

**Niagara County Workforce Investment Board
Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2015**

8:00 a.m. – Niagara County Department of Economic Development

Members Present: Deanna Alterio Brennen, Stephanie Cowart, Joel Feuerman, Susan Gouthro, Kathleen Granchelli, Thomas Jaccarino, Christine Luly, Michael Martin, Tim Miller and Suzanne Shears

Alternates Present: Hal Kingsley and Michael Casale

Members Excused/Absent: Sam Bonetto, Mary Borgognoni, Frank Budwey, Robert Burns, Cesar Cabrera, Mary Lynn Candella, Theresa Fezer, Kenneth Franasiak, Kenneth Genewick, Lisa Jamieson, Mary Livergood, Walter Lukasik, Richard McIntyre, Richard Meyers, Deborah Nichols, Russell Quarantello, Thomas Riexinger, Patricia Stovall, Margaret Toohey, Catherine Walker and Jerald Wolfgang

WIB Staff: David See, Executive Director

Operator Staff Present: Kathryn Krebs, E&T Business & One Stop Services Manager; Joanne Klemer, Fiscal Staff; Karen Bucolo, Recording Secretary.

Partners: Susan Palys, NYSDOL Program Representative; Joe Steinmetz, Orleans Niagara BOCES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joel Feuerman at 8:14 a.m. at the Niagara County Department of Economic Development, 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Sanborn, NY. Joel Feuerman noted that a quorum was not present. [Note: Construction traffic delayed road access.]

II. Old Business

No Quorum –unable to approve minutes for Dec 10, 2014, Feb 11, 2015, and May 14, 2015.

III. New Business

A. Opening/Member Update

Welcoming, all attendees did 30 second introductions (name and representation, and briefly what their company/agency does).

B. Transfer DW to Adult

It has been determined that a transfer of \$57,000 is appropriate to meet Adult training and Dislocated Worker spending goals.

The item of Business will be to transfer \$57,000 of DW funds to Adult funding for training.

Mr. See said the transfer of funds was approved at last year's meeting, June 2014.

Mr. Jaccarino asked for a **brief definition** of Dislocated Worker for the WIB members who were not familiar with DW terminology.

It was said, an Adult is 18 years of age or order, and the Dislocated Worker is one that is laid off. Funding allocation comes from Federal, State then Local. Funding: DW is usually 10 – 15% higher in allocation than Adult. We need more for Adult funding, need to transfer Dislocated Worker funds to increase training for Adults.

C. Youth Program Awards

Information was provided as a basis for the new Regulations for youth under WIOA. The Board will determine agencies awarded and funding amounts.

Received RFP Youth proposals from the following:

- Niagara County Employment & Training Department
- Niagara Falls City School District
- Orleans Niagara BOCES-Niagara County Community College-YWCA

Total \$630,000

WIB members will vote on award of funding via email according to the procedure approved in the By-Laws (due to lack of quorum).

D. Open – Member Discussion & News

Mr. See said the Executive Summary shows what responding providers are going to do and what the costs are. Reviewers looked at the proposals individually and came up with ranking and comments, which were discussed with the Executive Committee.

Mr. Casale said the Executive Committee is a formal process for review and the WIB Board will look at the recommendations and vote via email (due to lack of quorum) according to the bylaws. He also mentioned that we need more private sector review.

Mr. Feuerman said we should respect the work that the team does. He mentioned the importance of being thankful to the newest members of the review team.

Ms. Palys mentioned the importance of having reviewers that understand the law.

The WIB discussed partial funding and Ms. Palys said it would be determined by the Board.

Next scheduled Workforce Development Board meeting to be determined.

WIOA regulations will determine. (Originally scheduled for September 9, 2015.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Joel Feuerman at 8:50 AM.

Motion by Stephanie Cowart and seconded by Michael Casale

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bucolo