gary Bauer stated he went to a meeting in which they discussed WIA performance. Gary stated the average goal met by the other counties was 8. Huron County has met 12. He gives credit to Teresa and her staff and to Bob. He thanked them from the commissioners for their work and dedication.

If unemployment is not extended, 600 Huron County residents will exhaust their unemployment benefits in December. In January, 370 residents will exhaust their benefits. Of those exhausting their benefits, 35% have dependents. The unemployment rate will probably rise again. Historically, January is the highest month.

Teresa stated there is \$11,000 remaining for TWA. Ellen stated 99% of the employers still have some hard to fill positions open. Becky stated working with Job Fit may be helpful with assessing their needs and matching workers.

Mike Adelman stated this is his last WIA Board meeting as county commissioner. Mike thanked everyone and stated the WIA Board stepped up to the plate when needed. He stated the Board is very proactive and could be used as a model across the state. Mike stated it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Teresa thanked Mike for always being available, and for his kindness and encouragement.

Being no further business Bob Talcott requested a motion for adjournment. Sue Lesch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted  
Connie Ott