

**Governor's Workforce Board RI
Strategic Investment Committee Meeting
April 7, 2008**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Joseph MarcAurele, Chair, William McGowan, Martin Trueb, Brandon Melton, Armeather Gibbs, George Nee
Members Absent: Lorna Ricci
GWB Staff Present: Michael Koback, Nancy Olson, David Francis, Maureen Mooney
Others Present: John O'Hare, Paul Harden, Nick Ucci, Lori Norris,

Minutes of 3/10/08

Chair MarcAurele asked for a review of the meeting minutes of March 10, 2008 of the Governor's Workforce Board RI (GWBRI) Strategic Investment Committee. He then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: G. Nee moved to approve. A. Gibbs seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Funding Requests

Workforce Expansion Grant: Psychological Centers, Inc.

M. Koback asked P. Harden to present the funding request to the committee.

P. Harden provided an overview of Psychological Centers, Inc. The company is providing training to employees in a new technology called Multi Systematic Therapy (MST) supporting teenagers with mental health issues. The intent of the therapy is to retain these teens in their home and in the school setting and to work with these teens in collaboration with parents and teachers. The company proposes to train 14 employees. P. Harden noted a budget revision is necessary since there are non-allowable benefit costs currently listed.

Due to unanswered questions, the vote was delayed until the GWB board meeting on April 17th. The committee asked P. Harden to provide information to committee members by email prior to that meeting.

Youth Allocation Funding Request for FY09 (\$3M)

B. Melton reported that the Youth Development Committee met and reviewed a summary of information obtained from the 73 proposals submitted in response to the recently released RFP. The final dollar amount for each vendor has not yet been determined but the accumulated dollar amount is \$3 million. L. Norris indicated that 41 programs were funded and that there were 32 separate vendors. B. Melton reported that 3500 youth would be served which does not include the youth served by connecting with the Parks and Recreation departments.

J. O'Hare stated that the Pawtucket center has reached capacity with 296 youth served thus emphasizing the strong need for these services. He mentioned they are not looking for more money in the next year and that they will be staying with the \$3 million in funding. He noted the goal of linking all available youth services to the youth system which should not require any additional money from the GWB as funds will continue to be leveraged.

L. Norris provided an overview of the expansion of youth services in the state and a management plan for the centers on a statewide basis. She mentioned that the youth center in Providence will serve 500 youth and that the Pawtucket youth center is at a maximum noting it was only started in October. She reported that the number of youth centers has expanded statewide from 8 to 13 and that the two major centers in Providence and Pawtucket are located

in the netWORKri offices. She reported that the centers will be overseen by a statewide manager (to be hired) to ensure that data management is accurate and that consistency of services exists at each center.

The naming and branding process for the centers is underway to promote a consistent identity for each center and their affiliation with both the GWB and DLT.

With no further discussion, Chair MarcAurele asked for a motion to approve the Youth Allocation funding request for FY 09 in the amount of \$3 million.

VOTE: W. McGowan moved to approve. B. Melton seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Budget Update

M. Koback provided the budget update which is based on data from 3/31/08 and noted that technically we are out of funds. He referred to the bottom line figure of \$2.5 million as the remaining balance. He noted the recent approval of \$2,270,100 for the Industry Development Skill Initiative (IDSI) and mentioned that expenditures for this initiative will begin in July and draw from FY 09 funds.

A discussion followed on the budget categories of obligated and expended funds and the expenditure of funds for the fiscal year versus calendar year. It was noted that the funding should not be shown in the general fund as not being utilized. The concept of accrual accounting was noted by M. Trueb.

Chair MarcAurele noted the committee should consider the suggestion by M. Trueb to present budget information on an accrual basis. He noted that if funds are obligated, they should be presented as an expenditure. Many companies use this method in the presentation of their financial statements.

M. Koback noted the budget update for the board meeting on April 17th, will show these changes.

Annual Meeting- Keynote Speaker Approved

M. Koback reported that the keynote speaker has been approved and that the speaker is Ed Barlow, who is also the keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the National Association of Workforce Boards.

Other Business

The next meeting of the Strategic Investment Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 3:00 p.m. The budget for FY09 will be a discussion item on the agenda.

With no further business, Chair MarcAurele asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: M. Trueb moved to approve. A. Gibbs seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney